

Slater Fastest in Final Free Practice for Macau Grand Prix – FIA FR World Cup

Freddie Slater, who holds provisional pole position for the Macau Grand Prix – FIA FR World Cup after first qualifying, continued to show strong pace on Friday morning as he secured the top spot in a red flag-interrupted second free practice session.

Following overnight rain that had washed away the rubber built up from the first day of running, drivers spent the first few laps of the session steadily getting themselves back up to speed in preparation for the final shootout for grid positions that will take place later in the afternoon.

But shortly after R-ace GP's Enzo Deligny had put himself at the top of the timesheets ahead of Slater, ART Grand Prix's Kanato Le brought out the first red flag when he crashed at Faraway.

When the session resumed, Deligny found himself in minor trouble after running down the escape road at Curva do Posto on his first lap out of the pits – but thankfully did not hit anything. Evans GP duo Charlie Wurz and Hiyo Yamakoshi also ended up down the escape road at Lisboa Bend.

Mari Boya then briefly put himself to the top of the timesheets before a second red flag came out after Oscar Wurz ran wide and swiped the tyre barriers at Fishermen's Bend and came to a halt.

With just over seven minutes remaining, the session resumed – with front runners managing to get one flying lap in before a final red flag came out after Zhenrui Chi also crashed into the barriers at Fishermen's Bend. By then, Slater had delivered a session fastest time of 2m16.552 seconds, which put him 0.229 seconds ahead of Boya. Deligny ended up third quickest, 0.405 seconds adrift of Slater, after getting going again following his earlier off.

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