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Stromsted heads the pack for TRIDENT in Spielberg



Noah Stromsted got his weekend off to the perfect start, ending Practice fastest for TRIDENT with a 1:22.410. He led Taito Kato, who delivered a late-session improvement to split the Italian team's 1-2, with Freddie Slater rounding out the top three positions.

With installation laps complete, Yevan David set the early pace on a 1:24.837. Stromsted was the next to go quickest, a 1:23.387 putting him comfortably fastest. Tuukka Taponen then deposed the Dane at the top before Hiya Yamakoshi went even quicker with a 1:22.814.

Compatriot Jin Nakamura then put Hitech on top of the pile as he went onto a 1:22.693 to lead the pack with just over 20 minutes to go. The times continued to tumble as Ernesto Rivera headed a Campos Racing 1-2 from teammate Théophile Nael as the Red Bull Junior Team driver set a 1:22.594 – 0.052s quicker than the Frenchman.

Stromsted then restored TRIDENT to the top as he set a 1:22.410 before the track quietened ahead of the final 10 minutes. Teammate Slater then moved up the order to make it a 1-2 for the Italian team, 0.176s down on the Dane. The track was then busy once again in the final minutes of the session, with plenty trying to find one final improvement ahead of Qualifying.

Kato was one of those who did improve late on, going up to P2 for ART at the chequered flag ahead of Slater. Rivera and Nael led Campos' charge in fourth and fifth, ahead of Nakamura. Pedro Clerot was seventh for Rodin Motorsport, ahead of Van Amersfoort Racing duo Bruno del Pino and Yamakoshi, as Kanato Le rounded out the top 10.

Qualifying for Round 4 in Barcelona is set to get underway on Friday afternoon, with the green light scheduled for 15:00 local time.

FIA Formula 3 - Spielberg - Provisional Classification - Free Practice

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME	LAPS
1	Noah Stromsted	DEN	TRIDENT	1:22.410	20
2	Taito Kato	JPN	ART Grand Prix	1:22.511	18
3	Freddie Slater	GBR	TRIDENT	1:22.586	19
4	Ernesto Rivera	MEX	Campos Racing	1:22.594	17
5	Theophile Nael	FRA	Campos Racing	1:22.646	17
6	Jin Nakamura	JPN	Hitech	1:22.693	18
7	Pedro Clerot	BRA	Rodin Motorsport	1:22.705	18
8	Bruno Del Pino	ESP	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:22.732	17
9	Hiya Yamakoshi	JPN	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:22.737	16
10	Kanato Le	JPN	ART Grand Prix	1:22.740	19
11	Mattia Colnaghi	ARG	MP Motorsport	1:22.855	19
12	Louis Sharp	NZL	PREMA Racing	1:22.862	19
13	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	MP Motorsport	1:22.933	19
14	Enzo Deligny	FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:22.945	17
15	Brando Badoer	ITA	Rodin Motorsport	1:22.987	18

	16	Matteo De Palo		ITA	TRIDENT	1:22.996	19	
	17	Ugo Ugochukwu		USA	Campos Racing	1:22.996	9	
	18	Nicola Lacorte		ITA	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:23.012	19	
	19	James Wharton		AUS	PREMA Racing	1:23.059	19	
	20	Fionn McLaughlin		IRL	Hitech	1:23.065	16	
	21	Gerrard Xie		CHN	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:23.075	18	
	22	Alessandro Giusti		FRA	MP Motorsport	1:23.132	19	
	23	Maciej Gladysz		POL	ART Grand Prix	1:23.142	18	
	24	Woohyun Shin		KOR	Hitech	1:23.149	16	
	25	Christian Ho		SGP	Rodin Motorsport	1:23.244	18	
	26	Nandhavud Bhirombhakdi		THA	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:23.299	19	
	27	Salim Hanna		COL	AIX Racing	1:23.464	20	
	28	Yevan David		SRI	AIX Racing	1:23.650	19	
	29	Jose Garfias		MEX	PREMA Racing	1:23.765	19	
	30	Fernando Barrichello		MEX	AIX Racing	1:23.767	20	

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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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