

RAFAEL CAMARA LEADS IN THRILLING SECOND QUALIFYING AT ZANDVOORT

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The **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine** delivered a spectacular and thrilling show this morning to the large crowd gathered at the **Zandvoort** track, the stage of the year's third double round, within the prestigious context of the DTM weekend.

Amid the famous curves of the Dutch circuit, the second official session of the series organized by ACI Sport and Alpine Racing took place, fierce and tight as tradition demands. Securing the best time was the current championship leader **Rafael Camara**, who confirmed predictions by setting the best time of 1'30"597 during the Group A session. Following the Ferrari Driver Academy driver was **James Wharton**, who also driving a **Prema** car, finished the session second. However, the Australian, due to a penalty received for a dangerous maneuver in yesterday's race, was demoted by three positions and will therefore start from the third row in sixth place. The first rookie in Group A was **Noah Strømsted** of the **RPM** team, who will start fourth in the afternoon race. Another rookie who stood out was **Pedro Clerot (Van Amersfoort Racing)**, coming off his first win in this group in yesterday's first heat and will start from seventh place this afternoon. Completing the top 5 in Group A was the Brazilian's teammate **Ivan Domingues**, who will start from the ninth position.

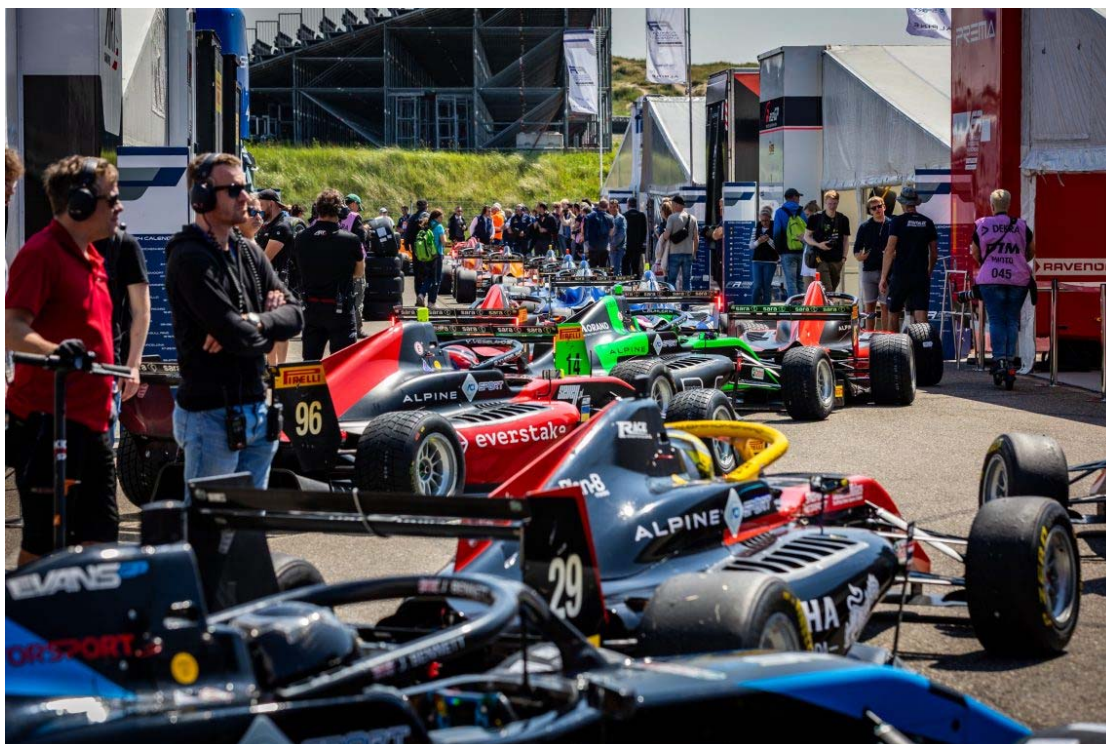




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In Group B, which opened the action this morning, **Brando Badoer** (Van Amersfoort Racing) shone and will start from the front row alongside Camara in Race 2 thanks to an excellent performance in qualifying, where the top three drivers in his group were separated by just nine-thousandths of a second. Behind the Italian driver, the second and third best times were set by **Alessandro Giusti** (ART Grand Prix) and **Tuukka Taponen** (R-ace GP), with the latter having temporarily occupied the first position, taken also by Giusti and finally by Badoer. Taponen, coming off his first championship win in yesterday's first race, now holds the second position in the championship with a gap of 56 points from Camara. Setting the fourth best time in this group was **Ugo Ugochukwu** (Prema Racing), seeking redemption after yesterday's race where the McLaren Driver Development driver, following a spin, finished in the back positions. Also performing well was **Enzo Peugeot** (Sainteloc Racing), the fastest rookie in Group B, placing in the top five ahead of the current leader of the rookie standings, **Evan Giltaire** (ART Grand Prix).

All eyes are now on the weekend's concluding race, which will be held this afternoon at 3:00 PM and will be broadcast live on the championship's official [YouTube](#) channel.



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