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## DEAN STONEMAN TO RECONQUER SINGLE-SEATERS WITH KOIRANEN GP

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd, the final round of the GP3 series Championship will be held on the breathtaking circuit of Yas Marina in Abu Dhabi.

And for that last appearance, Koiranen GP will welcome Dean Stoneman in its ranks. The 23 years-old Brit will jump back in a single-seater after three years absence "I can't wait to get back to this type of racing. The last time I was in a single-seater was in the Williams F1 car in 2010 for the rookie test in Abu Dhabi. It will be special to be part of the F1 race weekend and the atmosphere that goes with it. I really want to thank Koiranen for the chance and its something I'm going to grab with both hands."

The young driver had seen his racing life stopped in 2010 when he was diagnosed with Advanced Testicular Cancer. "In 2010 I had the world at my feet. I was FIA F2 Champion and enjoyed a successful test with Williams and life couldn't be better. I had just signed to be Daniel Ricciardo's teammate in Renault World Series when I received the hammer blow and my racing and life was put on hold for two tough years. Returning to Abu Dhabi will be very special indeed."

This year has seen Dean Stoneman's full-time return to racing with a win in Carrera Cup GP Championship at Brands Hatch last weekend, followed by three days competing in the Middle East Radical Cup in Yas Marina, in preparation to his return in GP3 series.

Dean Stoneman will take part to a two-days testing programme with Koiranen GP immediately after the race weekend, in Yas Marina circuit.

« We are very happy to welcome Dean in Koiranen GP, and it has even more impact for him to return on the last circuit he's been racing on. We are not expecting any results this weekend, we just want him to get used to single-seaters again. He will then have two full days to decide if he feels better in a single-seater or in a GT car », says Afa Heikkinen, Koiranen GP Team Manager.

The date is set, Dean Stoneman will be back on track in two weeks at the wheel of a Koiranen GP's car along with his weekend's teammates Kevin Korjus and Patrick Kujala.

