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Hughes hunts down pole in France

HWA RACELAB man quickest in Round 2 Qualifying

Jake Hughes pulled off the ultimate final lap to steal pole position at the death in today's FIA Formula 3 qualifying, at Le Castellet, France. Jehan Daruvala thought he had sealed the spot, but the Briton seared around the track on his final attempt to leap up the grid and earn HWA RACELAB their first ever F3 pole, with Robert Shwartzman in third.

Temperatures had cooled slightly since the morning session and Max Fewtrell was the first out onto the Circuit Paul Ricard, but it was PREMA who once again set the tone with Daruvala and Shwartzman topping the early timesheets.

Niko Kari had led Free Practice this morning, but his first time was only good enough for seventh. His second shot was more fruitful and he joined the PREMA duo in third. Daruvala was proving stern in first place and Christian Lundgaard twice saw attempts on the position fail, forcing him to settle for second at the midway point.

Shwartzman had a second attempt on his teammate's time, as did Leonardo Pulcini, but once again the duo came up short behind the inspired Indian. Despite his domination out in front, it was proving incredibly tight further behind, with less than a second separating the top seventeen.

Having improved upon his own lap, Daruvala appeared confident out in front when the chequered flag was waved, after his Russian teammate had once again failed to lap quicker. With most of the cars having already passed the line, Hughes quietly went about his business and achieved a feat the others had not, by beating the Indian in every sector to earn his first pole position of the season.

Hughes and Daruvala finished ahead of Shwartzman, Pedro Piquet, Marcus Armstrong, Leonardo Pulcini, Jüri Vips, Bent Viscaal, Kari and Alex Peroni.

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	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPTIME	LAPS
1	Jake Hughes	HWA RACELAB	1:49.519	13
2	Jehan Daruvala	PREMA Racing	1:49.606	12
3	Robert Shwartzman	PREMA Racing	1:49.758	12
4	Pedro Piquet	Trident	1:49.944	13
5	Marcus Armstrong	PREMA Racing	1:50.066	12
6	Leonardo Pulcini	Hitech Grand Prix	1:50.095	13
7	Juri Vips	Hitech Grand Prix	1:50.128	13
8	Bent Viscaal	HWA RACELAB	1:50.192	13
9	Niko Kari	Trident	1:50.253	12
10	Alex Peroni	Campos Racing	1:50.316	14
11	Logan Sargeant	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:50.345	12
12	Christian Lundgaard	ART Grand Prix	1:50.378	12
13	Richard Verschoor	MP Motorsport	1:50.451	12
14	Max Fewtrell	ART Grand Prix	1:50.456	13
15	Liam Lawson	MP Motorsport	1:50.468	14
16	Ye Yifei	Hitech Grand Prix	1:50.491	13
17	Lirim Zendeli	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:50.510	14
18	Felipe Drugovich	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:50.549	11
19	Devlin DeFrancesco	Trident	1:50.566	13
20	Simo Laaksonen	MP Motorsport	1:50.585	12
21	Teppei Natori	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:50.673	12
22	David Beckmann	ART Grand Prix	1:50.716	13
23	Fabio Scherer	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:50.749	13
24	Raoul Hyman	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	z1:50.791	12

25 Keyvan Andres	HWA RACELAB	1:51.068	13
26 Sebastian Fernande	zCampos Racing	1:51.272	14
27 Yuki Tsunoda	Jenzer Motorsport	1:51.987	12
28 Andreas Estner	Jenzer Motorsport	1:52.066	14
29 Alessio Deledda	Campos Racing	1:54.226	13



Jake Hughes (HWA RACELAB)



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