

SIX TITLE CONTENDERS FOR BAHRAIN

› The Bahrain International Circuit will be the Series decider next 17 and 18 November extending the list of winners after Dillmann, Rowland, Sainz, Magnussen, Frijns, Wickens....

› Brazilian Pietro Fittipaldi (Lotus) and Spanish team SMP Racing by AVF will have to defend their leading position from one of the most competitive front grids of this International Series

(08 November 2017) The 2017 Title will be decided in a new circuit for most of the drivers and teams in the World Series Formula V8 3.5, the Bahrain International Circuit, another F-1 venue completing a 9-event Season and the FIA World Endurance Championship celebrating their final meeting as well.

The Escuderia Telmex supported driver Pietro Fittipaldi is looking forward to concluding a fantastic campaign with 6 wins and 10 pole-positions, a new record in the discipline, but he is only 13 points ahead of the race winner Matevos Isaakyan (SMP Racing by AVF), with his team-mate Egor Orudzhev and Alfonso Celis Jr (Fortec Motorsports) closing a top-4 list in the Title Hunt. Still, Austin Race 1 winner Rene Binder (Lotus) and Roy Nissany (RP Motorsport) are in the bid. In the Rookies side, Tereschenko (Teo Martin Motorsport) and Menchaca (Fortec Motorsports), both with one podium, will give it all.

Despite the long gap between Austin and Bahrain, our drivers have been busy. Fittipaldi participated in some PR events in the last Mexico GP, so as Alfonso Celis, on duty during the FP1, also in Austin. Isaakyan and Orudzhev both continued with their endurance experience joining and #LMP2 with the ELMS in Portimao.

A wedding and a F1 experience, why not?

No doubt the buzziest driver in our grid has been Rene Binder, who completed his first ever Formula One test in Paul Ricard with the Renault Sport Formula One Team and had his second wedding celebration last weekend after the civil ceremony in August.

SMP Racing by AVF and Lotus will fight for the Team Award

Following to a faultless Race 2 in Texas, with Egor Orudzhev scoring his second win in the Series, added to some important points from Isaakyan, SMP Racing by AVF runs after his first ever Team Title in the World Series since they debuted in 2013, although their driver Tom Dillmann, clinched the 2016 Title. Lotus will do their outmost to inverse the situation and get the Team Award Trophy on Saturday. British former World Series Team winner Fortec Motorsports is set hold the third place with the Italians ready to fight back in their second year in the Series.

FIA WEC Rookie Test on Sunday

Because of the partnership from RPM-MKTG and the FIA WEC, on Sunday 19 November, the three top World Series drivers will take part in the Rookie Test in Bahrain. The winning driver will test an LMP1 Porsche 919 Hybrid, the second driver will test with the LMP2 winning team, and the third driver will test with the best GTE team. The 2017 Season will officially have concluded with the End of the Season Test Days on Monday 20 November and Wednesday 22 November.