

Sunday 23 July 2023

## **Doohan dominant in first win of 2023 season**

Jack Doohan went untroubled from pole position to score his first victory of the year for Invicta Virtuosi Racing. The Australian held the lead from lights out and never gave it up, managing the gap to PREMA Racing's Frederik Vesti behind.

The Dane finished second to strengthen his Drivers' Championship advantage once more, while Victor Martins secured third for ART Grand Prix to take the sixth podium of his rookie season.

## **AS IT HAPPENED**

Doohan got a great launch from pole to lead into Turn 1 while third-placed Vesti went wheel-to-wheel with Martins into the first corner. On the run to Turn 2, the PREMA Racing driver got the move done to seal second position.

Oliver Bearman started on mediums from seventh, but the Briton fell back to ninth on the opening lap, passed by Dennis Hauger and Enzo Fittipaldi who were both on the softs. Juan Manuel Correa made an electric start to move up five places to P10.

Zane Maloney was the first of those on the soft tyres to make a mandatory stop on Lap 8. The Rodin Carlin driver rejoined down in 21<sup>st</sup>, but his stop dragged a few more in on the following lap. Ralph Boschung and Jak Crawford made their stops on Lap 9 to rejoin ahead of Maloney.

Isack Hadjar was the first of the top five to stop on Lap 13 from fifth and Théo Pourchaire responded one lap later, both swapping to the mediums. The ART Grand Prix driver rejoined in 14<sup>th</sup> to remain ahead of his compatriot, but both were caught up behind Amaury Cordeel on old medium tyres. The pair eventually cleared the Belgian driver, but it allowed the leading trio of Doohan, Vesti and Martins to extend their stints on the softs.

Ayumu Iwasa was the leading driver on the alternate strategy, having started on the mediums but opted to pit on Lap 20 to fit the soft tyres. The DAMS driver filtered back out in 10<sup>th</sup> position.

Vesti made the swap to mediums on Lap 23, rejoining in fourth position just 1.4s ahead of title rival Pourchaire.

Martins pitted on the following lap and filtered out on cold tyres ahead of Vesti. The Mercedes junior breezed back through to take the place on the run to Turn 2. Pourchaire tried to follow through at Turn 4, but his teammate held firm, leaving the #5 ART running over the tyre marbles and off the track. That allowed Hadjar to sneak his way through to take fifth position on the road.

While his rivals scrapped on track, Doohan made his stop on Lap 25, rejoining with the lead of the race and 8.7s ahead of closest challenger Vesti in second.

Iwasa was onto the back of Pourchaire quickly with his soft tyres fired up. The Japanese driver got the switchback out of Turn 1 to take fifth position from the ART driver on Lap 26.

The DAMS man wasn't finished, and after tracking Hadjar down, the Japanese driver made a late dive down the inside at Turn 1 to move himself into fourth position on Lap 35.

Out in front, Doohan was untroubled from lights out, and the Australian set the fastest lap on the way to a Grand Chelem victory, having led every lap from pole position.

Vesti secured more important points in the Championship battle with second position, just ahead of Martins who made a late charge in an attempt to take P2 from the PREMA driver.

Iwasa secured fourth ahead of Hadjar and Pourchaire, who lost ground to Vesti, ultimately finishing in P6. Hauger secured seventh after his Sprint Race victory on Saturday ahead of Fittipaldi. The Van Amersfoort Racing pair of Correa and Richard Verschoor rounded out the points in ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> respectively.

#### **KEY QUOTE – Jack Doohan, Invicta Virtuosi Racing**

“Amazing race. Honestly, it was quite perfect so I'm very happy. Good start and a really good stint on the options followed by a better one on the mediums. All went to plan today and an awesome stop by the boys and an amazing car so thank you so much to Invicta Virtuosi and I'm looking forward to next weekend in Spa-Francorchamps.”

#### **THE CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS**

With another podium finish, Frederik Vesti's advantage in the Drivers' Championship grows to 11 points over Théo Pourchaire. The PREMA Racing driver now leads on 153 to the ART Grand Prix driver's 142. Ayumu Iwasa is now on 132 points in third. Victor Martins moves himself up to fourth in the Standings on 105, ahead of Jack Doohan, who is up to fifth on 100 points after his win.

In the Teams' Standings, PREMA Racing remain out in front, but ART Grand Prix continue their pursuit and are now level with the Italian outfit 247 points. DAMS stay third, now on 171 points.

#### **UP NEXT**

FIA Formula 2 heads to Spa-Francorchamps for the final race ahead of the summer break from 28-30 July.

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## 2023 FIA FORMULA 2 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 10 FEATURE RACE PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM
1	Jack Doohan	AUS	Invicta Virtuosi Racing
2	Frederik Vesti	DNK	PREMA Racing
3	Victor Martins	FRA	ART Grand Prix
4	Ayumu Iwasa	JPN	DAMS
5	Isack Hadjar	FRA	Hitech Pulse-Eight
6	Théo Pourchaire	FRA	ART Grand Prix
7	Dennis Hauger	NOR	MP Motorsport
8	Enzo Fittipaldi	BRA	Rodin Carlin
9	Juan Manuel Correa	USA	Van Amersfoort Racing
10	Richard Verschoor	NLD	Van Amersfoort Racing
11	Jehan Daruvala	IND	MP Motorsport
12	Oliver Bearman	GBR	PREMA Racing
13	Arthur Leclerc	MCO	DAMS
14	Roman Stanek	CZE	Trident
15	Roy Nissany	ISR	PHM Racing by Charouz
16	Zane Maloney	BRB	Rodin Carlin
17	Jak Crawford	USA	Hitech Pulse-Eight
18	Brad Benavides	USA	PHM Racing by Charouz
19	Ralph Boschung	CHE	Campos Racing
20	Kush Maini	IND	Campos Racing
21	Amaury Cordeel	BEL	Invicta Virtuosi Racing

### NOT CLASSIFIED

DNF	Clément Novalak	FRA	Trident
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### OVERALL FASTEST LAP

Jack Doohan	AUS	Invicta Virtuosi Racing
1:30.997 (Lap 36)		

### FASTEST LAP ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS

Jack Doohan	AUS	Invicta Virtuosi Racing
1:30.997 (Lap 36)		



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