

Friday 7 May 2021

Hauger beats Doohan to first F3 pole in Barcelona

Dennis Hauger continued his excellent start to life with PREMA Racing to take his first ever pole position in Formula 3, beating out Trident's Jack Doohan by 0.006s. The Red Bull juniors traded places throughout the session, but it was the Norwegian who came out on top, with MP Motorsport's Alpine prodigy Victor Martins nabbing third late on.

Track temperature had risen from 28 to 39 between Free Practice and Qualifying and the majority of the field opted to head out at the first opportunity. At the front of the queue were Hitech Grand Prix, with Jak Crawford the first to complete a flying lap, but it was Trident's Doohan who set the standard, beating the fastest time from Free Practice with a run of 1:33.580.

The fastest man from practice, Hauger, very briefly nabbed first with a storming final sector at the start of his second run, going round at 1:33.138, but Doohan responded by reclaiming the position at the first opportunity. Hauger had more luck on his third run, with the Red Bull junior setting a purple middle sector to snatch pole from Doohan by 0.006s.

The top two were in a league of their own, but there was a flurry of late activity behind them, as Frederik Vesti and Matteo Nannini both briefly held third, before falling to fourth and fifth. The duo were dropped down the order thanks to a last gasp effort from Martins, who came within 0.055s off the front two, beating Nannini by two tenths.

Olli Caldwell and Clement Novalak beat 2020 title challenger Logan Sargeant to sixth and seventh, with the final Trident of David Schumacher settling for P9. Caio Collet completed the top 10 ahead of Alex Smolyar.

Jonny Edgar beat Juan Manuel Correa to reverse grid pole for Race 1 by less than a tenth, with the Carlin Buzz racer finishing 12th.

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2021 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 1 PROVISIONAL QUALIFYING CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPTIME	LAPS
1	Dennis Hauger	PREMA Racing	1:32.904	12
2	Jack Doohan	Trident	1:32.910	12
3	Victor Martins	MP Motorsport	1:32.965	12
4	Matteo Nannini	HWA RACELAB	1:33.113	11
5	Frederik Vesti	ART Grand Prix	1:33.173	12
6	Olli Caldwell	PREMA Racing	1:33.184	12
7	Clément Novalak	Trident	1:33.225	11
8	Logan Sargeant	Charouz Racing System	1:33.263	10
9	David Schumacher	Trident	1:33.274	11
10	Caio Collet	MP Motorsport	1:33.305	12
11	Alexander Smoylar	ART Grand Prix	1:33.355	12
12	Jonny Edgar	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:33.370	12
13	Juan Manuel Correa	ART Grand Prix	1:33.459	12
14	Roman Stanek	Hitech Grand Prix	1:33.522	11
15	Arthur Leclerc	PREMA Racing	1:33.535	12
16	Oliver Rasmussen	HWA RACELAB	1:33.637	11
17	Rafael Villagomez	HWA RACELAB	1:33.675	11
18	Enzo Fittipaldi	Charouz Racing System	1:33.806	10
19	Ayumu Iwasa	Hitech Grand Prix	1:33.865	11
20	Jak Crawford	Hitech Grand Prix	1:33.876	11
21	Calan Williams	Jenzer Motorsport	1:33.881	11
22	Tijem Van der Helm	MP Motorsport	1:33.908	11
23	Kaylen Frederick	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:33.961	12
24	Lorenzo Colombo	Campos Racing	1:34.024	10
25	Amaury Cordeel	Campos Racing	1:34.191	11
26	Ido Cohen	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:34.333	11
27	László Tóth	Campos Racing	1:34.470	11
28	Reshad de Gerus	Charouz Racing System	1:34.775	10
29	Pierre Louis Chovet	Jenzer Motorsport	1:34.778	11
30	Filip Ugran	Jenzer Motorsport	1:35.132	13

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