



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Armstrong's domination continues

### Kiwi driver earns first pole in F3 ahead of Fewtrell and Vips

Marcus Armstrong achieved his first pole position of the season in a frantic FIA Formula 3 Qualifying session at the Red Bull Ring. The PREMA Racing ace was able to hold on to P1 ahead of Max Fewtrell and Jüri Vips, despite a late red flag interrupting his session.

Qualifying started with all 30 cars swarming onto the short Spielberg circuit and it was the continually dominant PREMAs who set the standard, with Jehan Daruvala and Robert Shwartzman enjoying an early tussle out in front.

Armstrong added a third PREMA to the party, but the trio were later broken up as ART Grand Prix displayed their much-improved pace. David Beckmann moved up to third, with teammates Fewtrell and Christian Lundgaard slipping in behind him.

Shwartzman's session was cut short as he suffered a technical hitch and was forced to pull over onto the bank at Turn 4, coming to a swift halt. Following this, Armstrong took the reins and ensured a PREMA remained on top, nabbing P1. Further drama ensued when Logan Sargeant took flight at the final turn and thundered into the barriers, bringing out a red flag. Thankfully, the American walked away from his car unscathed.

Ahead of the red flag, Armstrong had set a purple first sector and lost momentum as he looked to cement P1. Meanwhile, Vips and teammate Leonardo Pulcini managed to complete their laps and hauled themselves up to third and fourth ahead of the brief break in action.

The session resumed with just four minutes left on the clock and Vips wasted no time in getting the running back underway, narrowly missing out on pole by 0.180s, leaving Armstrong clinging onto the position.

Daruvala and Lundgaard were each able to set fast final laps and haul themselves back up the order, but neither times were as impressive as Fewtrell's who claimed P2 at the death, just 0.123s short of Armstrong.

This meant that the Kiwi maintained pole, with the Briton from ART in second and Vips third. Daruvala and Lundgaard completed the top five, ahead of Jake Hughes, Pulcini, Pedro Piquet, Beckmann and Sebastian Fernandez. However, the Spaniard will drop three places due to a penalty earned in Free Practice. Fewtrell and Vips will both look to contend with the power of Armstrong's PREMA in Race 1 tomorrow morning at 10.25am.

### 2019 FIA Formula 3 – Qualifying classification

DRIVER	TEAM	LAPTIME	LAPS
1 Marcus Armstrong	PREMA Racing	1:19.716	14
2 Max Fewtrell	ART Grand Prix	1:19.839	16
3 Jüri Vips	Hitech Grand Prix	1:19.896	17
4 Jehan Daruvala	PREMA Racing	1:19.934	14
5 Christian Lundgaard	ART Grand Prix	1:20.003	14
6 Jake Hughes	HWA RACELAB	1:20.075	16
7 Leonardo Pulcini	Hitech Grand Prix	1:20.188	17
8 Pedro Piquet	Trident	1:20.190	14
9 David Beckmann	ART Grand Prix	1:20.203	16
10 Sebastian Fernandez	Campos Racing	1:20.204	15
11 Lirim Zendeli	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:20.234	16
12 Robert Shwartzman	PREMA Racing	1:20.277	6
13 Bent Viscaal	HWA RACELAB	1:20.301	16
14 Richard Verschoor	MP Motorsport	1:20.308	15
15 Devlin DeFrancesco	Trident	1:20.323	14
16 Alex Peroni	Campos Racing	1:20.328	14
17 Liam Lawson		1:20.386	16
18 Felipe Drugovich	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:20.407	14

19	Simo Laaksonen	MP Motorsport	1:20.427	14
20	Niko Kari	Trident	1:20.476	14
21	Tepppei Natori	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:20.539	15
22	Giorgio Carrara	Jenzer Motorsport	1:20.592	17
23	Ye Yifei	Hitech Grand Prix	1:20.662	16
24	Logan Sargeant	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:20.673	11
25	Fabio Scherer	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:20.778	15
26	Raoul Hyman	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:20.887	16
27	Yuki Tsunoda	Jenzer Motorsport	1:20.959	15
28	Keyvan Andres	HWA RACELAB	1:21.319	16
29	Andreas Estner	Jenzer Motorsport	1:21.658	15
30	Alessio Deledda	Campos Racing	1:21.935	15



**Marcus Armstrong**  
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# POST QUALIFYING PENALTIES

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## FOUR DRIVERS PENALISED AHEAD OF RACE 1 IN AUSTRIA

David Beckmann, Christian Lundgaard, Keyvan Andres and Alessio Deledda have all received penalties following today's FIA Formula 3 Qualifying session.

Firstly, ART Grand Prix duo Lundgaard and Beckmann have both been disqualified from today's F3 qualifying result, with their lap times from the session cancelled. It was found that two team members who are not on the operational staff list were involved in actions impacting the mechanical and engineering operation of the cars. These two team members - who were identified as the drivers' physios - were seen holding a blower which was directing air into the engine intake above the drivers' head, therefore cooling the engine. ART Grand Prix's Team Manager indicated that the drivers' physios were not acting on behalf of the team.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that the actions of the drivers' physios were a serious breach of the Operational Staff regulations which are designed to be a key cost limiting component for the Championship.

Both Lundgaard and Beckmann - who had qualified P5 and P9 respectively - have been given permission to start Race 1 from the back of the grid.

Moreover, it was found that Andres and Deledda failed to slow sufficiently under double waved yellow flags in sectors 5 and 6, during an incident at Turn 4, when marshals were recovering Robert Shwartzman's beached PREMA Racing car.

As such, they received a drop of five grid places for Race 1 tomorrow, ahead of Lundgaard and Beckmann.