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Campos lock out the top three at home as Nael sets pace in Barcelona



Théophile Nael was fastest in this morning's Barcelona Free Practice, leading a 1-2-3 for Campos Racing at their home event. The Frenchman ended up on top with a 1:28.422 to take the top spot ahead of Ugo Ugochukwu and Ernesto Rivera.

AIX Racing were the first team to send their drivers out for some push laps with Fernando Barrichello setting early pace with a 1:30.655 – over seven-tenths quicker than teammate

Yevan David. Just as they completed their laps, the rest of the field headed out with just under 30 minutes left in the session.

Bruno del Pino went fastest on a 1:29.425 for Van Amersfoort Racing but there were several setting quicker sectors behind him. One of those was Taito Kato took over at the top on a 1:29.103, but it was incredibly close with Freddie Slater just 0.002s behind the ART Grand Prix driver.

The Campos trio then took over at the top with Nael quickest on a 1:28.422, over two-tenths ahead of Ugochukwu, as Rivera went to third, 0.365s off P1. The entire field returned to the pitlane after those flying laps, before hitting the track once again with under 14 minutes to go.

However, there were few improvements as the tyre performance started to drop. This left as Campos 1-2-3 with Nael ahead of Ugochukwu and Rivera. Alessandro Giusti was fourth ahead of Kato with Brando Badoer in sixth. Kanato Le finished seventh, ahead of Noah Stromsted and Mattia Colnaghi with del Pino rounding out the top 10.

The drivers will now debrief with their teams before hitting the track for Qualifying at 15:00 local time.

FIA Formula 3 - Barcelona - Provisional Classification - Free Practice

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME	LAPS
1	Theophile Nael	FRA	Campos Racing	1:28.422	9
2	Ugo Ugochukwu	USA	Campos Racing	1:28.645	9
3	Ernesto Rivera	MEX	Campos Racing	1:28.787	8
4	Alessandro Giusti	FRA	MP Motorsport	1:29.034	11
5	Taito Kato	JPN	ART Grand Prix	1:29.103	10
6	Brando Badoer	ITA	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.171	11
7	Kanato Le	JPN	ART Grand Prix	1:29.326	10
8	Noah Stromsted	DEN	TRIDENT	1:29.365	9
9	Mattia Colnaghi	ARG	MP Motorsport	1:29.408	11
10	Bruno Del Pino	ESP	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:29.425	11
11	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	MP Motorsport	1:29.427	11
12	Hiyu Yamakoshi	JPN	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:29.435	12
13	Matteo De Palo	ITA	TRIDENT	1:29.490	10
14	Maciej Gladysz	POL	ART Grand Prix	1:29.518	10
15	Jin Nakamura	JPN	Hitech	1:29.520	12
16	Christian Ho	SGP	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.563	12
17	Louis Sharp	NZL	PREMA Racing	1:29.590	10
18	Pedro Clerot	BRA	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.633	12
19	Enzo Deligny	FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:29.700	14

20	Nandhavud Bhirombhakdi		THA	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:29.717	10	
21	Gerrard Xie		CHN	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:29.847	10	
22	Freddie Slater		GBR	TRIDENT	1:29.950	10	
23	Nicola Lacorte		ITA	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:30.144	12	
24	Woohyun Shin		KOR	Hitech	1:30.186	12	
25	James Wharton		AUS	PREMA Racing	1:30.190	11	
26	Fionn McLaughlin		IRL	Hitech	1:30.394	11	
27	Yevan David		SRI	AIX Racing	1:30.621	16	
28	Fernando Barrichello		BRA	AIX Racing	1:30.655	14	
29	Jose Garfias		MEX	PREMA Racing	1:30.714	12	
30	Ricardo Escotto		MEX	AIX Racing	1:30.730	15	

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About FIA Formula 3:

2019 marked the launch of the FIA Formula 3 Championship. An ambitious new project from the FIA and the former GP3 Series Organisation to form an official third rung of the Road to F1 ladder. Combining GP3 and European F3, the idea was to create a defined entry point for young and ambitious drivers to join the Formula 1 circus, and to give them the chance to take the path to join their heroes in the main paddock. With some of the world's best racing teams on board, and the hottest junior motor racing talent from across the globe filling their race seats, Formula 3 promised to be one of the most exciting championships in motorsport.

Designed as the perfect training ground for both F2, and ultimately, F1, our young drivers must showcase their skills both in speed and in tyre management, just like they will have to do when they move up the motorsport ladder. Notable F3 alumni include 2020 Champion Oscar Piastri, F1 rookie Arvid Lindblad and of course the F1 rookie class of 2024 that included F3 Champion Gabriel Bortoleto, Oliver Bearman, Franco Colapinto and Isack Hadjar. The Championship benefits from the FIA's excellence in the scrutineering of cars and the overseeing and running of events, while FOM's (Formula One Management) unparalleled expertise in broadcasting and marketing ensures that the Championship has a truly global reach and appeal. 2026 promises to be a thrilling spectacle from start to finish.

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