



PREMA DUO FELIX ROSENQVIST AND JAKE DENNIS UP FRONT AT MONZA

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29.05.2015. Italian-based Prema Powerteam made use of its home advantage in free practice of the FIA Formula 3 European Championship at Monza and locked out the first two positions. Swedish driver Felix Rosenqvist (Prema Powerteam, 1:43.861 minutes) was 0.018 seconds faster than Brit Jake Dennis (Prema Powerteam, 1:43.879 minutes). At the 5.793 kilometres long Formula 1 track, Alexander Albon (Signature, 1:44.148 minutes) claimed third place from Charles Leclerc (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1:44.162 minutes), Lance Stroll (Prema Powerteam, 1:44.211 minutes) and Markus Pommer (Motopark, 1:44.306 minutes).

While the FIA Formula 3 European Championship drivers competed at the narrow and twisty street circuit in the city of Pau only a fortnight ago, they are now facing an entirely different challenge with the high-speed track of Monza. Felix Rosenqvist already posted his fastest lap time in first free practice. In the second part, Jake Dennis ended up fastest, but he didn't manage to beat the fastest lap time of his team mate Rosenqvist. Rosenqvist and Dennis were the only drivers to achieve lap times under 1:44 minutes.

By ending up third, rookie driver Alexander Albon from Thailand showed that he also is able to do well at the fast Formula 1 circuit in the royal park of Monza. He managed to outpace Monegasque Charles Leclerc, currently the best-placed rookie in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship, by a slight margin. Canadian driver Lance Stroll benefited from his track knowledge, acquired in Italian Formula 4 in which he won the title last year. He ended up fifth from German Markus Pommer. Frenchman Brandon Maisano (Prema Powerteam, 1:44.318 minutes) was classified seventh to complete the success for the Prema Powerteam with all drivers in the top 7. Fabian Schiller (Team West-Tec F3, 1:44.390 minutes), Mikkel Jensen (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1:44.420 minutes) and George Russell (Carlin, 1:44.499 minutes) completed the top ten.