



## **Red Bull Driver Search**

Searching for the future American F1 Champion

### **Press Release**

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### **Cars And Format Of Red Bull F1 Driver Search 'Test Days' Revealed**

**New York, NY (06 September 2002)**—The Red Bull F1 Driver Search program released additional details surrounding the test days that will determine the four drivers to be fully funded to race in leading European junior formula racing series in 2003. The unprecedented Danny Sullivan-led Red Bull initiative – an annual search to cultivate up-and-coming American driving talent and help them break into Formula 1 competition, paving the way for the U.S.'s long-awaited comeback in the world's premiere motor sport – was announced in May.

As previously announced (release #5), the identities of the American drivers in the initial group of 15 to 20 vying for the seats will be revealed Thursday, Sept. 26, as part of the media lead-up to the SAP U.S. Grand Prix at Indianapolis Motor Speedway Sunday, Sept. 29.

The American F1 driver search on-track evaluation – at a circuit in France to be named shortly – is scheduled for a total of four days beginning Oct. 14, and will be conducted in identically prepared Formula 3 (F3) cars. The fleet of race cars will be run and maintained by two leading F3 teams.

Over the first two days, the candidates will be divided into sub-groups and will drive 200hp Martini-Fords. The judges have the option of changing the track configuration, and at certain points drivers will be re-assigned to different cars and sub-groups. The judges may or may not reduce the field after these first two days.

On day three, the candidates will be further evaluated, again with car swaps and track-configuration changes as part of the exercise, and again the judges have discretion whether or not to reduce the field at the end of the day.

During day four, the drivers will be assigned to a different set of cars; again, they'll be identically prepared F3 cars, but of a different chassis make and engine (Dallara-Opel, making approximately 240hp). Also, the track configuration will be one that none of the candidates have driven in the previous three days. At the end of the day, four drivers will be chosen.

At that time, the judges will decide which of the European junior series (e.g., Formula Ford, Formula BMW, Formula Renault, Formula 3, etc.) each driver will be offered.

Details of the Red Bull F1 Driver Search Test Days, including cars, venue and format, are subject to changes and modifications. To receive any or all of the previous five press releases concerning the Red Bull F1 Driver Search, please contact Maria Jannace (below).

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