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## HARROW racer looking for speedy start at F3 level



Max Marzorati is preparing to race at British Formula 3 level this summer

Picture: Jakob Ebrey Photography

## FA give grassroots go-ahead

NATIONAL LEAGUE CAN START IN SEPTEMBER



Picture: MontImage Media

WEALDSTONE'S return to the National League will start no sooner than September 5 after the FA issued guidance for the return of grassroots football.

Teams are able to return to small group training, with the FA giving the go ahead for sessions of an "overall group size (inclusive of coaches) being limited to 30 people" earlier this week.

From August sides will be able to take part in competitive matches, including pre-season friendlies, before leagues, including the men's National League System, can return from September.

Sides will have to have a number of measures in place before games can be played, with the FA stating: "A return to competitive football should only happen once clubs and facility providers have completed the necessary risk assessments and comprehensive plans are in place."

Those plans include any participating members self-assessing for Covid-19 symptoms before every training session or match, while clubs and facility providers should ensure that their facility is compliant with current Government legislation and guidance.

James Kendall, FA director of football development, said: "The past few months have been some of the most challenging times not just for football, but across society, and today's news will be welcomed by the grassroots football community all over the country."

"Now that we are able to look ahead to the new season, it's crucial that we continue to do all we can to follow safety measures, both as advised by the Government and specifically for football."

## Young Max to race in F3

By Ryan Gray

AN EMERGING British motor racing talent from Harrow will contest selected rounds of this year's British Racing Drivers' Club British Formula 3 Championship for the JHR Developments team.

Max Marzorati, who turned 20 today last week, will race twice at the Donnington Park GP, between August 15 and 16 and September 19 and 20, as well as once at the Snetterton 300 on October 3 and 4 and the Silverstone GP on November 7 and 8.

Although Marzorati only started racing cars three years ago at the relatively late age of 17, his speed and a flamboyant driving style, which he says is influenced by his hero Gilles Villeneuve, have marked him out as an exciting prospect. He has described F3 as a step up in his racing career, but says he needs to race at this level to prove himself.

"British F3 is a major step up in terms of competition, but it should be tough if you're ever going to prove yourself," he said.

"I've tested twice with JHR now and

the car is a rocketship compared to what I've driven before. It's also a lot more technically advanced but I love it. Every time you drive the car it's motivation to study data to make you faster next time out."

By F3 standards, Max's budget is 'tight' – hence only a limited number of events. But that is only adding to his determination.

He said: "I'm appreciative of what it takes in terms of funding to think about something like F3. But being realistic, we can't afford the luxury of endless testing or two sets of new tyres every session – we are on two new sets for the whole day."

"So we need to be clever in our approach. I feel at home with JHR – I've even picked up some northern dialect having 'quarantined' at their workshops up near Sheffield. They've been successful in other categories and we are looking to build momentum."



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