

Friday 5 September 2025

Benavides beats Ugochukwu to pole with last gasp attempt in Monza

Brad Benavides took his second Aramco Pole Position Award of the season with a superb final lap in Qualifying, as the AIX Racing driver's 1:38.120s put him on top for Sunday's Feature Race.

The American beat PREMA Racing's Noel León to top spot in the second group by 0.262s, with Ugo Ugochukwu, who was fastest in Group A with a 1:38.613, set to join Benavides on the front row.

GROUP A

Nikita Johnson and Roman Bilinski were the first ones out of the pitlane at the green light, with the rest of the field joining them out on track with over five minutes to go.

Rafael Câmara's only lap put him P1 with a 1:38.520, just 0.093s clear of Ugo Ugochukwu, with Tسانapol Inthraphuvasak in third.

Alessandro Giusti, Tim Tramnitz and Callum Voisin, having been at the front of the field, were the only ones able to continue on for a second lap. But just as they did that, Câmara's time was deleted for exceeding track limits at Turn 5.

Giusti then completed his lap to go to P4 ahead of his MP Motorsport teammate, while Voisin wound up 10th in the group.

This left Ugochukwu on top of the group and on provisional pole with a 1:38.613. Inthraphuvasak was 0.013s behind in second, with Bilinski third ahead of Giusti, Tramnitz and Laurens van Hoepen in P6.

GROUP B

The next set of 15 made their way out on track immediately at the green light with 1:38.613 the time to beat for pole.

Noah Stromsted was quickest after the first set of laps on a 1:38.647, just 0.014s ahead of PREMA's Noel León with Théophile Nael in P3.

Mari Boya then went to P1 but was quickly beaten by Charlie Wurz and then Tuukka Taponen, who was on provisional pole with a 1:38.502s, as Martinius Stenshorne went 0.058s behind in P2.

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The Hitech TGR driver was the only member of the field not able to push on for a third lap and there were several improvements, before Brad Benavides took a second pole of the season with a 1:38.120s.

León was second in the group ahead of Nikola Tsolov, and Matías Zagazeta, as Taponen and Stenshorne slipped to fifth and sixth respectively.

This means van Hoepen is set to start from reverse grid pole with Stenshorne joining him on the front row for Saturday's Sprint Race, which is scheduled to get underway at Monza 09:15 local time.

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2025 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 10 QUALIFYING GROUP A PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Ugo Ugochukwu	USA	PREMA Racing	1:38.613
2	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	Campos Racing	1:38.626
3	Roman Bilinski	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:38.667
4	Alessandro Giusti	FRA	MP Motorsport	1:38.670
5	Tim Tramnitz	GER	MP Motorsport	1:38.825
6	Laurens van Hoepen	NED	ART Grand Prix	1:38.988
7	Brando Badoer	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:39.028
8	Nikita Johnson	USA	Hitech TGR	1:39.232
9	Christian Ho	SGP	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:39.355
10	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:39.447
11	James Wharton	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:39.473
12	James Hedley	GBR	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:39.629
13	Nicola Lacorte	ITA	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:39.710
14	Nicola Marinangeli	ITA	AIX Racing	1:40.033

NOT CLASSIFIED

	Rafael Camara	BRA	TRIDENT	
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2025 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 10 QUALIFYING GROUP B PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Brad Benavides	USA	AIX Racing	1:38.120
2	Noel Leon	MEX	PREMA Racing	1:38.382
3	Nikola Tsolov	BUL	Campos Racing	1:38.467
4	Matias Zagazeta	PER	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:38.482
5	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	ART Grand Prix	1:38.502
6	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech TGR	1:38.560
7	Ivan Domingues	POR	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:38.600
8	Charlie Wurz	AUT	TRIDENT	1:38.604
9	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:38.638
10	Noah Stromsted	DEN	TRIDENT	1:38.647
11	Theophile Nael	FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:38.699
12	Louis Sharp	NZL	Rodin Motorsport	1:39.014
13	Gerrard Xie	CHN	Hitech TGR	1:39.084
14	Bruno Del Pino	ESP	MP Motorsport	1:39.159
15	Fernando Barrichello	BRA	AIX Racing	1:39.319

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