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## **Voisin beats Dunne to take maiden pole position at Spa-Francorchamps**

Rodin Motorsport's Callum Voisin took his first ever Formula 3 Pole Position after coming out on top in a frenetic Spa-Francorchamps Qualifying session.

The British driver completed a lap of 2:04.321 to beat MP Motorsport's Alexander Dunne to pole by 0.123s, with Trident's Leonardo Fornaroli taking third place.

But after the first set of laps, it was the ART Grand Prix cars that set the pace, with Laurens van Hoepen completing the early benchmark time of 2:05:507 to lead Christian Mansell by just 0.011s.

Hitech Pulse-Eight chose a different strategy by sending their drivers out early on the second set of tyres, giving them an empty track. However, it did not work for Luke Browning as he ran wide at Pouhon after losing the rear, leaving him down in P18.

His teammate Martinius Stenshorne was one of several to lose their first laps for exceeding track limits but on the latest attempt he went to P11, while Cian Shields jumped to P14.

The Hitech trio ducked into the pit lane while the rest of the field emerged on to the track with 10 minutes to go.

Van Amersfoort Racing's Noel León was another to lose their laps for exceeding track limits but after putting on a new set of tyres he went fastest with a 2:04.545, the Mexican driver nearly a second clear of the rest of the field.

But then came the rest with first Sebastián Montoya, then Fornaroli and later Dunne going fastest, before Voisin went to the top with a 2:04.321.

However, as the drivers prepared for their final laps there was a huge queue heading into the final chicane, meaning that the likes of Fornaroli and León did not get to the line in time to set off another attempt.

Some drivers did improve in the first sector but because they were so close to each other there were no improvements through the technical middle sector.

This meant that the order stayed as it was, with Voisin taking his maiden Formula 3 Pole Position ahead of Dunne, with Fornaroli staying in third.

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Montoya took P4 for Campos Racing ahead of León in fifth and Jenzer Motorsport's Max Esterson in sixth. Browning had earlier moved to P7 with Sami Meguetounif in P8 for Trident ahead of Tim Tramnitz in the MP Motorsport #7.

Santiago Ramos was in 10<sup>th</sup> place ahead of the PREMA Racing pair Gabriele Minì and Dino Beganovic, with the Swede set to start from reverse grid pole in the Sprint Race.

The on-track business is done for the day, but the drivers will return to the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps tomorrow morning at 09:50 for the Sprint Race.

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## 2024 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 9 QUALIFYING PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	2:04.321
2	Alexander Dunne	IRL	MP Motorsport	2:04.444
3	Leonardo Fornaroli	ITA	Trident	2:04.453
4	Sebastian Montoya	COL	Campos Racing	2:04.521
5	Noel Leon	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	2:04.545
6	Max Esterson	USA	Jenzer Motorsport	2:04.545
7	Luke Browning	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	2:04.573
8	Sami Meguetounif	FRA	Trident	2:04.617
9	Tim Tramnitz	DEU	MP Motorsport	2:04.620
10	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Trident	2:04.629
11	Gabriele Mini	ITA	PREMA Racing	2:04.660
12	Dino Beganovic	SWE	PREMA Racing	2:04.736
13	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	ART Grand Prix	2:04.758
14	Oliver Goethe	DEU	Campos Racing	2:04.760
15	Laurens van Hoepen	NLD	ART Grand Prix	2:04.900
16	Nikita Bedrin	ITA	AIX Racing	2:04.900
17	Matias Zagazeta	PEU	Jenzer Motorsport	2:05.017
18	Joseph Loake	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	2:05.232
19	Sophia Floersch	DEU	Van Amersfoort Racing	2:05.344
20	Christian Mansell	AUS	ART Grand Prix	2:05.348
21	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	2:05.378
22	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	2:05.502
23	Piotr Wisnicki	POL	Rodin Motorsport	2:05.511
24	Joshua Dufek	AUT	AIX Racing	2:05.632
25	Tommy Smith	AUS	Van Amersfoort Racing	2:05.779
26	Cian Shields	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	2:05.990
27	Arvid Lindblad	GBR	PREMA Racing	2:06.134
28	Charlie Wurz	AUT	Jenzer Motorsport	2:06.248
29	Tasanapol Inthraphuwasak	THA	AIX Racing	2:06.297
30	Kacper Sztuka	POL	MP Motorsport	2:06.308

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