



Free session 1 at Paul Richard

First free session of the year starts at Paul Richard with wet track that quickly dries for final best lap by Guzman

Le Castellet, 12 April 2019 – At Paul Richard circuit first season of Formula Regional European Championship certified by FIA starts, with drivers ready to battle on the new Tatuus F3 T-318 motorized with a 1750 cc TBi 270 CV engine.

After a day of rain, today at 9.00 the French track was still wet, especially on parts of the circuit surrounded by areas with cement on the ground.

Teams have been obliged to use wet tyres for the first laps and then switch to slick, with lap times going quickly down from 2:19.000 to best result in the end obtained by Mexican Raul Guzman (DR Formula by RP Racing). Behind him the English Olli Caldwell (Prema Powerteam) with 2:15.771 and his teammate and winner of 2018 Italian F4 Championship Powered by Abarth, Brazilian Enzo Fittipaldi, with 2:16.825.

In the afternoon, starting at 13.35, FP2, still of 40' duration.

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FP2 at Paul Ricard

Prema in front in the FP2 with Caldwell, Vesti and Fittipaldi

Le Castellet, 12 April 2019 – On a more and more dry track with increasing grip lap times decrease fast and at the end of FP2 "podium" is all by Prema Powerteam, with Olli Caldwell who sets the time at 1:58.976, followed by Frederik Vesti with 1:58.981 and Enzo Fittipaldi (1:59.015).

Fourth is a very good David Schumacher (1:59.855), son of Ralf Schumacher, with team US Racing.

With the 3 Prema drivers in only 39 thousands of a second, qualifying sessions will be extremely intense, even though after FP2 rain has started falling intensely, so at 16.25 when qualifying will start, most probably the track will be wet and performances could definitely change.

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