

JAMES WHARTON SECURES POLE POSITION FOR RACE 2 AT HOCKENHEIM

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The second qualifying session at Hockenheim has determined the grid for Race 2, with Australian James Wharton securing pole position in Group A, the second to tackle the German circuit on Sunday. Initially deleted for an alleged track limit infringement, his lap was reinstated at the end of the session after further reviews by the Stewards. Starting alongside him on the front row is Evan Giltaire, who also saw his best lap reinstated after the session, setting the stage for an intensely contested race, with many of the fiercest competitors from Race 1 ready to battle again from the front rows of the grid.

The second qualifying session of the Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine took place this morning in a tightly contested session with minimal gaps. This time, the 16 drivers of Group B took to the track first. After the warm-up phase, fast laps began to flow, culminating in Evan Giltaire, of Art Grand Prix, emerging victorious in the group with the fastest lap at 1'35.595. The Frenchman's lap was initially deleted, then reinstated after Steward's further reviewing of the qualifying. Just 7 milliseconds separated him from the second-placed driver in Group B, Ivan Domingues of Van Amersfoort Racing, with the Portuguese driver set to start Race 2 from the second row. Extremely narrow gap also for Enzo Deligny, the Frenchman from R-ace GP, coming in third, just 11 milliseconds behind. Impressively fast was then the Italian of Trident Motorsport, Nicola Lacorte, who in turn saw his best lap reinstated, and finished the session in P4 with a 0.041 second gap. In fifth position was then Italian driver Brando Badoer of Van Amersfoort Racing, posting a gap of 0.177 seconds from the fastest lap.

In the second session, James Wharton secured the overall pole position with the fastest lap. The Prema Racing Australian driver initially had his time deleted, but the amended standings later reinstated it, thereby awarding him pole position with a

time of 1'35.445 seconds. Second in Group A was Brazilian Rafael Camara of Prema Racing, winner of the first race of the season yesterday, finishing with a gap of 0.162 seconds. Third place went to Brazilian Pedro Clerot of Van Amersfoort Racing, concluding the session with a gap of 0.278 seconds. Following him in fourth position was R-ace GP's Finnish driver Tuukka Taponen, with a recorded gap of 0.282 seconds, followed by Enzo Peugeot. The French driver from Saintéloc Racing thus secured a favorable start from the fifth row in Race 2 with a gap of 0.481 seconds.

James Wharton: *"yesterday we had the pace, for sure in the race we were one of the fastest cars on track, from P5. I knew today we had a good car. Qualifying yesterday, I'd say it was first qualifying nervousness, where I didn't quite put the lap together. Going into today, I knew if I put the lap together, I would be in a good position. I'm really happy with what I've done, now I just have to finish the job this afternoon."*

Now, the appointment not to miss is with the final race of the first round of the Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine, taking place this afternoon on Sunday, May 12th, at 16:10.

Race 2 will be live-streamed on [Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine's youtube channel](#)