



RAFFAELE MARCIELLO CONVINCES IN MACAU QUALIFYING

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15.11.2013. In second qualifying, Raffaele Marciello (D88.com Prema Powerteam) claimed pole position for the qualification race of the Macau GP. At the 6.12 kilometres long Guia circuit, the reigning FIA Formula 3 European Champion was 0.067 seconds faster than Felix Rosenqvist (GR Asia with Mücke). Alex Lynn (Theodore Racing by Prema) and Lucas Auer (Theodore Racing by Prema) secured third and fourth position in qualifying for the 'FIA Formula 3 International Cup'. In total, eight drivers from the FIA Formula 3 European Championship ended up in the top ten in qualifying for the world's most important Formula 3 race.

Only a few minutes before the end of second qualifying, 18-year-old Raffaele Marciello, a protégé of the Ferrari Driver Academy, moved up into the top of the time sheets. Previously, Felix Rosenqvist held first place. The 22-year-old Swede, who was still suffering from the effects of food poisoning, had to make do with second place. Behind Lynn and Auer, Tom Blomqvist (Fortec Motorsports) in sixth place, Luis Felipe Derani (Fortec Motorsports) in seventh, Harry Tincknell (Carlin) in ninth and Jordan King (Carlin) in tenth place were other drivers from the FIA Formula 3 European Championship to make it into the top ten.

Qualifying had to be interrupted three times. Japanese driver Katsumasa Chiyo (B-Max Engineering) caused the first red flag; Canadian Nelson Mason (Jo Zeller Racing) brought the red flags out for the second time, while a crash by Antonio Giovinazzi (Double R Racing) was the reason for the third interruption.

Raffaele Marciello (D88.com Prema Powerteam)

"In first qualifying, I didn't give everything yet and it was clear that I still had some reserve. In second qualifying, I found a good slipstream and therefore I was able to do a fast lap. I am proud of this pole position, even though its relevance for the race on Sunday is only limited. Nevertheless, starting the qualification race from first place is nice."