

Thursday 22 May 2025

Tsolov leads the way ahead of Tramnitz in Monte Carlo

Nikola Tsolov ended Day 1 of running in Monte Carlo on top, as the Campos Racing driver led the way in Free Practice with a 1:25.622.

The Bulgarian driver beat MP Motorsport's Tim Tramnitz to the top time by 0.219s, as TRIDENT'S Charlie Wurz rounded out the top three.

The drivers were immediately out on track on the carry over Medium tyres from Imola, looking to get up to speed as quickly as possible, as Callum Voisin led the way early on.

The Rodin Motorsport driver's 1:29.512 was the benchmark, but as the times improved, Tramnitz took over in P1 with a 1:28.875, leading his rookie MP teammate Alessandro Giusti by 0.114s.

The German continued to set the pace, completing a 1:27.733, before going even quicker to a 1:27.459, with Giusti in P2 once more, over half a second behind.

The MP pairing were setting the timesheets alight as Giusti crossed the line to go to P1, but only briefly as Tramnitz completed a 1:27.092 to eclipse his teammate by 0.082s.

Tramnitz did one more push lap and again lowered the time to beat. The Red Bull Junior driver's 1:26.608 maintained his place at the top, with Giusti in P2 once more, over two-tenths behind.

After 25 minutes of running, the teams swapped the Mediums for the Soft tyres, looking to give the drivers a feel for the compound they will be using for the rest of the weekend.

But as the drivers set off on their laps, TRIDENT's Noah Stromsted collided with the barrier at Turn 1, bringing out the Red Flags with less than 12 minutes to go in the session.

Green flag conditions returned with six minutes remaining, and it was Campos' Mari Boya that took to the top on a 1:26.393.

However, as the chequered flag waved, the fastest time changed hands several times, before Tsolov ended the session on top with a 1:25.622.

Tramnitz wound up in second place, 0.219s off Tsolov, with Charlie Wurz the lead TRIDENT in P3 ahead of teammate Rafael Câmara, in front of Voisin in fifth.

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PREMA Racing's Noel León was sixth ahead of Martinius Stenshorne for Hitech TGR, while Boya ended up in P8. ART Grand Prix driver Laurens van Hoepen finished in P9 with Van Amersfoort Racing's Théophile Nael rounding out the top 10.

That ends the day's action, but drivers will return to the track tomorrow for Qualifying around the Principality with Group A set to head out on track at 11:05 local time, followed by Group B at 11:26.

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	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Nikola Tsolov	BUL	Campos Racing	1:25.622
2	Tim Tramnitz	GER	MP Motorsport	1:25.841
3	Charlie Wurz	AUT	TRIDENT	1:26.065
4	Rafeal Camera	BRA	TRIDENT	1:26.088
5	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:26.187
6	Noel Leon	MEX	PREMA Racing	1:26.241
7	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech TGR	1:26.360
8	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:26.390
9	Laurens van Hoepen	NED	ART Grand Prix	1:26.401
10	Theophile Nael	FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:26.660
11	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:26.808
12	Ugo Ugochukwu	USA	PREMA Racing	1:26.809
13	Alessandro Giusti	FRA	MP Motorsport	1:26.837
14	Roman Bilinski	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:26.877
15	Gerrard Xie	CHN	Hitech TGR	1:26.882
16	Ivan Domingues	POR	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:26.887
17	Joshua Dufek	AUT	Hitech TGR	1:26.936
18	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	ART Grand Prix	1:26.949
19	Brad Benadvies	USA	AIX Racing	1:27.069
20	Bruno Del Pino	ESP	MP Motorsport	1:27.096
21	Noah Stromsted	DEN	TRIDENT	1:27.137
22	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	Campos Racing	1:27.248
23	James Hedley	GBR	AIX Racing	1:27.320
24	Louis Sharp	NZL	Rodin Motorsport	1:27.446
25	Nicola Lacorte	ITA	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:27.658
26	Matias Zagazeta	PER	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:27.707
27	Christian Ho	SGP	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:27.751
28	Brando Badoer	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:28.068
29	James Wharton	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:28.154
30	Nicola Marinangeli	ITA	AIX Racing	1:28.805

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