

Friday, 17 May 2024

Goethe sets the pace for Campos Racing

Campos Racing's Oliver Goethe was the man to beat in Free Practice around Imola, with the German driver's 1:32.047 the time to beat in the opening session of the weekend. Hitech Pulse-Eight's Luke Browning finished in P2, 0.3s down on the top time while Mari Boya made it two Campos cars in the top three.

A very quiet opening 10 minutes gave way to some early laptimes, and it was Joseph Loake that went quickest for Rodin Motorsport. His 1:36.795 put him fastest in the initial stages before the rest of the field ventured out.

PREMA Racing's Arvid Lindblad lowered the benchmark to a 1:33.784 on his first lap, with ART Grand Prix driver Christian Mansell slotting into P2, 0.2s down.

Gabriele Minì briefly took the top spot from his teammate before Charlie Wurz went quickest of all for Jenzer Motorsport on a 1:33.268. ART driver Nikola Tsolov went up to P2 just 0.004s behind.

There was a Red Flag with 24 minutes of the session to go after Campos Racing's Sebastian Montoya found the barriers at the exit of Turn 15. Running resumed with 18 minutes left of the session.

Wurz's teammate Max Esterson was next to take over in P1, before Browning put in a 1:32.367 to go comfortably quickest with just over 10 minutes to go.

Goethe closed the gap down to the leader to just under a tenth of a second before then going to the top of the times on his next effort. A 1:32.047 put him 0.3s clear of the pack with five minutes left on the clock.

A second Red Flag quickly followed after Piotr Wisnicki slid into the barriers at Turn 9. With little time left, the session wasn't restarted.

Qualifying at Imola is set to commence at 15:05 local time.

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2024 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 3 PRACTICE PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Oliver Goethe	DEU	Campos Racing	1:32.047
2	Luke Browning	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:32.391
3	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:32.628
4	Leonardo Fornaroli	ITA	Trident	1:32.705
5	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Trident	1:32.727
6	Charlie Wurz	AUT	Jenzer Motorsport	1:32.810
7	Gabriele Mini	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:32.830
8	Matias Zagazeta	PER	Jenzer Motorsport	1:32.870
9	Noel Leon	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:32.884
10	Arvid Lindblad	GBR	PREMA Racing	1:32.901
11	Christian Mansell	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:32.920
12	Max Esterson	USA	Jenzer Motorsport	1:32.931
13	Nikola Tsolov	BGR	ART Grand Prix	1:32.991
14	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:33.010
15	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:33.090
16	Dino Beganovic	SWE	PREMA Racing	1:33.178
17	Alexander Dunne	IRL	MP Motorsport	1:33.188
18	Tommy Smith	AUS	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:33.247
19	Laurens van Hoepen	NLD	ART Grand Prix	1:33.277
20	Sophia Floersch	DEU	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:33.318
21	Sami Meguetounif	FRA	Trident	1:33.363
22	Piotr Wisnicki	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:33.605
23	Kacper Sztuka	POL	MP Motorsport	1:33.645
24	Tim Tramnitz	DEU	MP Motorsport	1:33.841
25	Joseph Loake	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:33.897
26	Cian Shields	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:34.157
27	Joshua Dufek	AUT	AIX Racing	1:34.285
28	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	AIX Racing	1:34.560
29	Sebastian Montoya	COL	Campos Racing	2:00.272
30	Nikita Bedrin	ITA	AIX Racing	2:07.808

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VOSIN AND TSOLOV HANDED GRID PENALTIES AFTER IMOLA PRACTICE

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Following the conclusion of Free Practice at Round 3 in Imola, Rodin Motorsport's Callum Voisin and ART Grand Prix driver Nikola Tsolov have been handed a grid penalty.

Firstly, the British driver was reported to the Stewards for not respecting minimum ECU times during Red Flag conditions in Practice, breaching Article 31.9 of the 2024 FIA Formula 3 Sporting Regulations.

After hearing from both the driver and team representative following the session, the Stewards reviewed all evidence and determined that Voisin had exceeded the minimum time set by the ECU during a Red Flag.

As a result, the Rodin driver has been handed a three-place grid penalty to be served at the next race which he competes in.

Tsolov was also reported for the same regulatory breach and after listening to both driver and team representative, the Stewards ruled that the Bulgarian driver exceeded the minimum time set by the ECU during a Red Flag.

He has also been assigned a three-place grid penalty for the next race that he competes in.