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Yamakoshi seals maiden Pole Position in Spielberg



Hiyu Yamakoshi claimed the Aramco Pole Position Award in Spielberg, setting a 1:21.730 for Van Amersfoort Racing to take top spot in Qualifying. The Japanese driver ran in the gap between the first and second runs of the majority, finding improvements where others couldn't. He finished ahead of Ugo Ugochukwu in P2 and Tuukka Taponen in third.

Noah Stromsted picked up from where he left off in Practice to go fastest early on, but his first time was beaten by several others. Taito Kato, Alessandro Giusti and then Taponen all went quicker, with the Finn leading the pack on a 1:21.968 early on.

Stromsted recaptured top spot on his next attempt until Taponen once again went quicker, this time on a 1:21.775 to lead by 0.084s from the Dane. Giusti, Kato and Kanato Le rounded out the top five as the field headed back into the pitlane for a second set of the Soft Pirelli tyres.

VAR opted to go early with all three of their drivers on the second run, and Yamakoshi improved to go provisionally fastest on a 1:21.730, teammate Bruno Del Pino aborted his lap to stay in P10, and Enzo Deligny climbed up to P12 with 10 minutes remaining.

Ahead of the final attempts, everyone was fighting to find an ideal track position in order to gain a slipstream down the long DRS zones at Turns 3 and 4. ART Grand Prix found themselves clean air but couldn't trouble the time from Yamakoshi.

Uogchukwu found an improvement to go to P2, 0.015s down on the best time, and Kato suffered a spin at the final corner as he looked to improve on his final effort.

Nobody could find an improvement overall, and it left Yamakoshi on pole for the first time in his F3 career. Ugochukwu wound up P2, 0.030s ahead of Taponen in third. Stromsted narrowly beat out teammate Freddie Slater, with the TRIDENTs fourth and fifth.

Alessandro Giusti ended up P6 ahead of Kato, Le, Jin Nakamura, who was one of the few to improve on their final laps, and Pedro Clerot. P11 was Ernesto Rivera, leaving James Wharton in 12th and set to start the Sprint Race on reverse grid pole.

FIA Formula 3 - Spielberg - Provisional Classification - Qualifying

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Hiyu Yamakoshi	JPN	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:21.730

	2	Ugo Ugochukwu		USA	Campos Racing		1:21.745	
	3	Tuukka Taponen		FIN	MP Motorsport		1:21.775	
	4	Noah Stromsted		DEN	TRIDENT		1:21.859	
	5	Freddie Slater		GBR	TRIDENT		1:21.930	
	6	Alessandro Giusti		FRA	MP Motorsport		1:21.975	
	7	Taito Kato		JPN	ART Grand Prix		1:22.003	
	8	Kanato Le		JPN	ART Grand Prix		1:22.040	
	9	Jin Nakamura		JPN	Hitech		1:22.059	
	10	Pedro Clerot		BRA	Rodin Motorsport		1:22.067	
	11	Ernesto Rivera		MEX	Campos Racing		1:22.082	
	12	James Wharton		AUS	PREMA Racing		1:22.101	
	13	Bruno Del Pino		ESP	Van Amersfoort Racing		1:22.142	
	14	Maciej Gladysz		POL	ART Grand Prix		1:22.156	
	15	Enzo Deligny		FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing		1:22.161	
	16	Christian Ho		SGP	Rodin Motorsport		1:22.165	
	17	Nicola Lacorte		ITA	DAMS Lucas Oil		1:22.212	
	18	Mattia Colnaghi		ARG	MP Motorsport		1:22.251	
	19	Gerrard Xie		CHN	DAMS Lucas Oil		1:22.268	
	20	Louis Sharp		NZL	PREMA Racing		1:22.283	
	21	Nandhavud Bhirombhakdi		THA	DAMS Lucas Oil		1:22.311	
	22	Matteo De Palo		ITA	TRIDENT		1:22.314	
	23	Fionn McLaughlin		IRL	Hitech		1:22.336	
	24	Theophile Nael		FRA	Campos Racing		1:22.348	
	25	Salim Hanna		COL	AIX Racing		1:22.503	
	26	Jose Garfias		MEX	PREMA Racing		1:22.581	
	27	Yevan David		SRI	AIX Racing		1:22.678	
	28	Fernando Barrichello		BRA	AIX Racing		1:22.749	
	29	Brando Badoer		ITA	Rodin Motorsport		1:22.794	
	30	Woohyun Shin		KOR	Hitech		1:22.920	

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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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