

VALENCIA, COLLECTIVE TESTS: COLAPINTO AND VIDALES

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Franco Colapinto (MP Motorsport) continues to confirm his great moment with the best lap time of session 1 of the collective tests today, which has started at 9.00, just as it will be tomorrow for qualifying 1. The Argentinian has obtained a very good, and best lap time of the day, 1:28.730, in the 50 minutes session when he has run 19 laps. Behind him in the first session of the day is **Dino Beganovic (Prema Powerteam)**, obtaining a promising 1:28.779, second-best lap time of the day, and best among the **Rookies**. Another Rookie, **Mari Boya (Van Amersfoort Racing)** has also done a great job in the first session, with the third position stopping the watch at 1:28.784. Fourth is **Alex Quinn (Arden Motorsport – 1:28.789)**, very pleased with the track and the setup of his car. Fifth is **Paul Aron (Prema Powerteam – 1:28.866)**, who seems to have found again a good pace after a fantastic start of the season, and then quite some difficulties in the central part. Sixth is the championship leader **Grègoire Saucy (ART Grand Prix – 1:28.895)**, who could actually become the first champion of the series at Valencia, as he has already 77 points of advantage on the second driver in the standings, **Hadrien David (R-ace GP)**, only 13th in session 1. Most of the drivers have used new tires in the session.

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In **session 2** of the collective tests, two red flags have made it difficult for the drivers to find the pace, considering some teams have indeed mounted new tires, but not immediately at the beginning of the 50 minutes. **David Vidales (Prema Powerteam)** has an excellent run and sets the best lap time of the session (1:29.108), even though in general all lap times have been slower than in session 1. Behind Vidales is **Saucy (1:29.122)**, then **Mari Boya (Van Amersfoort Racing –**

1:29.161), who has raced here in F4, extremely pleased with the car setup and seeing a good potential for the team. Fourth is **Franco Colapinto** (1:29.211), fifth a very good **Gabriel Bortoleto (FA Racing** – 1:29.228), improving well in the last rounds, and sixth is **Paul Aron** (1:29.255).

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All lap times are once more very close one to the other, underlining the great balance in performance among most drivers and teams.