

A star in the making

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Vanchai Golten is the newest addition to our team for the 2011 race season, and is truly a star in the making. Young Vanchai is already 21 years old, but has never before raced cars or go-karts for that matter yet he processes a Natural talent to an extend that very few people have.



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Vanchai did a 3 day training course with the Singha Racing School which gave him a lot of good basic race skills and surprised everybody with his speed after only 3 days on the track. Vanchai and his family then decided that they wanted a second opinion about his potential, and a test day with The Pizza Company racing Team was arranged at Bira.



Vanchai was scary fast to the extent that the team felt he was trying to drive over his abilities, and he also as a result of this and being under a bit of pressure and coming straight from

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University and maybe not eating and drinking enough parallel parked the car nicely into the tire wall coming out of S2 at Bira, but amazingly the damage was very limited and again his natural talent somehow saved him from a bigger crash and he was able to continue the test session.

Vanchai improved steadily and started to listen well to instructions and at the end of the day he had set his personal best lap which was 1.5 seconds faster than before, so a decision was made for him to race 1 season with our race team and use that as a learning year where we could spend the year on teaching him to become a better driver.



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A week before the first race of the season we did 1 test day with Vanchai at Kaeng Kracharn Circuit, and again he proved to be very fast setting lap times that would see him in top 6-8 in the up-coming race.

Vanchai spent the practice sessions leading up to the race in learning to brake later and differently, which would come to be a great help for him in the races.

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Vanchai finished his 28th race with a 2.1% lead on the 2011 season, having won 10 races and 20 podiums. He is the youngest driver to win the championship, having won the 2011 title at the age of 19.