



To reach the top of the sport worldwide is certainly an challenge that few in the world can accomplish. Are fundamental the determination, the spirit of sacrifice, in addition the physical and mental skills necessary. If we speak of motoracing, and particularly of single-seater, things gets even more difficult and demanding. Every single pilot in the world aspires to join the ranks of the few elected of the Formula1 circus, but unfortunately the way to do it is very tough, difficult, and requires a great experience in feeder series and the last step before the Formula1 is represented by the GP2, born a few years ago by b. Ecclestone and f. Briatore, who is still holding the rights to create the category for emerging young drivers.

**The GP2 today already represents the second single-seater championship in the world in order of importance, after the Formula1.**

In recent years have emerged from this category pilots which got in Formula1 and this group represents now half of the current grid such as Rosberg, Hamilton, Kovalainen, Glock, Buemi, Petrov, Perez, Maldonado, Dambrosio, Kobayashi.

**Luca Filippi**, who split with all these drivers, races and podium finishes since karting, is now at the top of GP2. Among the Italians is the pilot who has been shown to have more chances to the make the jump in F1.

In 2005 he dominated the Csai Formula 3000 championship winning the title with two races to go, in 2006 he joined the the GP2 Series in 2007 finishing 4th overall (tied with the 3rd) and 5th in the Championship in 2009.

The talent of this young racing driver was confirmed not only by the results obtained, but an authoritative judgment from who has seen growing and winning, as Vincenzo Sospiri, former Formula1 driver has seen mature format in the Formula Renault 2000, Giancarlo Fisichella who chose Luca for his team in Formula 3000, winning the Championship, Ross Brown who wanted him as test driver for Honda F1 in 2008 and Giancarlo Minardi, which saw the Filippi debut on a Minardi Formula 1 car at Vallelunga, he said:

“Luca with F1 at Vallelunga was incredibly good. He exploited the new tires, he set really fast laps and did not commit mistakes: after 20 laps was already at the limit. I can see a bright future for him.” (Giancarlo Minardi, AUTOSPRINT-DECEMBER 2005).

## LUCA FILIPPI MADE IN ITALY

“Luca Filippi Made in Italy” was born from the idea of highlighting the talents and qualities of an Italian driver, in Italy, precisely because the world automotive landscape Italy boasts a tradition of training pilots, However, very few among them are Italian.

Luca Filippi is certainly the most credited **Italian new face** of the motoring world.



## 2011

- Vice-Champion Gp2
- Vice-Champion Auto Gp

## 2010

• Together with the only asian team in the series "Meritus Mahara" Luca gets a great 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the GP2 asia series dominating the conclusive event in Bahrain with victory, pole position and fastest lap. He also participated at 4 Auto Gp events winning the opening race and last one of the series.

## 2009

- Luca joins the Super Nova Racing team, and finish in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall in the 2009 GP2 dominating with a first and a second place the last Grand Prix in Portugal. The team finishes in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- Always at Portimao, Luca gets a 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Aston Martin in the Gt Open Championship.
- Honda F1 team withdraws from F1.

## 2008

- participates in the Gp2 series with the Red Bull team Arden in a season that sees Luca 2 times 2<sup>nd</sup> on the podium at Magny-Cours and Valencia.
- Gp2 Asia series with Meritus Mahara: 4<sup>th</sup> place in the opening race in Dubai and winner of the Gp of Indonesia.
- Gt Open in Valencia (Aston Martin): 3<sup>rd</sup> in qualifying.
- Luca is confirmed as Honda F1 team test driver and participates in the development of the car in testing.

## 2007

- Gp2 Series: The season begins with Luca winning the Bahrain Gp, taking to the top of the series. The Championship continues with great satisfaction and many achievements (2<sup>nd</sup> at Magny-Cours, Spa and Monza) and concludes with an excellent final 4<sup>th</sup> place ex-aequo with 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Test Honda F1: after 60 laps Luca set a time just 2 tenths away from Button, Official Honda F1 driver.
- 29/10/2007: Honda makes official the contract with Luca who becomes F1 test driver.

## 2006

- April 2006: Luca debuts in Gp2 series with the team FMS International.
- September 2006: with 4<sup>th</sup> place in race 1 Luca closes his rookie season in GP2 who also saw him in 5<sup>th</sup> at Imola and 1<sup>st</sup> at Silverstone.
- MEGANE EURO CUP Championship in Istanbul: 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- Monza Rally Show: 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

- 2010: 2<sup>nd</sup> in the GP2 Asia championship winning the Bahreing GP2
- 2009: winner of the GP2 Portugal GP
- 2009: 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the GP2 championship
- 2008: Honda F1 Team official test driver
- 2007: 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the GP2 championship
- 2007: Autosprint Golden helmet
- 2006: "rookie" in GP2
- 2005: F3000 CSAI Champion
- 2005: Autosprint Silver helmet
- 2004: Best italian (3<sup>rd</sup> overall) Formula Renault 2000 Italia
- 2004: Silver helmet "best new talent"

- 25/9/2005 - With the spectacular victory at Monza, Luca Filippi becomes F3000 CSAI champion at his debut, with 2 races to go (4 wins, 4 pole, 2 second places).
- Luca Filippi was chosen by Giancarlo Fisichella as first driver for his team, Fisichella Motor Sport, for the Championship F3000 CSAI.

## 2004

- Formula 3000 Superfund – NURBURGRING (GER 31/10/2004):  
– 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Italian Formula Renault 2000 – First in the ranking reserved for Italian drivers
- Bologna: Awards  
– "Golden Helmets 2004 - Prize for the best young emerging driver"
- Motor show 2004
- Formula 3000: 3<sup>rd</sup> overall
- 2/12/2004 - International Formula 3000 - Estoril (P):  
– Test with "Arden International team" : best lap time



## 2005

- 22/11/2005 - Test Minardi F1 Team in Val-lungia
- 15/12/2004 - Le Castellet (F) World series V6 by Renault official test:  
• 27 drivers on track: 5<sup>th</sup> best time of the day

## 2003

- Italian Formula Renault 2000 championship debut
- Formula Renault 2000 Winter series: 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

## 2002

- Formula Renault 2000 Winter series: 3<sup>rd</sup> overall
- Mazda MX-5 CUP: 1 win, 2 second places
- Karting: Open Italian Championship 100 Formula A
- Karting World Championship, 100 Formula Super A category
- Takes part in the selection "Astra and Autosprint sprint looking for pilots " resulting as best under 18 and second overall

## 2001

- World Cup Indoor Paris Bercy (F)  
– 1<sup>st</sup> place
- European and Italian Championship Category Formula A: 1<sup>st</sup> Italian driver

## 2000

- 100 Junior OPEN Category: 4<sup>th</sup> Overall  
– Passes in 100 Formula A

## 1999

- 12<sup>th</sup> Place in the European Championship ICA Junior Cadet

## 1997

- 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Italian Championship, Category 60 C.C.

## 1996

- 1<sup>st</sup> place in the regional championship Category 60 C.C.

## 1994

- Luca, 8 years old, has his karting debut in 60 Mini Kart category



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