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Rob Bunker Prepares For Birmingham Formula BMW USA Championship Rounds 9 & 10

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seven driving styles

Rob Bunker made good use of his six-week hiatus between Formula BMW USA races. The Bridgewater, N.J., driver isolated and honed elements of his performance in two race cars – his No. 18 AIM Autosport Formula BMW FB2 and a higher-horsepower Formula Renault 2000. He worked on driving styles such as acceleration into and out of a turn, maintaining momentum and focused corner entry or exit speed.



"We worked on things driver-related; we worked on seven basic driving styles. It rained, too, so we had to up the performance a little bit for that," Bunker reported. "We would do the entire track with just one style and figure out which corners it worked in and didn't work in, then piece everything together. It gave me time to break down any particular corner. When I only had to focus on that one thing, we ended up going very fast."

Bunker was preparing for his next two Formula BMW races, scheduled for July 30 and 31 at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Ala. He hopes his extra testing, plus a variety of driving experiences, will contribute to the team's results.

"I've been to Barber before, with one of the test days BMW had. We did fairly well when we went there, so I'm expecting a pretty good performance. I know no one has an upper hand on it," he noted. "I think some of the extra time we took in the Renault 2000 will help us because we had extra seat time. I hopped in some karts, too. I tried to stay nimble between races with all sorts of forms of motorsports."

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Although he has been racing for years, Bunker, 16, is too young to hold a full driver license in New Jersey. But he will receive his special learner permit this week, after passing a required driver training course. He's looking forward to getting his motorcycle license, too, so he can enjoy his new BMW BoxerCup motorcycle.

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