**David Beckmann joins Van Amersfoort Racing for 2017 Euro F3 campaign**

**ZEEWOLDE (13th December, 2016) – David Beckmann has signed with Dutch team, Van Amersfoort Racing (VAR), to contest the 2017 FIA Formula 3 European Championship.**

For the 16-year-old German, it will be his first full season in Europe’s strongest junior single-seater category. This year, age limitations only allowed him to join the FIA Formula 3 European Championship ranks from the third meeting onwards. He shone with a pair of podium finishes and became a regular point-scorer during the season. “I am ready for the next step in my career, and VAR provides me with the perfect environment to make this step,” Beckmann comments.

Team principal, Frits van Amersfoort says: *“Over the past two seasons, we were able to watch David’s progress, first in German ADAC Formula 4 and then in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship. It is clear that he has a lot of potential and we are delighted to be working with him for next season.”*

Born in the city of Iserlohn, better known for its ice hockey tradition than for any motorsport activities, on 27 April, 2000, David Beckmann started racing go-karts at the tender age of eight. In his second year, he already won both the German ADAC Kart Masters title and the DMV Kart Championship title. In 2011, he added another DMV Kart Championship win, combined with third place in the strong Belgian Kart championship. In that year, Beckmann was also appointed as a member of the German ADAC Stiftung Sport scholarship program.

In 2012, he won the Bridgestone European Championship title and scored another DMV Kart Championship win. The next two years, he raced in the hotly-contested German Junior karting championship (DJKM), in which he became runner-up in his rookie season and clinched the title in his sophomore year.

For 2015, the transition to single-seater racing was a logical next step. Beckmann competed in the German ADAC Formula 4 series, in which he won the rookie title straight away and ended up fifth overall. In the Italian series, he was fourth in the final standings.

In 2016, he became the youngest driver worldwide to graduate to Formula 3 and shone with good results in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship. *“Now, it is time to make good use of everything that I have learned this year and, together with VAR, go for race wins in 2017,”* he leaves no doubt about his ambitions.

Van Amersfoort Racing’s team principal, Frits van Amersfoort, is looking forward to working with this young German talent. *“In German Formula 4 in 2015 and in FIA Formula 3 this year, David has shown his skills and we got a close-up view of his potential. This year, he scored podium finishes at Zandvoort and during the season finale at Hockenheim, where he showed impressive pace in qualifying. Moreover, he did a fantastic job during his first participation in the Macau Grand Prix a few weeks ago. It is clear that he has what it takes to be successful, so we are all keen to help him unfold his full potential in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship with us next year!”*

**Preliminary FIA Formula 3 EM calendar 2017:**   
TBC TBA (GB)\*  
TBC April Monza (I)\*  
20. – 21. May Pau (F)  
3. – 4. June Zandvoort (NL)\*  
24. – 25. June Norisring (GER)\*  
28. – 29. July Spa-Francorchamps (B)  
19. – 20. August Hungaroring (HU)\*  
9. – 10. September Nürburgring (GER)\*  
TBC Red Bull Ring – Spielberg (AT)\*  
14. – 15. October Hockenheim (GER)\*  
   
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