

Friday 2 June 2023

**Martí brings it home for first F3 pole**

Josep María Martí gave the Spanish fans plenty to celebrate by securing his maiden Formula 3 pole position on home soil. A nip-and-tuck session went all the way down to the final attempt, with the Campos Racing driver's 1:27.587 beating out Jenzer Motorsport's Taylor Barnard and Franco Colapinto for MP Motorsport by two-and-a-half tenths.

As dark clouds loomed worryingly overhead, the field opted to head out at the first opportunity, with Martí heading the queue. With little breathing space around the 4.657km circuit, drivers duelled for track position before they fired up for their first flying laps.

Keeping things neat and tidy, Leonardo Fornaroli briefly nabbed the fastest lap, but Paul Aron quickly shot up into P1 with a 1:28.369, going over a tenth quicker than the Trident driver. Dino Beganovic also moved his PREMA up inside the top three.

Banker laps in the bag, drivers peeled into pits to change on to a fresh set of hard tyres and returned to the track with 18 minutes remaining. Colapinto went out front with a 1:28.233, despite the MP Motorsport driver finding traffic through the final few corners. Aron swiftly responded by reclaiming the top spot momentarily, before Martí, Sebastián Montoya and Barnard demoted the Mercedes junior to fourth.

Less than a second separated the top 20 and so it all came down to one final shot. Beganovic threw down the gauntlet first, breaking into the 1:27s. However, the #23 Campos of Martí was flying, going purple in the first two sectors to snatch provisional pole position and with no further improvements in the closing two minutes, his job was done.

Practice pace-setter Barnard continued his upward momentum with his last flying lap scoring him his best ever Qualifying result in second, while Colapinto took third. Beganovic and Aron secured their spots in the top five ahead of Championship leader Gabriel Bortoletto. Montoya beat Mari Boya and Fornaroli for seventh, whilst Grégoire Saucy completed the top 10 for ART Grand Prix.

Zak O'Sullivan and Luke Browning will line up in an all-Williams junior reverse grid front row for Saturday's Sprint Race. The PREMA Racing driver will be on pole when things underway at 10:30 local time.

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## 2023 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 5 QUALIFYING PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Josep María Martí	ESP	Campos Racing	1:27.587
2	Taylor Barnard	GBR	Jenzer Motorsport	1:27.837
3	Franco Colapinto	ARG	MP Motorsport	1:27.864
4	Dino Beganovic	SWE	PREMA Racing	1:27.930
5	Paul Aron	EST	PREMA Racing	1:27.934
6	Gabriel Bortoletto	BRA	Trident	1:28.005
7	Sebastian Montoya	COL	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:28.072
8	Mari Boya	ESP	MP Motorsport	1:28.082
9	Leonardo Fornaroli	ITA	Trident	1:28.087
10	Grégoire Saucy	CHE	ART Grand Prix	1:28.105
11	Luke Browning	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:28.141
12	Zak O'Sullivan	GBR	PREMA Racing	1:28.189
13	Oliver Goethe	DEU	Trident	1:28.198
14	Nikita Bedrin	ITA	Jenzer Motorsport	1:28.256
15	Hugh Barter	AUS	Campos Racing	1:28.324
16	Christian Mansell	GBR	Campos Racing	1:28.324
17	Jonny Edgar	GBR	MP Motorsport	1:28.486
18	Gabriele Mini	ITA	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:28.524
19	Nikola Tsolov	BGR	ART Grand Prix	1:28.612
20	Caio Collet	BRA	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:28.624
21	Kaylen Frederick	USA	ART Grand Prix	1:28.847
22	Tommy Smith	AUS	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:28.874
23	Oliver Gray	GBR	Rodin Carlin	1:28.909
24	Rafael Villagómez	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:29.018
25	Alejandro García	MEX	Jenzer Motorsport	1:29.230
26	Piotr Wisnicki	POL	PHM Racing by Charouz	1:29.365
27	Sophia Floersch	DEU	PHM Racing by Charouz	1:29.488
28	Roberto Faria	BRA	PHM Racing by Charouz	1:29.601
29	Ido Cohen	ISR	Rodin Carlin	1:29.617
30	Hunter Yeany	USA	Rodin Carlin	1:29.716

**ENDS**

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