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## Raffaele Marciello, the red lightening from Varese

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**A lot of racing talents have originated** from the border area between Varese Province the Canton Ticino. One example is the young motorcyclist, **Marco Colandrea**, from Cremenaga, who is currently involved in the Moto 2 World Championships, and another is the **racing driver, Raffaele Marciello**. This Italian national lives in Switzerland (on the Swiss side of Ponte Tresa), but he needs no borders to demonstrate his driving abilities. Raffaele (**on the right in the photo, with the Ferrari engineer Luca Baldisseri**) is one of three Italian drivers that are being followed directly **by the Italian motor-racing commission CSAI, and that are attending the Ferrari Driver Academy**, a program organized by Ferrari to train the new driving phenomena. Raffaele also holds a membership card of the **Automobile Club of Varese**, of which he was club champion. And so, for this young lad, **who has still to see his 17th birthday**, the “world of Ferrari” opened its doors. He lives five days a week in Maranello, with trials on the Fiorano circuit, and beside his school commitments, he continues with his a meticulous preparation, both in the car, and from a physical point of view. He also trains for hours **on the same driving simulator used by Formula One drivers**, which now is an essential tool for learning how to face the courses in the best way.

Consequently, **results will not be late in coming**. Next weekend, Raffaele will be on the track in **Hockenheim, Germany, competing in the final race of the Formula 3 Euro Series**. And there’s a chance he’ll win the absolute title, despite his being a newcomer. Raffaele is currently **third in the ranking**, with 188.5 points, behind just Juncadella (225) and Wehrlein (190), and he has a moderate advantage over the other drivers. Raffaele is also **competing in the FIA European F3 championship**, in which he is second only to Juncadella. So far, Marciello has won five races (three in every stage): two at Brands Hatch, one in Austria, one in Valencia and one (albeit with half the points) on the Norisring.

**“We’re going back to Hockenheim to compete for the title;** a few months ago, there weren’t many who would have bet on us,” said Raffaele, the day before he flew out to Germany, “But here we are; we’ve already shown we can drive fast and we’re not going to hold back. Whatever happens, I will always remember this year with pleasure, I hope to end it on a high.” For Raffaele, the car of the **Prema Powerteam, from Vicenza (see photo)** is ready: the 230 horsepower of the Ferrari engine will try to thrust him on to the title. And who knows where he might get to, next year.

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