



## **Red Bull Driver Search**

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### **Press Release**

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### **Hold The Phone: Edwards To Telefonica World Series By Nissan**

**New York, NY (21 November 2002)**—Red Bull Energy Drink today announced that California's Paul Edwards, the last of the four 2002 Red Bull F1 Driver Search winners to conclude a deal for next season, will race with Team KTR in the Telefonica World Series by Nissan in 2003. In preparation for his 2003 run, Edwards will contest the final two 2002 race weekends (four races) in the championship; Nov. 29 - Dec. 1 at Curitiba, Brazil, and Dec. 6-8 at Sao Paulo, Brazil, alongside KTR's Bas Leinders. The title has already been decided, as former BAR F1 pilot Ricardo Zonta won the championship in October.

Also known as Formula Nissan and Super Nissan, the 18-race (nine race weekends), openwheel, single-marque championship is sponsored by Spain-based Telefonica, a global telecommunications giant. The series is similar to F3000: The carbon-fiber Dallara cars weigh approximately 1,375lbs., and are powered by 410bhp 3.0-liter V6 stock-block Nissan engines. For 2003, horsepower will increase to approximately 450. The TWS by Nissan 2003 season-opener is expected to be the end of March at Spain's Jarama circuit. The series website is <http://www.telefonicaworldseries.com>.

Based in Belgium, Team KTR (Keersbergs Transport Racing) was created in 1978 by Prosper Mollekens to compete in Formula Vee and Super Vee. By the early 1980s it was a front-running team in F3, and jumped into the F3000 waters in 1997. KTR is now managed by former F3 standout Kurt Mollekens (Prosper's son), winner of the prestigious Marlboro Masters of F3 event at Zandvort in 1996. Mollekens said, "I'm really pleased to have Paul. I've seen him race and he's very good. I want him to treat Curitiba like a test session and I'm confident he'll be comfortable by Sao Paulo." The team website is <http://www.ktr.be>.

The signing of Edwards with KTR for TWS by Nissan completes the 2003 assignments of the first four Red Bull F1 Driver Search winners: Grant Maiman has been set up with Jenzer Motorsport's Formula Renault operation, Scott Speed is with Alan Docking Racing for British F3, and Joel Nelson will race in the 2003 Euro 3000 championship with John Village Automotive.

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