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Dennis heads to Euro F3

Former McLaren AUTOSPORT BRDC Award winner Jake Dennis will step up from the Formula Renault Eurocup to race in the Formula 3 European Championship this season.

Dennis, who is backed by the Racing Steps Foundation, will compete with Carlin as part of what is expected to be a six-car line-up.

Among other drivers confirmed for Euro F3 in the past week, ex-Italian F3 champion Riccardo Agostini has agreed terms to join EuroInternational, while American Gustavo Menezes stays with Van Amersfoort Racing for his step up from German F3.



In brief



OAK CONFIRMS TRIO

Olivier Pla, Roman Rusinov and Gustavo Yacamán will line-up for OAK Racing in this month's Daytona 24 Hours. The trio all tested for the team at the Florida circuit in early January. Yacamán, 22, is the team's first driver to be confirmed for the full United SportsCar Championship.

JAAFAR JOINS ISR

Jazeman Jaafar will remain in Formula Renault 3.5 in 2014 after securing a deal with ISR. The Malaysian contested last year's championship with Carlin, claiming a podium at Monaco but finishing down in 17th in the championship.

TORDOFF STAYS AT MG

British Touring Car race winner Sam Tordoff will continue with the works MG squad alongside Jason Plato this year. The 24-year-old scored a breakthrough first win at Snetterton and finished sixth in the standings in his rookie 2013 campaign.

LIUZZI BEATS STARS

Former Formula 1 driver Vitantonio Liuzzi claimed victory in Felipe Massa's annual International Challenge of the Stars karting event. The Italian topped every session en route to victory ahead of Sebastian Buemi and Massa. Audi LMP1 driver Lucas di Grassi and former F1 driver Rubens Barrichello also competed.

JACKSON TO WELCH

Ollie Jackson will drive a second Welch Proton in the BTCC next year. The 29-year-old drove for the Speedworks squad last year, but struggled to repeat his 10th place in the Brands Hatch opener and ended the year 20th overall.

T-SPORT SIGNS TORIL

European F3 Open frontrunner Alexander Toril will join British team T-Sport to race in the FIA European F3 ranks this season. The Spaniard joins Australian Spike Goddard, who will lengthen his relationship with the squad to a third season.



Loeb fuels Dakar bid talk

Sebastien Loeb fuelled speculation that he could enter the Dakar rally in the future during a visit to this year's event. The nine-time World Rally champion spent time discussing the South American marathon event with former Citroen team-mate Carlos Sainz [above]. "I'm here to get up close to the race and find out what it's really all about," Loeb said.

I had a little bit of butterflies... then I got in the car, started sweating and running fast and I thought, 'oh yeah, I got my mojo back'



Rusty Wallace, 1989 NASCAR Cup champion and 55-time race winner, got the old juices flowing again by driving Brad Keselowski's #2 Penske Ford at Daytona



BMW shuffles 2014 line-up

Martin Tomczyk will partner Bruno Spengler in BMW's leading Schnitzer DTM team as part of a 2014 reshuffle. Tomczyk and Spengler won the 2011 and '12 DTM titles respectively. The RMG squad will run former sportscar star Maxime Martin and Marco Wittmann, while BMW's second new arrival, Antonio Felix da Costa, will be placed at MTEK alongside Timo Glock.



Corvette's new C7.R unveiled

Corvette has revealed its new United SportsCar Championship and Le Mans 24 Hours contender, the C7.R. Long-time driver Oliver Gavin said the car, which features a stiffer chassis and a switch to a direct-injection engine, is the biggest step yet in the history of the Chevrolet GT programme.