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Good results at last pre-season NEC test

The last two days of March offered great weather and similar results to the Formula cars gathered at the Hockenheimring. Twenty-seven drivers worked hard to get the best out of themselves and their vehicles, in order to achieve the maximum result in their upcoming races.

Monday the 30th of March was for Portugese driver Antonio Felix Da Costa, putting a time of 1.37.770 on the clocks. This time was so fast, it could not be beaten by any other Formula Renault 2.0 throughout the entire two day session. The three best results of the day belonged to Motopark Academy. Kevin Magnussen (1.38.215) and Adrian Quife-Hobbs (1.38.381) were very close. Good results for Dutch MP Motorsport, being able to end the first day of testing with both cars in the top ten list, respectively on place 4 (Nigel Melker) and place 9 (Daniel de Jong).

There was a full day of sun, and a very good start again for Nigel Melker and MP Motorsport on Tuesday morning. Newcomer TT Racing was the nice surprise of the day, establishing some really good results. This Estonian team used to drive only Finnish Formula Renault 2.0 series and has considerable success with Kevin Korjus, who became second in the Finnish Championship of 2008. The young Estonian driver finished right behind Melker in second place.

The first ten drivers of the second morning were completed with Jesse Laine (1.39.091), driving for Koiranen bros. The 17 year old Jesse should not be ashamed of this result, remembering a very heavy crash during tests on Zandvoort only a week ago. Tuesday was only interrupted once, when guest drivers Kirchdoerffer and Roberto Merhi met eachother in front of the Mercedes Grand Stand. Both drivers were released after a short stay in the Medical Center of renowned Hockenheim.

The Hockenheimring was the last official possibility for Northern European Cup participants to get their set up ready for the first race of the new season, on April 11th in the Netherlands. NEC will then take part in the programme planned for the Easter Races, having the race one of the weekend scheduled on Saturday afternoon (13.30-13.55). After the usual break on Sunday, first day of Easter, the second race will take place on Monday (12.35-13.00).

Further information about the Northern European Cup Formula Renault 2.0 can be found on the official websites www.renault-sport.de and www.necup.com.

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