

Indian Racing Star Sai Sanjay Delivers Statement Win For Speed Demons Delhi at Indian Racing Festival 2025

In Formula 4, Vasilis Apostolidis mastered the wet to win Race 1, while Ishaan Madesh stormed to victory in Race 2.

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The Indian Racing Festival (IRF) 2025 delivered another action-packed day at the Kari Motor Speedway on Sunday. On day 1, Raoul Hyman dominated the IRL Driver A Race, setting the tone for the festival. On day 2, fans witnessed Sai Sanjay from Speed Demons Delhi take an impressive victory in the IRL Driver B Race in Coimbatore.

Right off the start, we saw the front row starters, Akshay Bohra and Neel Jani, battle it out for the lead into turn one. Bohra came out on top while Neel Jani dropped below the top 3. Just as Bohra was looking good to separate himself from the rest of the pack, but suddenly lost pace and fell behind Sai Sanjay and the top 5.

Sai was loosely followed by the Goa Aces driver, Fabienne Wohlwend. One of the biggest highlights of the race was the battle for 3rd place. With Akash Gowda leading Tijil Rao and Neel Jani, there was only one lap to go. Rao from the Chennai Turbo Riders was able to make a move on Gowda to take 3rd place. However, with just a few more corners to go, Rao left the gap for Gowda and Jani to get past him. But the battle didn't end there. In the last couple of corners, Neel Jani from the Kichcha's Kings Bengaluru, was able to make a desperate and successful move to take the final podium position from Akash Gowda.

At the start of the race, a 3rd place finish would not have been ideal for Jani. But after his power failure on lap 1, his P3 finish was an impressive comeback from the Swiss driver. With all this drama happening behind him, Sai Sanjay cruised on to take victory in Race 2 of Round 1 at the Kari Motor Speedway.

Sai Sanjay: "I think we had the pace all weekend. We were quickest on Friday, just unfortunate in qualifying where I messed up a bit and we ended up P3. But I knew we had the pace, big time. The team did an amazing job with the car. The team are now focused on the next round going to Chennai"

Round 1 – Indian Racing League (Group B) Provisional Results

Winner: Sai Sanjay (Speed Demons Delhi) - 26:51.373

Runner-up: Fabienne Wohlwend (Goa Aces) – 26:59.120

2nd Runner-up: Neel Jani (Kichcha's Kings Bengaluru) – 27:10.506

Formula 4 Indian Championship

Day 2 of the Indian Racing Festival saw the FIA Certified Formula 4 cars battle it out on a wet track for the first time this year. Sunday comprised a total of 2 races for the Championship.

Race 1 saw Vasilis Apostolidis from Greece, representing the Hyderabad Black Birds convert his pole position start to a race win. Wian Boshoff had a challenging race 1. He had a strong qualifying session that placed him to start P3 in the race, but was not able to capitalize on it. He finished 5th in

the race. Shane Chandaria from the Chennai Turbo Riders went on to claim 2nd after a close battle towards the end of the race with Ishaan Madesh who finished 3rd.

Vasilis Apostolidis : *“The race was very good. I was stressed a lot, raining all the way. It was a hard race, I was on the wet, but it was drying at the end, and I was faster than I wanted to be.”*

Race 2 brought a better result for Kolkata Royal Tigers’ Ishaan Madesh, who got a mega launch off the start from P4 to P1. While he was able to keep the lead for the rest of the race, the drivers behind him didn’t give him any room to make mistakes. He ended up finishing just 1 second ahead of French driver, Sachel Rotge. Vasilis Apostolidis finished 3rd in Race 2 after fighting from P5 on the grid.

Round 1 - Formula 4 Indian Championship Provisional Results

Race 1 Winner: Vasilis Apostolidis (Back Birds Hyderabad) - 26:20.630

Race 2 Winner: Ishaan Madesh (Kolkata Royal Tigers) - 26:35.769

JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship – Final Showdowns

Dhruvh Goswami dominated the LGBF4 category on the first day at the Kari Motor Speedway. However, his win was taken away after a technical infringement was found during scrutineering, promoting Diljit as the winner in both race 1 and race 2.

In race 3, Dhruvh Goswami once again got in front to control the pace and never looked back. Behind him, Saran Vikram Tmars and Raghul Rangasamy fought wheel-to-wheel in a thrilling contest, eventually crossing the line P2 and P3 respectively. These are the provisional results for race 3, awaiting scrutineering.

Round 1 - JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship Race 3 Provisional Results

Winner: Dhruvh Goswami - 26:34.071

Runner-up: Saran Vikram Tmars - 26:37.166

2nd Runner-up: Ragul Rangasamy - 26:37.430

Looking Ahead

With Round 1 at Coimbatore completed, the Indian Racing Festival now shifts to the Madras International Circuit in Chennai. After two days of exhilarating racing, the Goa Aces have proven to be the team to beat in the IRL. The circuit in Chennai will provide different kinds of challenges to the teams and drivers. It is a much longer circuit with 3.7 km of tarmac as opposed to the 2.1km at the Kari Motor Speedway. The IRL lap record at the Madras International circuit is set at 1:30.681, which was accomplished during the 2nd IRL in 2022. It will be interesting to see if anyone is able to beat this time next weekend.

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Round 1 – Kari Motor Speedway, Coimbatore 16/8/2025 (provisional results)			
	Winner	Runner-up	2 nd Runner-up

IRL Race 1 (Driver A)	Raoul Hyman (Goa Aces)	Kyle Kumaran (Kichcha's Kings Bengaluru)	Aqil Alibhai (Chennai Turbo Riders)
LGBF4 Race 1	Diljit TS	Balaprasath A	Aditya Patnaik
LGBF4 Race 2	Diljit TS	Saran Vikram	Ragul Rangasamy

Round 1 – Kari Motor Speedway, Coimbatore 17/8/2025 (provisional results)			
	Winner	Runner-up	2 nd Runner-up
IRL Race 2 (Driver B)	Sai Sanjay (Speed Demons Delhi)	Fabienne Wohlwend (Goa Aces)	Neel Jani (Kichcha's Kings Bengaluru)
LGBF4 Race 3	Dhruv Goswami	Saran Vikram Tmars	Ragul Rangasamy
Formula 4 Race 1	Vasilis Apostolidis	Shane Chandaria	Ishaan Madesh
Formula 4 Race 2	Ishaan Madesh	Sachel Rotge	Vasilis Apostolidis

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