



FORMULA FuF -Season 2

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THE TEAMS:

Season 2 had 10 drivers. Laila Niedermann and Matilda Mitzel decided to run a team together.

The other 8 drivers were paired at random, and in the end, the 5 teams were:

Pink: (Team Barbie)

Laila Niedermann & Matilda Mitzel

Both girls being new to the sport, with Laila having a single race in ZAM-F1 under her belt – in which she achieved an impressive podium finish, and Matilda with a good head on her shoulders, all eyes were on their performance on track to see if they could live up to their ambitions.

Blue:

Alex Weiler & Sonja Grimbach

After Weiler's solo win in Season 1, he is clearly capable of being in the mix for a good tournament.

Sonja, having cut her teeth as a reserve driver in Season 1, showed a good understanding of the car, even if she tended to be on the timid side in the car. Can the pairing with Weiler bring out her best?

Red: Ferrari

Lars Lotzenburger & Timo Hintze

As always, expectations are high for Ferrari, especially this season, when they have to of the three winners from last season in their cars.

Hintze, current champion, is hungry to repeat his success, and Lars, 3rd place last year, is eager to climb up the podium. Will they work as a team, or will personal ambitions get in the way?

Team Ironman:

Peter Tismer & Emil Grimbach

Despite finishing 2nd last year to Hintze, Emil Grimbach is the odds-on favourite heading into the tournament, and as such, he has a target on his back. Will he benefit from the experience of the wily old-hand Tismer, who has five seasons of ZAM-F1, one season of FGC-F1 in London, as well as placing 4th in Season 1 of Formula FuF under his belt? Controversy swirls around Tismer every season, and despite having yet to be a champion, he has many wins and championship podiums to draw on.

Green:

Alex Köster & Brian van Camp

Köster and Van Camp, both long-time ZAM-F1 drivers, have often raced against each other, but this will be the first time they race together. Van Camp finished poorly in Season 1, and has a point to prove, whereas this is Köster's first rodeo, and while he hopes to get a decent result, he also really just hopes he doesn't embarrass himself.



RACE 1 :

SILVERSTONE, ENGLAND



WEATHER: RAIN

STARTING GRID:

Alex Weiler

Emil Grimbach

Matilda Mitzel

Lars Lotzenburger

Alex Köster

Brian van Camp

Timo Hintze

Laila Niedermann

Peter Tismer

Sonja Grimbach

The first race of the season was not a disappointment, unless you were Alex Weiler. Then it was a disappointment.

Starting on pole position and looking to repeat his race win last year, Weiler was quickly disabused on ambition, when he suffered 4 Body work damage in Beckett's Corner on the first lap. From then on, he was simply rounding out the field, finishing just ahead of the 2 cars that didn't finish the race (Hintze, crashing out in lap 2, and Mitzel, who also suffered 3 damage in Beckett's).

Weiler's misfortune allowed Grimbach to take over the race lead. Van Camp, despite having stalled the engine at the start of the race, was having a close duel with Niedermann, who was just ahead of him in 2nd. In the end, he

would use Laila's slipstream to pass her over the finish line for 2nd.

Sonja Grimbach was another of the race's top performers, starting 10th on the grid, and working her way into 4th place finish.

Tismer and Köster would battle for the final 2 points positions, with Tismer just nicking 5th place.

Outside of the points, and not for the last time, was Lotzenburger in 7th.

RACE RESULT:

1.	Emil Grimbach	10
2.	Brian van Camp	6
3.	Laila Niedermann	4
4.	Sonja Grimbach	3
5.	Peter Tismer	2
6.	Alex Köster	1
7.	Lars Lotzenburger	0
8.	Alex Weiler	0
DNF	Timo Hintze	0
DNF	Matilda Mitzel	0



CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS:

1.	Emil Grimbach	10
2.	Brian van Camp	6
3.	Laila Niedermann	4
4.	Sonja Grimbach	3
5.	Peter Tismer	2
6.	Alex Köster	1
7.	Lars Lotzenburger	0
7.	Alex Weiler	0
7.	Timo Hintze	0
7.	Matilda Mitzel	0

TEAM STANDINGS:

IRON MAN	12
GREEN	7
TEAM BARBIE	4

BLUE:	3
FERRARI:	0

RACE 2 :

BARCELONA, SPAIN

WEATHER: Changeable

STARTING GRID:

Alex Weiler
Lars Lotzenburger
Alex Köster
Peter Tismer
Sonja Grimbach
Laila Niedermann
Brian van Camp
Emil Grimbach
Matilda Mitzel
Timo Hintze

Montreal saw Emil Grimbach and Alex Weiler start and finish 1st and 2nd, after a good race-long battle in the rain.

Sonja, Matilda and Peter had less fortune, trading 3rd-5th starting spots for 8th-10th finishing. Van Camp was the big mover in this race, starting 9th and moving forward to a strong 3rd place finish for a second race in a row. Laila also had another strong showing, finishing 5th.

Timo made 2 places to 4th, but Lars struggled once again with the car and managed to scrape by into the final points spot.

After his win, Köster started at the back, and while he was able to gain places, he finished just outside to points.



RACE RESULT:

1.	Alex Köster	10
2.	Brian van Camp	6
3.	Laila Niedermann	4
4.	Lars Lotzenburger	3
5.	Timo Hintze	2
6.	Peter Tismer	1
7.	Matilda Mitzel	0
8.	Sonja Grimbach	0
9.	Alex Weiler	0
10.	Emil Grimbach	0



CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS:

1.	Brian van Camp	12
2.	Alex Köster	11
3.	Emil Grimbach	10
4.	Laila Niedermann	8
5.	Peter Tismer	3
5.	Sonja Grimbach	3
5.	Lars Lotzenburger	3
8.	Timo Hintze	2
9.	Alex Weiler	0
9.	Matilda Mitzel	0

TEAM STANDINGS:

GREEN	23
IRON MAN	13
TEAM BARBIE	8
FERRARI:	5
BLUE:	3

RACE 3 :

MONTREAL, CANADA

WEATHER: Rain

STARTING GRID:

Emil Grimbach
Alex Weiler

Sonja Grimbach
Matilda Mitzel
Peter Tismer
Timo Hintze
Lars Lotzenburger
Laila Niedermann
Brian van Camp
Alex Köster

The weather was about as unpredictable as it can get. Starting off sunny, but with clouds gathering on the horizon, this race, known for clear skies, would have anything but.

No sooner had the cars made it past the first 2 corners when the rain began to fall, and the whole field found themselves on the wrong tires. Lotzenburger also found himself spinning out.

At the end of the first lap, the pit crews worked feverishly to change tires on all ten cars, and the drivers were back underway – only to find once again the weather changed back to sunshine, and they were all on the wrong tires again.

After repeating the pit maneuvers in lap 2, the sun finally chased off the clouds, but the weather had played its part, and the finish positions were about as jumbled as one could hope for.



RACE RESULT:

1.	Emil Grimbach	10
2.	Alex Weiler	6
3.	Brian van Camp	4
4.	Timo Hintze	3
5.	Laila Niedermann	2
6.	Lars Lotzenburger	1
7.	Alex Köster	0

8.	Peter Tismer	0
9.	Matilda Mitzel	0
DNF	Sonja Grimbach	0



CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS:

1.	Emil Grimbach	20
2.	Brian van Camp	16
3.	Alex Köster	11
4.	Laila Niedermann	10
5.	Alex Weiler	6
6.	Timo Hintze	5
7.	Lars Lotzenburger	4
8.	Peter Tismer	3
8.	Sonja Grimbach	3
10.	Matilda Mitzel	0

TEAM STANDINGS:

GREEN	27
IRON MAN	23
TEAM BARBIE	10
FERRARI:	9
BLUE:	9

RACE 4 :

ESTORIL, PORTUGAL

WEATHER: Dry

STARTING GRID:

Peter Tismer
Alex Köster
Lars Lotzenburger
Laila Niedermann
Timo Hintze
Brian van Camp
Alex Weiler
Emil Grimbach
Sonja Grimbach

Köster would show that his win at Montreal was not a fluke. Starting 2nd on the grid, he would manage to run a clean race, and finish with the win. His teammate, who had been hoping for a 4th podium in as many races, wouldn't have such luck, dropping to 7th and out of the points altogether.

Tismer, meanwhile, had an excellent start and jetted to the front of the pack, hoping for a conciliatory win, but it wasn't to be, as his engine failed him and he lost 5th gear, and ultimately was relegated to 4th gear on this speed-intensive circuit. Hobbling to the pits, he would still end up in the points, but the event was bitter.

Lotzenburger and Hintze, in the Ferraris, had even worse luck. Both started well up the grid and finished well at the back.

Laila managed to finish just outside the podium for a clean 4th place, while Sonja retired.

The results set up an interesting final showdown.



RACE RESULT:

1.	Alex Köster	10
2.	Alex Weiler	6
3.	Emil Grimbach	4
4.	Laila Niedermann	3
5.	Peter Tismer	2
6.	Timo Hintze	1
7.	Brian van Camp	0
8.	Lars Lotzenburger	0
DNF	Sonja Grimbach	0



CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS:

1.	Emil Grimbach	24
2.	Alex Köster	21
3.	Brian van Camp	16
4.	Laila Niedermann	13
5.	Alex Weiler	12
6.	Timo Hintze	6
7.	Peter Tismer	5
8.	Lars Lotzenburger	4
9.	Sonja Grimbach	3
10.	Matilda Mitzel	0

TEAM STANDINGS:

GREEN	37
IRON MAN	29
BLUE:	15
TEAM BARBIE	13
FERRARI:	10

RACE 5 :

SEPANG, MALAYSIA

WEATHER: Dry

STARTING GRID:

Lars Lotzenburger
 Brian van Camp
 Timo Hintze
 Peter Tismer
 Laila Niedermann
 Emil Grimbach
 Alex Weiler
 Alex Köster
 Sonja Grimbach
 Matilda Mitzel

The final race of the season would be a showdown between Alex Köster and Emil Grimbach for the title. Van Camp had a very

slim hope as well, which relied on winning the race, and Emil Grimbach finishing no higher than 6th place, and Köster no higher than 3rd place. With the way the season had gone so far, it was a big ask.

Once the race started, van Camp, who started at the front, had a poor entry into the second corner and had to burn his brakes to not crash, losing momentum. From then on, his role as 2nd driver to Köster was clear, and his task was to deny Grimbach as many points as he could to help his teammate.

Weiler, who also had a chance at a final-3 position was struggling at the back, and failed to get the pace he needed. Crucially, Grimbach also lost 6th gear.

The race for the final honours heated up between Köster, who was running up front and looked to be on for at least a 2nd place finish – which would be enough if van Camp could deny Grimbach. Brian knew if he pitted, it would be over for Köster, so despite having 0 tires, 0 brakes and 0 gears, he went avoided the pits – it was a stressful 2 laps to come, as Grimbach, Weiler and Lars and Hintze bore down him. Spinning out 3 times over the last lap, somehow, he managed to stay in a close 7th place coming into the final two long straights. It was enough, as his 6th gear allowed him to overtake Grimbach across the line to secure 6th place, gaining a point – but more importantly, denying Grimbach a point.

Hintze, who was a non-factor on the weekend, continued the trend, while Lars – who in season 1 was a shadow until the final race, repeated his good final-race finish, up in 2nd.

Köster, who had been racing against Sonja Grimbach for the win, would spin out from 2nd place, and lose places, finishing 5th, not getting what he needed. It was an excellent display of teamwork, but Sonja, who up until the 5th race had had a hit and miss season, pulled it together for race 5 and showed why she deserved the seat at the table. It was an excellent run, and the win was well deserved.



RACE RESULT:

1.	Sonja Grimbach	10
2.	Lars Lotzenburger	6
3.	Peter Tismer	4
4.	Alex Weiler	3
5.	Alex Köster	2
6.	Brian van Camp	1
7.	Emil Grimbach	0
8.	Timo Hintze	0
9.	Laila Niedermann	0
10.	Matilda Mitzel	0

3.	Brian van Camp	17
4.	Alex Weiler	15
5.	Sonja Grimbach	13
6.	Laila Niedermann	13
7.	Lars Lotzenburger	10
8.	Peter Tismer	9
9.	Timo Hintze	6
10.	Matilda Mitzel	0

TEAM STANDINGS:

GREEN	40
IRON MAN	33
BLUE:	28
TEAM BARBIE	13
FERRARI:	16

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS:

1.	Emil Grimbach	24
2.	Alex Köster	23

