

2 Seas Motorsport in title contention after stunning Brands Hatch win

Dawson and Jewiss charge from third-row start to victory to set up title decider at Donington

● #42 Mercedes-AMG wins at Brands Hatch

● #18 car claims pole position

● Team relied on simulators for race prep

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Bahraini-British GT team 2 Seas Motorsport continued their impressive 2025 British GT Championship campaign with a win at Brands Hatch, keeping their fight for both the drivers' and teams' titles alive heading into next month's decisive finale.

Charles Dawson and Kiern Jewiss produced a masterful performance in the #42 Mercedes-AMG GT3 Evo, charging through the field before clinching the checkered flag after a flawless pit stop and strong stint management. Their teammates Kevin Tse and Maximilian Götz underlined the squad's strength by storming to pole position in



Charles Dawson and Kiern Jewiss celebrate their win

qualifying in the #18 car and maintaining competitive pace in the race despite serving a success penalty.

Remarkably, the team entered the weekend without prior track testing, instead relying on new-

ly installed simulators over the summer to prepare their drivers. That preparation paid dividends, with Tse securing the fastest lap in qualifying before Götz sealed pole, and Dawson and Jewiss converting their third-row start



The team prepared entirely on simulators without any real-world track testing—a strategy that delivered both pole position and race victory

into a crucial victory on race day.

Team co-owner Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa hailed the result as not only a reflection of 2 Seas' outstanding performance but also another proud milestone for Bahrain's global sporting ambitions. "This achievement reinforces the kingdom's vision of establishing itself as a global centre for motorsport," he said.

"It demonstrates our ability to compete in the highest-level championships. I extend my sincere gratitude to the team members for their tireless efforts and to our supporters and



#42 Mercedes-AMG in action

partners, whose trust and backing continue to inspire us to raise Bahrain's name high. We now look forward with confidence to the season finale at Donington Park."

With their Brands Hatch suc-

cess, 2 Seas remain firmly in contention for championship glory as the season now moves to its decisive final round at Donington Park next month, widely dubbed the "Donington Decoder".

Cadillac choose experienced duo Perez and Bottas for F1 debut

● Cadillac joins F1 grid in 2026

● Team to rely on Ferrari engines initially

● Operations split between US hubs and Silverstone

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Sergio Perez



Valtteri Bottas



Cadillac will start with Ferrari engines but plans to develop its own power units, aiming for a self-reliant future in Formula One

Former Red Bull driver Sergio Perez and 10-time grand prix victor Valtteri Bottas will drive for Cadillac next season in what the new Formula One team described on yesterday as "a bold signal of intent".

The experienced pair with over 500 grand prix starts between them will be making a return to the grid in 2026, after being dropped this year, for the American outfit, who become F1's 11th team on the grid.

Perez, the winner of six grand prix, was sacked by Red Bull as Max Verstappen's teammate at the end of last season despite two years of the Mexican's contract still to run.

All of Bottas's wins came during his time with Mercedes alongside Lewis Hamilton. The Finn raced for Sauber in 2024 and this term has acted as Mercedes' reserve driver.

Cadillac are looking to the two veterans -- Perez is 35 and Bottas turns 36 on Thursday -- to help them make a flying start to life in the fast lane.

"Signing two very experienced racers like Bottas and Checo is a bold signal of intent," said team principal Graeme

Lowden. "They've seen it all and they know what it takes to succeed in Formula 1. But more importantly, they understand what it means to help build a team."

TEAM PRINCIPAL GRAEME LOWDEN

"Their leadership, feedback, race-hardened instincts and of course their speed will be invaluable as we bring this team to life."

Mark Reuss, the president

of Cadillac's parent company General Motors, said the decision was based on the drivers' experience of wins and podiums in F1.

He described Cadillac's driver pairing as "a really good winning combination".

Dan Towriss, chief executive officer of GM's partner TWG Global, said: "Their experience, leadership and technical acumen are what we need."

"We're humbled by their belief in us and this project."

"There is a young pool of drivers who are exciting and very talented so it was a tough decision. But it was the leadership of these two drivers that stood out."

'Long term vision'

Perez said it was an "honour" to help Cadillac take their first steps in the sport.

"Cadillac is a legendary name in American motorsport, and to help bring such a fantastic company to Formula 1 is a huge responsibility, one I'm confident of taking on," the Mexican noted

in the team's statement.

Bottas, who played an instrumental role in Mercedes' winning the team world championship every year from 2017 to 2021, echoed his new teammate's excitement at the challenge.

"This isn't just a racing project; it's a long-term vision. It's not every day that you get a chance to be part of something being built from the ground up and helping shape it into something that truly belongs on the F1 grid," the Finn said.

Cadillac's entry into F1 was confirmed by motorsport's governing body the FIA in March.

The US team, backed by TWG Motorsports and GM followed F1's rejection of a bid by another US team with links to Cadillac, Andretti.

The new team's engines will initially be supplied by Ferrari but GM have agreed to build its own engine in the future.

Cadillac will operate out of three hubs: Indiana and North Carolina in the US and Silverstone in England.

Bahrain name 23-man squad for Gulf Cup U20



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Bahrain have announced their final 23-player squad for the AGCFF Gulf Cup U20 2025, which kicks off in Abha, Saudi Arabia, on Thursday.

The junior national team, led by head coach Ali Aamer, will compete in Group B alongside Iraq, Oman and Egypt. Group A features hosts Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait and Yemen.

The squad includes Yahya Adel, Faisal Rashid, Ebrahim Ali, Ali Hussain, Hadi Ghazi, Mohammed Bahzad, Amjad Jaafar, Ali Mahran, Abdulla Osama, Mubarak Fawaz, Mohammed Salah, Khaled Mohammed, Abdulrahman Bassam, Mohammed Adel, Ebrahim Al Muraisi, Hussain Al Haiki, Khaled Al Khalidi, Adam Fareed, Ahmed Nasser

and Khaled Ahmed. Goalkeepers Abdulla Ahmed, Hassan Ali and Isa Al Thawadi complete the roster.

Bahrain open their campaign against Iraq on Friday at 7pm, followed by matches against Oman next Monday (7pm) and Egypt on 4 September (4:30pm). All three fixtures will be staged at Damam FC Stadium.

The top two teams from each group advance to the semi-finals on 7 September, with the final scheduled for 10 September at Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Sports City.

The tournament is being staged for the first time under the Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation. Egypt, who replaced the withdrawn UAE, are using the event to prepare for the Fifa U20 World Cup in Chile later this year.