

THREE PREMA DRIVERS ON TOP IN FREE PRACTICE

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In bright sunshine, the participants of the FIA Formula 3 European Championship got their fourth race weekend of the season underway at the 4.307 kilometres long Circuit Zandvoort. Mick Schumacher (PREMA Theodore Racing, 1m29.159s) managed to post the fastest lap time at the track, embedded in the dunes of the North Sea coast, from Marcus Armstrong (PREMA Theodore Racing, 1m29.165s) and Guanyu Zhou (PREMA Theodore Racing, 1m29.327s).

It was close at the top of the classification as Mick Schumacher ended up 0.006 seconds faster than his closest rival, Marcus Armstrong. The New Zealander who is racing with an Italian licence was the best-placed rookie of the 24-strong field. Guanyu Zhou, like Armstrong a member of the Ferrari Driver Academy, ended up in third place and thus completed the clean sweep of the top three for Prema drivers.

Alex Palou (Hitech Bullfrog GP, 1m29.404s) was fourth from Sacha Fenestraz (Carlin, 1m29.413s), Jonathan Aberdein (Motopark, 1m29.602s) and Artem Petrov (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m29.608s). Thus, drivers from five teams ended up among the first seven positions. Ralf Aron (PREMA Theodore Racing, 1m29.617s), Jüri Vips (Motopark, 1m29.625s) and Robert Shvartzman (PREMA Theodore Racing, 1m29.648s) rounded out the top ten. Sophia Flörsch (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m31.242s) is making her FIA Formula 3 European Championship debut at Zandvoort. The lady racer from Munich ended up in 21st position.