

**NEWS ITALIAN F4 CHAMPIONSHIP**

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**Marcus Armstrong and Job Van Uitert in pole position at Imola after the first and second rounds of qualifying**

*Also starting in the front row in Races 1 and 2, respectively, will be Vips and Maini. Among the Rookies, Lorandi twice in first place*

Imola (Bologna) 08/09/2017 – Marcus Armstrong (Prema Power Team), already on top of the standings, was the fastest of everyone in the first round of qualifying. The New Zealander will therefore be starting in front of all the others in Race 1 of the Italian F4 Championship powered by Abarth at Imola, thanks to his time of 1'45"417. Behind him are his teammate, the Estonian Juri Vips (1'45"470), and the Dutchman Job Van Uitert (1'45"471), just a thousandth of a second behind. The leader of the Rookie standings, Leonardo Lorandi (Bhaitech), was fourth with 1'45"550. There were faster times in the second round of qualifying, when Jenzer Motorsport placed two of its drivers ahead of all the rest: Van Uitert finished in 1'44"955 (the only one to come in under 1 minute and 45 seconds) and the Indian Kush Maini in 1'45"070. Third was Bhaitech's Italian Lorenzo Colombo with a time of 1'45"073. Standing out in both sessions was the great balance displayed on the track: in the first race 14 drivers finished within .747 seconds of a second of one another, and in the second 14 drivers again were in a range of only .88 seconds.

- ∞ The fifth-fastest qualifying time in the first session was recorded by the Italian Federico Malvestiti (Jenzer Motorsport), in front of Maini, the German Lirim Zendeli (BWT Muecke Motorsport), the Venezuelan Sebastian Fernandez (Bhaitech) and his teammate Colombo. Closing out the top ten was the Brazilian Enzo Fittipaldi (Prema Power Team).
- ∞ Fourth in the second round of qualifying was Zendeli, ahead of Lorandi and Fittipaldi. Seventh was Vips, followed by Armstrong (who was unable to register a better time because of a problem near the end), Malvestiti and Fernandez.
- ∞ Lorandi and Fittipaldi took first and second in both sessions, as far as the Rookie Trophy is concerned. Coming in third was the Argentinian Giorgio Carrara (Jenzer Motorsport), in both the first and second rounds of qualifying.





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- ∞ Tomorrow September 9, Race 1 goes green at 12:05. Sunday September 10, Race 2 and 3 get underway at 8:15 and 17:00 respectively.
- ∞ All races count towards the championship; the outright Driver's Championship, the Rookie Trophy (for series debutants), the Women's Trophy and the Team's Trophy.
- ∞ Fans can watch the racing Live on Sportitalia (Channel 60 and Sky Channel 225) or streamed directly through [www.f4championship.com](http://www.f4championship.com) or through the official WSK Promotion app.

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