

Saturday 17 May 2025

Tramnitz takes victory in Imola as he leads MP Motorsport 1-2

Tim Tramnitz claimed a second Formula 3 victory with a strong drive to the top in the Imola Sprint Race, while also leading an MP Motorsport one-two finish, with Bruno del Pino finishing in second.

The German driver overtook his rookie teammate early in the 18-lap event before controlling things from the front to claim the win, as Nikola Tsolov rounded out the podium for Campos Racing.

AS IT HAPPENED

It was as you were at the start, with pole-sitter del Pino keeping teammate Tramnitz behind, while Mari Boya stayed in third ahead of fellow Campos driver Tsolov in fourth.

In fifth, Noel León was coming under threat from PREMA Racing teammate Ugo Ugochukwu, as well Rodin Motorsport rookie Louis Sharp at the end of the opening lap.

Tramnitz made the DRS count at the start of Lap 3 to take the lead from del Pino at the entry of Turn 2.

Moments later, Ugochukwu overtook León at the same corner for fifth, but he soon dropped to sixth as Sharp completed a double overtake on both PREMA drivers at the exit of Turn 4.

A Virtual Safety Car soon turned into a full Safety Car on Lap 5, as AIX Racing's Nicola Marinangeli stopped on track at the exit of Tosa with a wheel off his car.

Racing resumed at the start of Lap 9 of 18 and it was a good restart for the MP top two as they built up a 1.8s lead. Boya was struggling through and dropped from P3 to out of the points before another Safety Car came out.

The Spaniard retired to the pit lane, while the marshals cleared Matías Zagazeta's DAMS Lucas Oil car from the gravel at Tamburello, following an incident with Callum Voisin. The Rodin driver was later handed a 10-second time penalty for causing a collision.

Tramnitz once again had a good restart while del Pino held off Tsolov in the battle for second as Sharp kept a watching brief from P4.

The DRS was enabled at the start of Lap 14 of 18 and del Pino was using it, not only to pull away from Tsolov, but also to close in on Tramnitz down the Main Straight.

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León had a scruffy lap as he ran wide at the exit of Turn 7 in a battle with Tuukka Taponen for seventh, dropping him to P9 behind Noah Stromsted.

Roman Bilinski, now in P6, was showing tremendous pace, setting the fastest time of the race on Lap 15, which brought him right onto the back of Ugochukwu.

The Rodin driver was not close enough into Turn 2 to make a move, but behind him Stromsted was to take P7 from Taponen at the same corner.

Onto the penultimate lap and Ugochukwu ran wide and into the gravel at the entry to Acqua Minerali, dropping him from fifth to eighth.

Tramnitz though had managed the race perfectly and crossed the line to take victory in the Imola Sprint as del Pino made it a first one-two finish in Formula 3 for MP Motorsport.

Tsolov wound up third ahead of the Rodin pairing of Sharp and Bilinski, while Stromsted's late charge ended with him in P6 ahead of Taponen. Ugochukwu and León were eighth and ninth respectively for PREMA, as MP's Alessandro Giusti rounded out the top 10.

KEY QUOTE – Tim Tramnitz, MP Motorsport

"I mean for sure it was a very important day, to get the first win of the year, it's always very special. I seem to like Italian tracks, first win in Monza and now in Italy again, so it just feels very nice. There is quite a big job to do tomorrow so I will enjoy this one today and then focus on the Feature Race tomorrow."

THE CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Rafael Câmara stays on 56 points and at the top of the Drivers' Championship, but Tim Tramnitz closes in on the TRIDENT driver in second as he moves to 40. Noah Stromsted stays third on 33 points, while Campos Racing's Nikola Tsolov moves up to fourth on 31, as Callum Voisin rounds out the top five for Rodin Motorsport on 27.

In the Teams' Standings, TRIDENT continue at the top on 99 points, while MP Motorsport stay in second with 62 points with all three of their in the top 10. Rodin Motorsport jump up to third on 50 points ahead of Campos Racing on 48, as Van Amersfoort Racing round out the top five on 29.

UP NEXT

The drivers have one more chance to score some big points this weekend at the Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari with Sunday's Feature Race set to get underway at 08:30 local time.

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2025 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 3 SPRINT RACE PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM
1	Tim Tramnitz	DEU	MP Motorsport
2	Bruno Del Pino	ESP	MP Motorsport
3	Nikola Tsolov	BGR	Campos Racing
4	Louis Sharp	NZL	Rodin Motorsport
5	Roman Bilinski	POL	Rodin Motorsport
6	Noah Stromsted	DNK	TRIDENT
7	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	ART Grand Prix
8	Ugo Ugochukwu	USA	PREMA Racing
9	Noel Leon	MEX	PREMA Racing
10	Alessandro Giusti	FRA	MP Motorsport
11	Rafael Camara	BRA	TRIDENT
12	Brad Benavides	USA	AIX Racing
13	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech TGR
14	Joshua Dufek	AUT	Hitech TGR
15	Nicola Lacorte	ITA	DAMS Lucas Oil
16	Brando Badoer	ITA	PREMA Racing
17	Laurens van Hoepen	NLD	ART Grand Prix
18	James Hedley	GBR	AIX Racing
19	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	Campos Racing
20	Theophile Nael	FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing
21	Christian Ho	SGP	DAMS Lucas Oil
22	James Wharton	AUS	ART Grand Prix
23	Charlie Wurz	AUT	TRIDENT
24	Gerrard Xie	CHN	Hitech TGR
25	Ivan Domingues	PRT	Van Amersfoort Racing
26	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport
27	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing

NOT CLASSIFIED

DNF	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing
DNF	Matias Zagazeta	PER	Dams Lucas Oil
DNF	Nicola Marinangeli	ITA	AIX Racing

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