MATTEO DE PALO STAYS ON TOP IN SECOND BARCELONA TEST

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Matteo De Palo (Trident) remained fastest in the afternoon session at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, setting the pace with a 1:36.327 lap in the second collective test of the Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine.

Enzo Deligny (R-ace GP) emerged as De Palo's closest challenger, finishing just 0.244s behind. **Ruiqi Liu** ensured a strong showing for Trident with third place, while **Nikita Bedrin (Saintéloc Racing)** continued his impressive consistency in fourth after leading the field for much of the session. **Pedro Clerot (Van Amersfoort Racing)** followed in fifth, ahead of championship rival **Freddie Slater (Prema Racing)**, who secured sixth at 0.491s from the top.

Taito Kato (ART Grand Prix) led the French squad's efforts in seventh, with **Jack Beeton** (Prema Racing) slotting into eighth. **Jin Nakamura** (R-ace GP)was ninth, with **Macéo Capietto (RPM)** completing the top ten on his return to the series.

Just outside the first ten, **Kanato Le** (ART Grand Prix) edged out **Michael Belov (CL Motorsport)** and **Akshay Bohra** (R-ace GP). **Nandhavud Bhirombhakdi** (Trident) placed 14th, while RPM's **Santiago Ramos** rounded out the top 15.

The action resumes tomorrow with the first qualifying session scheduled at 11:25 CEST, broadcast live on the championship's official YouTube channel.

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