

## Imola, Race 2: Saucy, Aron and Maloney

### Great battles in Race 2 see three drivers of three different teams on the podium

Imola, 18/04/2021 – Once more at the **F1 Enzo e Dino Ferrari circuit in Imola** the first three drivers crossing the finish line are of three different teams, confirming the great balance of performance of the new Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine – certified by FIA series. The **Swiss Grégoire Saucy (ART Grand Prix)**, starting from pole position thanks to the great lap time of QP1 yesterday, obtains a fantastic win leading for the entire race. Behind him, **Paul Aron (Prema Powerteam)**, taking advantage of a terrible start by the second on the grid, Hadrien David (R-ace GP), just as **Zane Maloney (R-ace GP)**, finally third. The first of the **Rookies** is an improving **Gabriele Minì (ART Grand Prix)**, finally sixth overall.

At the **start** Saucy is fast, while David makes a mistake, and permits Aron to take second position, just in front of Maloney, David Vidales (Prema Powerteam), his teammate Dino Beganovic and Alex Quinn (Arden Motorsport). Vidales soon attacks Maloney on the outside, but is wide and goes onto the grass falling back into ninth position, and at the same time Jasin Ferati (Monolite Racing) is off track and on the gravel and his race is finished. The safety car enters the track and the advantage gained (more than one second) by Saucy and Aron is suddenly lost.

At the restart, a **great battle** takes place between **Gabriel Bortoletto (FA Racing)** attacking **Kas Haverkort (MP Motorsport)**. Just behind the two, the group is compact with Elias Seppanen (KIC Motorsport), Oliver Goethe (MP Motorsport), Eduardo Barrichello (JD Motorsport) and Axel Gnos (G4 Racing).

**Another amazing battle between Alex Quinn (Arden Motorsport) and Dino Beganovic (Prema Powerteam)**, when the British driver tries more times to attach the Swedish, but unfortunately ending with a crash between the two drivers, evaluated by the stewards as a racing accident where “no driver was wholly or predominantly to blame”.

The accident determines another entry of the safety car and the group is again compacted. During safety car Pietro Delli Guanti (Monolite Racing) stops due to technical problems. Minì in the meantime has recovered from 9th position at the start to 7th behind David Vidales, that he will finally overtake for a good sixth, while **William Alatalo is doing a great job**, from 11th at the start to 5th position.

The race ends with Saucy obtaining a fantastic victory, definitely the fastest and anticipating some big black clouds coming just for the start of the F1 race, which will be with wet track. Second Aron, third Maloney, fourth David, then Alatalo and Minì. In the **Rookies’ standing** second is **Mary Boya (Van Amersfoort Racing)** and third Goethe.

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