

# Daruvala, Maloney top F2, F3 testing times

Jehan Daruvala leads F2 field while Zane Maloney goes fastest in F3 as pre-season testing gets underway at Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir

● Jehan Daruvala sets pace in F2 evening session while Liam Lawson goes quickest in morning

● Zane Maloney goes fastest in F3 afternoon tests after earlier finishing behind Arthur Leclerc in morning runs

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Jehan Daruvala and Zane Maloney topped their respective opening day timesheets yesterday in Formula 2 and Formula 3 pre-season testing at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

Lawson clocked the day's fastest lap amongst the F2 runners, while Maloney set the overall pace in the F3 sessions.

Yesterday's action along BIC's 5.412-kilometre Grand Prix track marked the first of three days of the pre-season tests for Formula 1's two feeder series.

The F2 and F3 fields are back in action today at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East" for another full day of running. The two championships will be alternating track time.

The F3 field will be first to hit the tarmac from 9am to 11.30am, to be followed by F2 between 11.45am and 2.15pm. The F3 contenders will then return for their afternoon session from 2.30pm to 5pm, and then F2 will wrap up the day's running between 5.15pm and 7.45pm under BIC's bright flood-



Jehan Daruvala drives his Prema Racing car during yesterday's F2 evening session



Zane Maloney testing his Trident in F3 running during the morning yesterday at BIC

lights.

Daruvala was the overall fastest in the F2 field with a top lap time of one minute 42.074 seconds. His best mark came in the evening session when he was out for 25 laps.

The Prema Racing ace was followed on the timesheet by Calan Williams of Trident who had a best time of 1:42.590, while last year's F3 champion Dennis Hauger, also of Prema, came third in 1:42.602.

Liam Lawson, who had the best time in the morning test, followed in fourth for Carlin, while his teammate Logan Sargeant came fifth, with Felipe Drugovich of MP Motorsport sixth.

All of the day's best times were from the evening test, with Lawson's best from the morning at 1:44.522.

A total of 22 F2 cars were on track for



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yesterday's sessions.

Meanwhile, Maloney had the best time of the day of 1:47.614 amongst the F3 runners. He posted his top mark

during the afternoon session when he completed 23 laps in his Trident challenger.

Maloney was previously second in the morning session behind Arthur Leclerc, the younger brother of Ferrari F1 star Charles Leclerc. Leclerc, driving for Prema Racing, had a best lap of 1:48.005.

Second-fastest overall on the day was William Alatalo of Jenzer Motorsport with a best lap of 1:47.783, while Leclerc's Prema teammate Jak Crawford had the third-quickest time of 1:47.799.

Maloney's Trident teammate Roman Stanek followed in fourth, Franco Colapinto of Van Amersfoort Racing was fifth and Victor Martins of ART Grand Prix was classified sixth overall. Each of their best times were set in the afternoon tests.

A total of 29 cars took part in yesterday's F3 sessions.

F2 and F3 are testing in Sakhir in preparation for the start of their 2022 seasons, which will be held in support of this year's F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix from 18 to 20 March.

It is the third successive year that F2 has chosen BIC for its first on-track action of the year, while F3 also had pre-season running here in 2020.

This year's F2-F3 joint-tests will be followed by F1 pre-season testing, also to be held over three days, from 10 to 12 March. That will set the stage for the F1 season's opening round in Bahrain, which is set to be an historic, once-in-a-generation event that will usher in "A New Era" in F1 following the biggest shake-up of rules and regulations in modern motorsport history.

## F1 tests offer fans chance to be first in world to see 2022 cars on track

● Tickets available for F1 pre-season testing, with public access on 11 and 12 March at just 5BD for adults

● Paddock Club hospitality also available for premium dining and viewing experience

● Free grandstand entry for all those with F1 tickets purchased before 1 March

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Whilst pre-season testing in the Formula 2 and Formula 3 championships has kicked off at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) this week, the sport's future stars will turn things over to the pinnacle of motor racing when Formula 1 hits the track in Sakhir for their three-day test taking place 10 to 12 March.

The F1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2022 will be the first opportunity for fans to witness in person the new generation of F1



BIC ... F1 pre-season testing host venue

cars on track. All 10 F1 teams and their star drivers of 2022 will be taking part in the sessions. Running will be held from 10am to 2pm and from 3pm to 7pm on each of the three days.

BIC will be opening its doors to the public on the last two days of F1 testing on 11 and 12 March. All those who had purchased their tickets to the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2022 before 1 March have

free access to the pre-season tests.

For those without F1 tickets bought before 1 March, tickets to the pre-season testing are now available to purchase online at bahraingp.com. Tickets are priced at BD5 per day for adults and BD2.5 for children.

F1's famous Paddock Club hospitality, with its exceptional cuisine and the best view in the house is also available for the last two days of testing and those interested should e-mail corporate@bic.com.bh or visit our website for more details.

Paddock Club pass holders will also have the chance to take part in a Pit Lane Walk and Truck Tour on the two open days.

This year's Bahrain Grand Prix is set to be an historic occasion for the sport, as it ushers in "A New Era" in F1 following the biggest shake-up in rules and regulations in the top flight.

As the host of pre-season testing and the opening round of the season, Bahrain's fans are in the enviable position of being the first in the world to experience the pinnacle of motorsport like never before.

For more information on pre-season testing and the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2022, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

## Bahrain to host Gulf clubs volleyball

● Reigning national champions Al Ahli to represent Kingdom in competition, which will also have teams from Oman, Kuwait and Qatar vying for the title

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Bahrain will be hosting the 38th Gulf Clubs Volleyball Championship starting tomorrow and continuing until March 13.

Five teams are taking part in the event, including Al Ahli of Bahrain, Al Kamil and Al Wafi Club of Oman, Al Qadisiya of Kuwait and defending champions Police Sports Club of Qatar. Al Nasr from the UAE and Al Hilal from Saudi Arabia were also set to compete, but have withdrawn.

Ahli earned the right to represent the Kingdom as defending champions of the Isa bin

Bahrain's Dar Kulaib finished as silver-medallists in the last edition of the tournament

Rashid Bahrain First Division Volleyball League.

The participating clubs from overseas are scheduled to arrive in the Kingdom today.

The last edition of the tournament was held in Kuwait in 2020, which was won by Qatar's Police SC, while Bahrain's Dar Kulaib finished as silver-medallists and Kuwait Club were third.

Heading into this year's competition, Bahrain's Muharraq Club holds the record for most titles in the championship, currently holding 10.

Qadisiya follow with seven, while Al Ahi of Saudi Arabia won it five times.

Amongst Bahrain's other clubs, Al Najma have won it twice as have Al Nasser, while Dar Kulaib won the title once.