

Brendan has been named in Auto Action's Top 100 race drivers from around the world for 2011.

AUTO ACTION'S BEST 100 RACERS 2011

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NAME: BRENDAN REEVES
NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN
SERIES: WRC ACADEMY

BRENDAN REEVES' first run in the WRC Academy Championship has been plagued by bad luck, but has given the young Aussie the opportunity to really prove his worth. Reeves was forced to retire on a number of occasions in the second half of the season, but his comeback performances have cemented his place as serious contender in the category. Reeves recorded three stage wins and a further 43 top-five stage times over the six 2011 events, finishing fifth in the standings. **AM**

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NAME: TIMO GLOCK
NATIONALITY: GERMAN
SERIES: FORMULA ONE

THE VIRGINS were the most invisible cars in the field, not so much because they were at the back of the pack, but rather because the team allows less media access to its low-key drivers than Red Bull, Ferrari and McLaren do to their super stars. Timo Glock, who must still be kicking himself for turning down a Renault drive in favour of Virgin two years ago, consistently out-qualified teammate Jerome D'Ambrosio, however the latter had marginally better race results. **DK**

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NAME: STEFAN BRADL
NATIONALITY: GERMAN
SERIES: MOTO2

JUST ONE position in arrears of fellow two-wheel contender Spies, new Moto2 World Champion Stefan Bradl has done well to break into AA's The 100. After a season-long duel with class rookie Marc Marquez, German rising star Bradl's consistency eventually paid off, and he's been rewarded with a MotoGP birth for 2012 at LCR Honda. Whether or not he can get this close to Spies on track when the season commences is a whole different story. **AG**

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NAME: BEN SPIES
NATIONALITY: AMERICAN
SERIES: MOTOGP

TEXAN BEN Spies has been pegged as a future world champion in MotoGP, but that climb will be steep if he's to meet the high expectations placed on him. After winning WSBK as a rookie in 2009, Spies was spring-boarded into the premier class with Yamaha the next season, and in 2011 entered the factory ranks alongside Jorge Lorenzo in place of Valentino Rossi. With such big shoes to fill, Spies put forward a credible performance with 16th overall, maiden win at Assen. **AG**



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NAME: GRAHAM RAHAL
NATIONALITY: AMERICAN
SERIES: INDYCAR

IT SEEMS so long ago that the son of the 1986 Indy 500 winner finished second in Brazil and third in the Indy 500 (even second in

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NAME: RYAN HUNTER-REAY
NATIONALITY: AMERICAN
SERIES: INDYCAR

THERE WAS a perfect season when it would be worth a spot in these rankings

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