

Thursday, 23 May 2024

**Minì quickest around Monte Carlo in rain-hit session**

PREMA Racing's Gabriele Minì led the opening session of the Monte Carlo weekend on a 1:27.400 in a session heavily disrupted by Red Flags. Overcast conditions gave way to rain, ensuring the Italian's early laptime remained quickest ahead of Leonardo Fornaroli of Trident and teammate Dino Beganovic.

There were rumbles of thunder as the session got underway though the drops of rain didn't warrant a move away from dry tyres.

Rodin Motorsport's Joseph Loake was the first driver of the weekend to find the run-off area at Sainte Devote before rejoining the track. But moments later, AIX Racing's Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak went off into the barriers at the same place to bring out an early Red Flag.

Running resumed with 32 minutes remaining of the session though another Red Flag quickly followed as Rodin's Callum Voisin repeated Inthraphuvasak's incident at Turn 1 to halt the session once more.

The field filtered back out onto track with 24 minutes to go with the skies growing darker still as Minì led the way with a 1:27.400 for PREMA.

Rain began to fall though just as the first flying laps began and it was Sami Meguetounif that this time found the barriers. A big snap of oversteer under braking for Turn 1 sent him sideways into the opening corner and the Trident driver couldn't avoid making contact with the wall, putting him out of the session and causing another Red Flag.

With 13 minutes left of Practice, the green light was back on and drivers ventured back out fitted with the wet Pirelli tyres as the rain intensified, preventing any further improvements.

Qualifying is set to get underway at 11:05 on Friday morning with Group A featuring the even-numbered cars. Group B and the odd-numbered half of the grid will follow at 11:29 local time.

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## 2024 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 4 PRACTICE PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	<b>DRIVER</b>	<b>LICENCE</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>LAPTIME</b>
1	Gabriele Mini	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:27.400
2	Leonardo Fornaroli	ITA	Trident	1:27.491
3	Dino Beganovic	SWE	PREMA Racing	1:28.669
4	Sami Meguetounif	FRA	Trident	1:29.421
5	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.739
6	Christian Mansell	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:29.751
7	Piotr Wisnicki	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.900
8	Nikola Tsolov	BGR	ART Grand Prix	1:30.222
9	Arvid Lindblad	GBR	PREMA Racing	1:30.432
10	Laurens van Hoepen	NLD	ART Grand Prix	1:30.726
11	Joshua Dufek	AUT	AIX Racing	1:30.895
12	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Trident	1:31.299
13	Sebastian Montoya	COL	Campos Racing	1:31.719
14	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:31.996
15	Joseph Loake	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:32.201
16	Max Esterson	USA	Jenzer Motorsport	1:32.923
17	James Hedley	GBR	Jenzer Motorsport	1:33.231
18	Luke Browning	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:33.525
19	Nikita Bedrin	ITA	AIX Racing	1:34.280
20	Charlie Wurz	AUT	Jenzer Motorsport	1:34.762
21	Sophia Floersch	DEU	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:35.775
22	Tommy Smith	AUS	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:35.961
23	Noel Leon	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:37.015
24	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:37.760
25	Oliver Goethe	DEU	Campos Racing	1:38.053
26	Cian Shields	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:38.583
27	Alexander Dunne	IRL	MP Motorsport	1:39.931
28	Tim Tramnitz	DEU	MP Motorsport	1:40.419
29	Kacper Sztuka	POL	MP Motorsport	1:41.683
30	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	AIX Racing	1:42.854

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