

Sunday 16 March 2025

Câmara in control for maiden F3 victory in Melbourne

Rafael Câmara was uncatchable in the rain around Albert Park, winning the first Feature Race of the season for TRIDENT in comfortable fashion.

The Brazilian controlled things from the front, escaping clear of the chasing pack, leading teammate Noah Stromsted in second and Van Amersfoort Racing's Théophile Nael coming home third.

AS IT HAPPENED

After several formation laps behind the Safety Car, racing got underway in the Feature Race with a rolling start, and pole sitter Câmara launched into a sizeable lead over Stromsted.

The Safety Car was called upon before the end of the first lap however, with Nikola Tsolov and Callum Voisin off the road at Turn 10.

Back to racing conditions entering Lap 6, Câmara re-established a healthy gap back to Stromsted in second.

McLaren Development Drivers Ugo Ugochukwu and Martinius Stenshorne went into battle on Lap 8 at Turn 4, the Norwegian slicing his way by the PREMA Racing for P8.

Ugochukwu lost another place on Lap 9 to Roman Bilinski after running wide at Turn 11, opening the door for the Rodin Motorsport driver to go through for ninth.

The rain intensity picked up on Lap 11, making things even trickier for the drivers as they fought through the spray, though Câmara was taking full advantage of his clear view, five seconds clear of the pack.

The Safety Car was back out on Lap 13, with DAMS Lucas Oil driver Christian Ho in the barriers at Turn 7. He was out of the car and ok, but the field was bunched back together with rain coming down heavily once again.

After several laps behind the Safety Car, the Red Flags were thrown on Lap 18 of 20, and with the weather not improving, the Feature Race was called.

Câmara capped off his impressive first F3 weekend with victory ahead of Stromsted, the team's second consecutive Feature Race one-two going back to Monza 2024. Nael was on the podium for Van Amersfoort Racing in third, their second trip to the rostrum across the weekend.

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Nikita Bedrin finished fourth for AIX Racing ahead of MP Motorsport driver Tim Tramnitz. Charlie Wurz was sixth on a great day for TRIDENT, while Tسانapol Inthraphuvasak of Campos Racing, Stenshorne, Bilinski and Ugochukwu completed the points.

KEY QUOTE – Rafael Câmara, TRIDENT

“P1, very happy with the result. Still a long way to go in the Championship. Now we can enjoy this a bit, but we’ll be focused on Bahrain.”

THE CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Câmara’s points for pole and fastest lap in the Feature Race along with his victory put him on top with 28 points to his name. VAR’s Théophile Nael follows in second on 19 points, with Stromsted third on 18. Nikita Bedrin and Martinius Stenshorne round out the top five with 17 and 14 points respectively

TRIDENT take over at the top in the Teams’ Standings with their one-two finish and Wurz in sixth to put them on 54 points. Van Amersfoort Racing are second with Nael’s podium and Santiago Ramos’ Sprint victory with 29. AIX Racing are third with 17 points, one ahead of Campos Racing in fourth and Hitech TGR in fifth, the British outfit on 14 points.

UP NEXT

FIA Formula 3 heads to Sakhir, Bahrain for an in-season test, taking place from 26-28 March before Round 2 of the campaign from 11-13 April around the Bahrain International Circuit.

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2025 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 1 FEATURE RACE PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

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

NOT CLASSIFIED

DNF	Christian Ho	SGP	DAMS Lucas Oil
DNF	Nikola Tsolov	BUL	Campos Racing
DNF	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport

OVERALL FASTEST LAP

	Rafeal Camera	BRA	TRIDENT
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