

## Imola, Race 1: Vidales, Quinn and David

**Three drivers of three different teams conquer the podium in the first race of the Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine - certified by FIA.**

Imola, 17/04/2021 – It is the **Spanish David Vidales** of **Prema Powerteam** to win the race after starting from pole and keeping the first position all the way, despite 2 restarts after safety car. Behind him **Alex Quinn** fo **Arden Motorsport** and **Hadrien David** of **R-ace GP**.

At the start Vidales is not very fast, but manages to keep the first position on Paul Aron (Prema Powerteam) that actually loses space and is overtaken by Alex Quinn and Hadrien David.

Behind the first 3 positions are **Aron, Grègoire Saucy (ART Grand Prix), William Alatalo (Arden Motorsport), Isack Hadjar(R-ace GP) and Gabriel Bortoleto (FA Racing)**.

In lap 2 Nicola Marinangeli spins and is in the gravel and Brad Benavides is off at Acque Minerali, so the safety car enters the track.

A good restart by Vidales, followed by Quinn, who loses some space, but manages to regain meters also thanks to the slipstream, and closes up on Vidales.

Tommy Smith is off after 19 minutes of race, putting the external rear wheel on the grass and spinning, so safety car is once again in.

After the second restart Vidales manages to gain some distance from Quinn, while behind the first two the positions are unchanged with David, Aron, Saucy, Alatalo and Hadjar.

Kas Haverkort (MP Motorsport) spins at Piratella due to a contact with Patrik Pasma (KIC Motorsport) touching him from the rear. Pasma will be finally penalized 3 positions on the starting grid of race 2 tomorrow, due to stewards' decision.

The race finishes under the safety car, with **Vidales winning the first race of the season, followed by Quinn and David. First of the Rookies and seventh overall is Isack Hadjar.**

**David Vidales:** "Great race, I am absolutely happy as also last year I did great here. Surely Alex was pushing at the beginning. It was important with Pirelli tires to control wear all along the race, and it was my first race with such tires. Tomorrow I start P5, but I know I have the pace so it is going to be fun. Thanks to the fantastic job done by the team".

**Alex Quinn:** "I had a good start and was almost able to overtake Vidales, but I was not quite there. I had the pace to overtake until the first safety car, but after that our paces were similar, so it was more difficult. Happy anyway for this result."



**Hadrien David:** Happy, great result, good overtake of one position at the start, and I had a great pace with the fastest lap of the race. It is important to make good points here in Imola. Tomorrow I will start from P2 so I hope to conquer the victory."

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