

Friday 22 April 2022

Martins sails to fastest time at wet Imola

ART Grand Prix driver Victor Martins recorded the quickest time during a disrupted Formula 3 Free Practice session at Imola on Friday morning.

Persistent heavy rainfall throughout the preceding night left the circuit drenched but the session began on time, with the field of 29 eager to check out the tricky conditions.

Jenzer Motorsport's Ido Cohen registered the first time, but his benchmark was swiftly beaten by Hitech Grand Prix's Kaylen Frederick as drivers began exploring the limits.

His stint at the top of the timesheets was short-lived as Championship leader Martins moved to the front with a time of 1:50.134s, having recovered from a grassy excursion at the chicane.

Martins remained on top as a sequence of incidents caused a quick-fire run of red flags that prevented drivers from being able to complete hot laps.

Early pacesetter Cohen spun off into the gravel at Tamburello while shortly after the restart David Schumacher, returning to Charouz Racing System this week, slid off at Rivazza 1.

Once the green flag was waved once more it was just a couple of minutes before MP Motorsport teammates Caio Collet and Kush Maini suffered separate incidents at the Villeneuve chicane and Acqua Minerale respectively, while Campos Racing's Hunter Yeany returned to the pits with damaged suspension.

That caused a third stoppage and the decision was taken not to restart the session.

Hitech's Isack Hadjar emerged as Martins' closest challenger, finishing just 0.034s in arrears, while Trident's Roman Staněk was the only other driver in the 1:50s as he classified third.

Early pacesetter Frederick settled for fourth, ahead of Van Amersfoort Motorsport pairing Rafael Villagómez and Franco Colapinto.

Zane Maloney, Zak O'Sullivan, Cohen and Oliver Rasmussen – returning to the championship with Trident – rounded out the top 10. O'Sullivan was the most productive driver in the limited running, amassing nine laps.

The action is set to resume later on Friday at 3pm local time where two points will be on offer in Qualifying in the battle for pole position.

CONTINUES

2022 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 2 FREE PRACTICE PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	TEAM
1	Victor Martins	ART Grand Prix
2	Isack Hadjar	Hitech Grand Prix
3	Roman Stanek	Trident
4	Kaylen Frederick	Hitech Grand Prix
5	Rafael Villagómez	Van Amersfoort Racing
6	Franco Colapinto	Van Amersfoort Racing
7	Zane Maloney	Trident
8	Zak O'Sullivan	Carlin
9	Ido Cohen	Jenzer Motorsport
10	Oliver Rasmussen	Trident
11	Nazim Azman	Hitech Grand Prix
12	David Vidales	Campos Racing
13	Reece Ushijima	Van Amersfoort Racing
14	Hunter Yeany	Campos Racing
15	William Alatalo	Jenzer Motorsport
16	Josep María Martí	Campos Racing
17	Grégoire Saucy	ART Grand Prix
18	Enzo Trulli	Carlin
19	Federico Malvestiti	Jenzer Motorsport
20	Caio Collet	MP Motorsport
21	Alexander Smolyar	MP Motorsport
22	Brad Benavides	Carlin
23	Arthur Leclerc	PREMA Racing
24	Kush Maini	MP Motorsport
25	László Tóth	Charouz Racing System
26	Francesco Pizzi	Charouz Racing System
27	Jak Crawford	PREMA Racing
28	Oliver Bearman	PREMA Racing
29	David Schumacher	Charouz Racing System

CONTINUES



MEDIA RELEASE

ENDS

Notes to editors

A selection of high-resolution images from this session is now available via our [media platform](#), along with a variety of driver interviews, press conference transcripts and the FIA Formula 3 media kit.

About the FIA Formula 3 Championship™

THE F3 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP LOGO, FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP, FIA FORMULA 3, FORMULA 3, F3 AND RELATED MARKS ARE TRADEMARKS OF THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'AUTOMOBILE AND USED UNDER LICENCE. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.