



MEDIA RELEASE

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Daruvala back on form with pole in Spa-Francorchamps

PREMA Racer qualifies ahead of Piquet and Tsunoda

Jehan Daruvala scored his first pole position of the season with a scintillating late tour of Spa-Francorchamps in today's FIA Formula 3 Qualifying. The PREMA Racing ace was the best of a late sprint to pole, beating out Trident's Pedro Piquet and Jenzer Motorsport's Yuki Tsunoda.

Christian Lundgaard led the cars out into the 35-degree track temperature, but it was Piquet who was hottest in the early stages, beating out both the Dane and Leonardo Pulcini for provisional pole. The Brazilian racer was swiftly backed up by his Trident teammate Devlin DeFrancesco, who looked much improved in Round 6 and was eyeing his best Qualifying of the season.

The two held their positions as the cars ducked into the pits for fresh boots and were the first back out on track for the final fifteen minutes of the afternoon. Armed with fresh tyres, the times started to tumble and the duo's positions were under threat. Jüri Vips – hopeful of taking the title lead this weekend – was the first to steal provisional pole, with a time of 2:05.625.

The Estonian's time on top was short lived as Piquet, Tsunoda and Robert Shwartzman leapt ahead of him in quick succession. With less than five minutes remaining and one shot at pole, Daruvala managed the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps two tenths quicker than them all and claimed his position in P1.

In the third PREMA, Marcus Armstrong was hoping to follow up his first win of the season in Budapest, with another strong weekend. The Kiwi complained of traffic on track and eased off in the hope of finding space, but it never came and he was left to settle for 19th.

When the chequered flag was waved, Daruvala was followed by Piquet, while Tsunoda secured his best Qualifying position of the season in 3rd. Shwartzman and Jake Hughes completed the front five ahead of Vips, DeFrancesco, Pulcini, Logan Sargeant and Liam Lawson.

Daruvala will be hunting down his first win since Round 2 when Race 1 gets underway at 10.35am local time tomorrow morning.

FIA Formula 3 Round 6 – Qualifying provisional classification

DRIVER	TEAM	LAPTIME	LAPS
1 Jehan Daruvala	PREMA Racing	2:05.125	11
2 Pedro Piquet	Trident	2:05.356	10
3 Yuki Tsunoda	Jenzer Motorsport	2:05.540	10
4 Robert Shwartzman	PREMA Racing	2:05.605	11
5 Jake Hughes	HWA RACELAB	2:05.614	10
6 Jüri Vips	Hitech Grand Prix	2:05.625	11
7 Devlin DeFrancesco	Trident	2:05.640	11
8 Leonardo Pulcini	Hitech Grand Prix	2:05.701	11
9 Logan Sargeant	Carlin Buzz Racing	2:05.709	11
10 Liam Lawson	MP Motorsport	2:06.060	11
11 Alex Peroni	Campos Racing	2:06.187	10
12 Max Fewtrell	ART Grand Prix	2:06.207	11
13 Richard Verschoor	MP Motorsport	2:06.255	11
14 Christian Lundgaard	ART Grand Prix	2:06.270	11
15 Ye Yifei	Hitech Grand Prix	2:06.274	11
16 Bent Viscaal	HWA RACELAB	2:06.289	10
17 David Beckmann	ART Grand Prix	2:06.333	10
18 Giorgio Carrara	Jenzer Motorsport	2:06.396	11
19 Marcus Armstrong	PREMA Racing	2:06.400	10
20 Teppei Natori	Carlin Buzz Racing	2:06.420	10
21 Niko Kari	Trident	2:06.475	11
22 Keyvan Andres	HWA RACELAB	2:06.537	10
23 Felipe Drugovich	Carlin Buzz Racing	2:06.606	10
24 Raoul Hyman	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	2:06.614	10

25	Sebastian Fernandez	Campos Racing	2:07.251	10
26	Andreas Estner	Jenzer Motorsport	2:07.475	10
27	Simo Laaksonen	MP Motorsport	2:07.503	10
28	Fabio Scherer	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	2:08.014	10
29	Lirim Zendeli	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	2:08.076	9
30	Alessio Deledda	Campos Racing	2:08.898	10



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ZENDELI HANDED GRID DROP PENALTY

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SAUBER JUNIOR TEAM BY CHAROUZ DRIVER TO START RACE 1 FROM 30TH

Lirim Zendeli has been handed a three-place grid drop for tomorrow's FIA Formula 3 Race 1 at Spa-Francorchamps, following an infringement in today's Qualifying session.

The Sauber Junior Team by Charouz driver was found to have misjudged the speed of Sebastian Fernandez on the approach to Turn 14, which caused a collision. The stewards examined video evidence and determined that Zendeli was responsible for this.

The German, who had originally qualified P29, will now start Race 1 from 30th on the grid.