

# RED BULL RING, RACE 1: COLAPINTO AND MP CONQUER THEIR FIRST WIN

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**Franco Colapinto** conquers his and **MP Motorsport's** first win in the championship in Race 1 at Red Bull Ring. From pole position, the Argentinian driver manages to always keep the lead, even though his start is not perfect. Much better is the restart at the very beginning of the race determined by the accident of **Lèna Buehler** crashing into **Tommy Smith**.

Behind the Argentinian driver, the battle is strong, but chances to overtake are few. **Hadrien David (R-ace GP)** also keeps his second position from the start, and so does **Paul Aron (Prema Powerteam)** with the third, managing to be back on the podium after his last time in Monaco.

**Alex Quinn (Arden Motorsport)** gains one position from the start and ends fourth. The championship leader **Grégoire Saucy (ART Grand Prix)** also improves one position and is finally fifth, but evidently below expectations. Sixth is **Michael Belov (G4 Racing)**, up from the 11th position and one of the drivers who manages to overtake more on a difficult track in this sense.

Seventh is **Gabriel Bortoleto (FA Racing)**, who loses 3 positions from the start, but still obtains a very good result and is first among the **Rookies**.

"I am really happy for the improvement, and thank the team for the amazing work as they have given me a great car. I did not have a good start and it was a very difficult and long race, but I am happy and confident also for tomorrow", comments **Franco Colapinto** after the podium ceremony.

"I am very happy about the result. It is my first time on this track so I am positive

for the improvement and expect to do even better tomorrow, hopefully starting from pole position, as the slipstream here is not quite enough to overtake”, comments **Hadrien David**, who partially reduces the gap from Saucy in the championship.

“I think the team has worked really well and finally we have found the right direction to be fast. I feel good here as I have always been competitive, with two successes in F4. I hope for tomorrow we can conquer the pole position, as this is key for the final win”, explains **Paul Aron** after the race.

“I am really positive for this result, and being first of the Rookies and obtaining my best performance of the season until now is great. The team has helped a lot and I thank them”, is the comment by a very excited and positive **Gabriel Bortoleto**.

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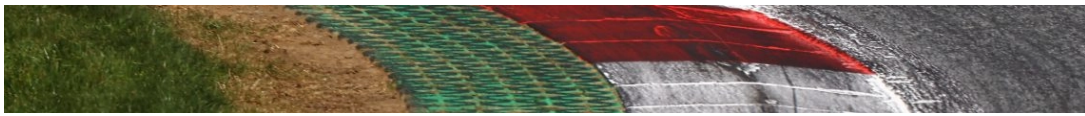
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**Franco Colapinto (MP Motorsport)** starts from pole position and, although a not perfect start, manages with strength and decision to keep the lead from the attack of **Hadrien David (R-ace GP)**. Behind the two **Paul Aron (Prema Powerteam)** is strongly attacked by **Alex Quinn (Arden Motorsport)**, who moves up one position from fifth to fourth overtaking **Gabriel Bortoleto (FA Racing)**, but does not manage to overtake the Estonian driver, who arrives to the first curve internally and manages to keep the position. **Grégoire Saucy (ART Grand Prix)** in the meantime manages to move up fifth also overtaking Bortoleto. Behind them, **William Alatalo (Arden Motorsport)**, **Zane Maloney (R-ace GP)**, **Michael Belov (G4 Racing)** follow ahead of **Gabriele Minì (ART Grand Prix)**, **Isack Hadjar (R-ace GP)** and **Dino Beganovic (Prema Powerteam)**.







Still during the first lap, **Léna Bulher (R-ace GP)** crashes into **Tommy Smith (JD Motorsport)** and the two drivers are out from the race, also requiring the **safety car** to enter the track. Bulher will be penalized 3 positions on the starting grid tomorrow for this accident.

At the restart, Colapinto is very good and keeps the first position. Behind him are still David, Aron, Quinn, Saucy, Bortoleto, Alatalo and Belov.

The race continues with these drivers extremely close to one another, and at times getting so close to try and attack, but never fast enough actually to overtake. A great job is done by **Belov**, who actually manages to overtake Alatalo first and, later along the race, seven minutes to the end, also Bortoleto, making an amazing move with blocked wheels. Three minutes plus one lap to the end of the race **Alexandre Bardinon (FA Racing)** is out of the track in the gravel and the **safety car** is in once more, but this time it will bring the drivers to the end of the race as there is no more time for fast laps.

**Colapinto obtains a fantastic win**, the first for him and the team, in front of **David, Aron, Quinn, Saucy, who limits the loss, a great Belov and an also very good Rookie, Bortoleto. After them Alatalo, Zane Maloney (R-ace GP) and Isack Hadjar.** The latter will be finally penalized by two positions in the final standings due to going off track and using this situation two overtake Gabriele Mini (Prema Powerteam) and Zane Maloney (R-ace GP). Thanks to this Mari Boya (Van Amersfoort Racing) will conquer the tenth position.

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Tomorrow **QP2** will take place at 8.30, while **Race 2** will start at 12.50 local time. Both will be shown **live-streaming** on the official **Youtube** and **Facebook** channels of the series, which are also reachable from the official

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