

## León quickest in rain hit second practice for Macau Grand Prix – FIA FR World Cup

Noel León topped the timesheets during a stop-start second practice for the Macau Grand Prix – FIA FR World Cup on Friday in a session affected by the wet weather and three red flags – the last one of which was caused by the Mexican crashing himself.

The final practice run before Friday's second qualifying session started with the track still damp from overnight rain, but conditions were good enough for drivers to push from the off.

It was León in his KCMG IXO by Pinnacle Motorsport car who set the benchmark time of 2m25.772s, just 0.105 seconds ahead of Saintéloc Racing's Théophile Naël, in those early laps before a red flag was brought out after Evans GP driver Kai Daryanani briefly stopped on track.

It was during the short session stoppage that the rain returned – soaking the track and meaning that the lap times set in those early laps would be unbeatable.

Following a brief restart, the red flag was brought out for a second time after Daryanani rolled to a halt once again at the Towards Faraway turn, meaning another brief delay before things got going again. The session resumed with 12 minutes remaining on the clock with the circuit much wetter than it had been earlier on. The tricky conditions caught out MP Motorsport's Mattia Colnaghi, who hit the barriers at Post 15 Bend but was able to continue, and Mari Boya who ran down the escape road at Lisboa Bend.

While the best lap times were out of reach because the circuit was much wetter, that did not stop drivers pushing on to find the limits – with SJM Theodore PREMA Racing's Alexander Dunne even managing a purple sector late on. Team-mate Dino Beganovic had to abort a final lap after a run down the escape road at Moorish Hill.

In the end, a third red flag brought the session to an early end after León ran into the barriers at Towards Faraway – with his front wing being left in the middle of the track.

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