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Lundgaard seals second F3 pole in Monza

ART Grand Prix ace qualifies ahead of Armstrong and Shwartzman

Christian Lundgaard became the first driver this season to seal a second pole position in the FIA Formula 3 Championship, controlling an extremely competitive Qualifying session that had more than 10 different leaders. The Danish driver set his time late on as the circuit began to dry in Monza, and finished ahead of PREMA duo Marcus Armstrong and Robert Shwartzman.

With the track still damp, following rain in the Formula 2 Qualifying session, the cars headed out with caution onto the track and Niko Kari set the first time at 1:53.444. Devlin DeFrancesco dipped under 1m 49s as they began to get a feel for the circuit. Fabio Scherer then took further chunks out of the best time.

Leonardo Pulcini, Felipe Drugovich, Liam Lawson and Jehan Daruvala all took turns in first, in quick succession, before the in-form Armstrong grabbed the session by the scruff of the neck to break the 1m 40s barrier.

Jake Hughes stole provisional pole as the track grew drier and the drivers were told over team radio that no further rain was expected. With just over 10 minutes to go, Lundgaard grabbed provisional pole and made the most of the improved grip on track.

The traffic intensified as all the cars fed onto the track for their second stint, and it remained heavy for a couple of laps with less than 4 minutes left on the clock. Due to safety reasons the race director decided to red flag the session which was then not resumed. This allowed Lundgaard to claim his second pole since Budapest. Armstrong and Shwartzman took 2nd and 3rd respectively, ahead of their teammate, Daruvala.

Lirim Zendeli snuck in a late fast lap to take fifth – his best Qualifying of the season. Teppei Natori also sealed his best of the season in sixth, ahead of Max Fewtrell, Richard Verschoor, Kari and Giorgio Carrara.

Race 2 will get underway tomorrow at 10.30am local time, when Lundgaard will aim for his second win of 2019.

FIA Formula 3 Round 7 – Qualifying provisional classification

	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPTIME	LAPS
1	Christian Lundgaard	ART Grand Prix	1:38.834	12
2	Marcus Armstrong	PREMA Racing	1:38.969	11
3	Robert Shwartzman	PREMA Racing	1:39.037	11
4	Jehan Daruvala	PREMA Racing	1:39.055	11
5	Lirim Zendeli	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:39.177	11
6	Teppei Natori	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:39.303	12
7	Max Fewtrell	ART Grand Prix	1:39.307	12
8	Richard Verschoor	MP Motorsport	1:39.312	11
9	Niko Kari	Trident	1:39.343	11
10	Giorgio Carrara	Jenzer Motorsport	1:39.344	11
11	Yuki Tsunoda	Jenzer Motorsport	1:39.437	11
12	Jake Hughes	HWA RACELAB	1:39.444	10
13	Liam Lawson	MP Motorsport	1:39.505	12
14	Pedro Piquet	Trident	1:39.511	9
15	Jüri Vips	Hitech Grand Prix	1:39.645	11
16	Logan Sargeant	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:39.717	11
17	David Beckmann	ART Grand Prix	1:39.788	12
18	Alex Peroni	Campos Racing	1:39.830	11
19	Simo Laaksonen	MP Motorsport	1:40.068	11
20	Keyvan Andres	HWA RACELAB	1:40.084	9
21	Bent Viscaal	HWA RACELAB	1:40.097	10
22	Leonardo Pulcini	Hitech Grand Prix	1:40.108	11
23	Devlin DeFrancesco	Trident	1:40.114	10
24	Sebastian Fernandez	Campos Racing	1:40.190	11
25	Fabio Scherer	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:40.258	11
26	Felipe Drugovich	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:40.370	9
27	Ye Yifei	Hitech Grand Prix	1:40.639	10

28	Raoul Hyman	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:41.052	10
29	Alessio Deledda	Campos Racing	1:41.161	11
30	Andreas Estner	Jenzer Motorsport	1:42.031	11



Christian Lundgaard
(ART Grand Prix)



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POST MONZA QUALIFYING PENALTIES

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PENALTY DECISIONS FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S SESSION

Following yesterday's FIA Formula 3 Qualifying, a number of penalties have been handed out amongst the grid, ahead of Race 1 at the Autodromo di Monza.

Marcus Armstrong, Jehan Daruvala, Robert Shwartzman, Bent Viscaal, Jake Hughes and Teppei Natori have all been handed 10 place grid penalties for driving unnecessarily slowly. Each driver was issued with two separate five-place grid drops for two episodes of the same infringement. They will now start 7th, 10th, 8th, 28th, 18th and 12th respectively.

Meanwhile, Liam Lawson, Felipe Drugovich, Logan Sargeant, Niko Kari, Leonardo Pulcini, Jüri Vips and Ye Yifei have all been handed five place grid penalties for one incident for driving unnecessarily slowly. They will now start 14th, 29th, 22nd, 11th, 27th, 17th and 30th respectively.

Furthermore, David Beckmann, Max Fewtrell and Christian Lundgaard have all been handed three place grid penalties for driving unnecessarily slowly. They will now start 21st, 5th and 1st.

Having considered the matters extensively, the stewards determined that the driver of each car could have driven in a different manner, which would have alleviated or avoided the issue of cars building up behind on track.

Finally, Pulcini has been handed an additional three-place grid drop. The Italian was found to have impeded Devlin DeFrancesco at Turn 10, due to a lack of situational awareness of the cars around him, while he was warming his tyres. As mentioned, he will start from 27th.