

Friday, 17 May 2024

Ramos heads Trident 1-2-3 at Imola

Santiago Ramos saved his best for last to lead teammates Leonardo Fornaroli and Sami Meguetounif in an exciting Imola Qualifying session. The Mexican's 1:31.767 put him on pole in the final moments to top a Trident 1-2-3 result.

With tyre preparation laps completed, PREMA Racing's Gabriele Minì led the way on a 1:32.598 ahead of compatriot Fornaroli. ART Grand Prix rookie Laurens van Hoepen filtered through in third, 0.172s down on the top effort.

There was a Red Flag with 10 minutes gone after Rodin Motorsport's Callum Voisin spun into the gravel at Turn 4.

The session resumed and Oliver Goethe took over at the top. The Campos Racing driver carried on his form from Practice to pip Minì and to take provisional pole by 0.081s.

Most drivers returned to the pits with just under half of the Qualifying session remaining, but Fornaroli stayed on track and put in his personal best to go 0.3s clear in P1 on a 1:32.159. MP Motorsport's Alex Dunne followed suit and moved himself up to second, 0.141s behind with 12 minutes to go.

On fresh Pirelli Mediums once more, the track filled out again for the final attempts of the session.

Dino Beganovic was the first to improve, just 0.003s quicker than Fornaroli's earlier time. Teammate Arvid Lindblad then took over with a 1:32.109.

Into the final two minutes and there were green and purple sectors throughout the field. Fornaroli restored himself onto provisional pole to go 0.2s quicker than Lindblad.

That was beaten by teammate Santiago Ramos by just 0.053s, as the Mexican rookie secured pole position in a Trident 1-2-3, with Meguetounif moving himself up to third on his final lap.

Lindblad ended up as the highest-placed PREMA in fourth with Dunne fifth, Beganovic sixth ahead of Minì, Goethe, van Hoepen, Hitech Pulse-Eight's Luke Browning, MP's Tim Tramnitz and Noel León 12th for Van Amersfoort Racing, with the Mexican starting on reverse grid pole for the Sprint.

The Imola Sprint Race is set to get underway at 10:05 local time at Imola.

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CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Trident	1:31.767
2	Leonardo Fornaroli	ITA	Trident	1:31.820
3	Sami Meguetounif	FRA	Trident	1:32.019
4	Arvid Lindblad	GBR	PREMA Racing	1:32.109
5	Alexander Dunne	IRL	MP Motorsport	1:32.121
6	Dino Beganovic	SWE	PREMA Racing	1:32.156
7	Gabriele Mini	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:32.178
8	Laurens van Hoepen	NLD	ART Grand Prix	1:32.422
9	Luke Browning	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:32.429
10	Tim Tramnitz	DEU	MP Motorsport	1:32.499
11	Noel Leon	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:32.513
12	Kacper Sztuka	POL	MP Motorsport	1:32.515
13	Oliver Goethe	DEU	Campos Racing	1:32.517
14	Nikita Bedrin	ITA	AIX Racing	1:32.677
15	Nikola Tsolov	BGR	ART Grand Prix	1:32.709
16	Christian Mansell	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:32.787
17	Matias Zagazeta	PER	Jenzer Motorsport	1:32.838
18	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:32.869
19	Charlie Wurz	AUT	Jenzer Motorsport	1:32.951
20	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:33.005
21	Sophia Floersch	DEU	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:33.046
22	Joseph Loake	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:33.069
23	Max Esterson	USA	Jenzer Motorsport	1:33.085
24	Sebastian Montoya	COL	Campos Racing	1:33.135
25	Cian Shields	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:33.135
26	Tommy Smith	AUS	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:33.136
27	Piotr Wisnicki	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:33.217
28	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:33.237
29	Joshua Dufek	AUT	AIX Racing	1:33.436
30	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	AIX Racing	1:33.551

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DUNNE DISQUALIFIED FROM IMOLA QUALIFYING

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MP Motorsport's Alex Dunne has been disqualified from the Formula 3 Imola Qualifying results.

The #9 MP Motorsport car was reported to the Stewards after a post-session technical inspection of the car uncovered a potential breach of the 2024 FIA Formula 3 Technical Regulations.

After the driver and team representative appeared before the Stewards, it was ruled that Car #9 was in breach of Article 1.4 of the Technical Regulations relating to a non-conformity with the front anti-roll bar links.

As a result, Dunne is removed from the results of the Imola Qualifying session. Having originally qualified in fifth position, it promotes those behind him in the classification up one place each.

MP driver Kacper Sztuka will now start the Sprint Race on reverse grid pole position, with Van Amersfoort Racing's Noel León alongside him in second.