FREDDIE SLATER TOPS SECOND COLLECTIVE TEST AT PAUL RICARD

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The **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine** completed its second and final Collective Test of the day at **Circuit Paul Ricard**, with **Freddie Slater** emerging as the fastest driver on track. The Briton set the benchmark early on with a best lap of 1:57.782, confirming the competitive pace shown by the Prema Racing squad throughout the day.

Just behind Slater, **Trident**'s **Matteo De Palo** stopped the clock only 0.361 seconds adrift from the top, showcasing strong form heading into the weekend. Third place went to Prema's **Rashid Al Dhaheri**, who closed the session with a time of 1:58.304, keeping up his consistency from previous rounds.

ART Grand Prix's **Evan Giltaire** placed fourth ahead of a tightly matched group that included **Enzo Deligny** (R-ace GP), **Jack Beeton** (Prema Racing), and **Taito Kato** (ART Grand Prix). **Ean Eyckmans (RPM)**, in only his second race weekend in the series and first year in single-seaters, continued to impress by finishing eighth overall, once again topping the rookie classification. He was followed by **Hiyu Yamakoshi** (VAR) and by Prema Racing's **Doriane Pin**, rounding out the top ten.

As the championship builds momentum, the stage is now set for tomorrow's qualifying session, which will take place at 9:00 AM and will be streamed live on the official Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine YouTube channel.