

Spa-Francorchamps, Race 2: Saucy and what a show!!!

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Race 2 in Spa-Francorchamps expresses the **best driving** one could possibly see, with so **many overtakes**, but almost no incidents, and so much talent and maturity by many drivers, making this **a real show!**

It is finally **Grégoire Saucy (ART Grand Prix)** from pole position to win the race, but not before having to battle first with his teammate, the **16 years old Rookie Gabriele Minì**, who actually manages to overtake with a great move the Swiss driver at the start. Finally, after many attempts, Saucy manages to gain the first position back, but he will have to defend it from an amazing **Zane Maloney (R-ace GP)**, who will be able, with a fantastic race, to conquer the **second position on the podium after starting from P5**. In the third position is finally an always very fast and effective **Hadrien David (R-ace GP)**, who does not have a perfect start, losing P4 on Maloney, but manages to overtake **David Vidales (Prema Powerteam)**, out of the race due to an accident with his teammate Paul Aron, and **Gabriele Minì**, finally **fourth** and first of the **Rookies**.

The **safety car** will enter on track after the accident between **Nicola Marinangeli (Arden Motorsport)** and **Tommy Smith (JD Motorsport)**, and at the restart Minì, second in that moment, will lose two positions from Maloney and David.

A great race also by the winner of Race 1, **Michael Belov (G4 Racing)**, up **six positions** from 11th to final 5th. Behind him **Franco Colapinto (MP Motorsport)**, up 5 positions, a fantastic **Dexter Patterson (Monolite Racing)**, seventh and second of the **Rookies** at his second race in the series and coming directly from the F4 experience. **Paul Aron (Prema**

Powerteam) is eighth, while **Isack Hadjar (R-ace GP) is ninth**, up seven positions from 16, just as **William Alatalo (Arden Motorsport)**, finally tenth from the 17th position on the grid.

"It is really nice to race here and the battle with Gabriele first and Maloney after has been great. I enjoyed every moment and this win is great also for the championship. At the start on this track, you do not only have to look in front but also at the rear as the straight permits your rival to use the slipstream and attack you. In Race 1 I have started very far behind for a mistake in the strategy we used for qualifying, but finally also in such race from 24 to 8th I have managed to limit the damage", comments the **winner and championship leader** with now additional points of advantage on Hadrien David, second in the general standings.

"I am evidently much more satisfied than yesterday", comments **Zane Maloney**. "Race was great, I had the pace and a lot of fun. I tried also to conquer the final win, but Grègoire drove well. Still, I think with some more laps there was the potential to attack him".

"Great weekend, both races on the podium, so my best result in this season", comments **Hadrien David**. "I had a bad start so Zane was able to overtake me, and finally I had some problems with tyre wear so I had to control, and I consider this third position very positive".

Race 2 Provisional Classification

It is possible to watch again this race and the racing weekend in Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps on the official website: formularegionaleubyalpine.com and social media pages:

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Spa-Francorchamps, Race 2 report: Saucy, Maloney and David

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Race 2 starting grid sees **poleman Grégoire Saucy (ART Grand Prix)**, at his side his teammate **Gabriele Minì**, in second row **David Vidales (Prema Powerteam)** and **Hadrien David (R-ace GP)**. In third row we have **Zane Maloney (R-ace GP)** and **Kas Haverkort (MP Motorsport)**.

At the **start** Saucy is fast, but behind him **Minì** makes the best of the slipstream and overtakes his teammate, while **Vidales** is close to the first two. In the meantime, the track confirms it is good for overtaking, with **Maloney** taking the fourth position on **David** who has a weak start, while a furious **Hadjar** conquers the 11th position from **Belov**.



The battle is amazing between **Mini** and **Saucy**, trying more and more times to reconquer the first position, but with the Italian battling for every inch and in every corner to keep hold of the lead. In the meantime, **Maloney** overtakes **Vidales**, while **Belov** is faster than **Hadjar** and overtakes the French back. Finally, **Saucy is back in the lead** leaving Mini in second position, and **Maloney** taking advantage of the battle between the first two and closing the gap on them.



Franco Colapinto (MP Motorsport) is also doing a great race moving up 5 positions from the 10th at the start and actually manages to overtake **Vidales** 22 minutes plus one lap to the end of the race. Also, **Gabriel Bortoleto (FA Racing)** is really effective in the first laps and **gains six positions from 20th to 14th.**

19 minutes to the end of the race and **Pietro Delli Guanti (Monolite Motorsport)** crashes **with Tommy Smith (JD Motorsport)**, so their race ends and the **safety car enters the track.** At the restart, **Saucy is perfect**, while **Minì** is immediately attacked by **Maloney**, and in the tentative move to protect the position, the Italian is also passed by **David**, in an amazing show of battles and overtakes. Behind them, another group of drivers is close to one another trying to conquer the fifth position: **Colapinto, Vidales and Havenkort.**



Maloney manages to get close to **Saucy** at a certain moment, but the Swiss is apparently only cooling down his tyres and soon increases his advantage on the strong driver from Barbados.

At 9'40" to the end of the race a great move from **Vidales** permits him to overtake **Colapinto**. Unfortunately, Vidales is involved soon after in an accident with his teammate **Paul Aron (Prema Powerteam)** and is out of the race, while the Estonian driver loses some positions falling down to 10th, but manages to continue his race, and actually gain back the ninth position overtaking Hadjar, who has just before conquered the position on **Dexter Patterson (Monolite Motorsport)**, the British driver obtaining a great performance despite almost zero experience in this series.

The first three drivers, **Saucy, Maloney and David** are in only 1.1 seconds, while **Belov is the quickest on track**.

Another battle sees **William Alatalo (Arden Motorsport)** conquer the 10th position from **Hadjar**, but the battle does not end as the two drivers are involved in a continuous challenge also with **Havenkort**. At this point, the three drivers who have been gaining more positions since the start are **Hadjar and Alatalo, up 7, and Belov, up 6**.

The race ends with **Saucy conquering another win**, finally losing only 4 points of advantage on his first follower in the championship, **David**, finally third in race 2 behind **Maloney**. **Minì** will be fourth and first of the Rookies, after a great race and really strong character in the battles at the front, but somehow paying more than deserved his weak restart behind the safety car.

After the meeting in Spa-Francorchamps **Grégoire Saucy leads with 189 points, ahead of Hadrien David with 129 points, and Zane Maloney who reaches 124 points**.

In the **Rookies** category, **Gabriele Minì leads with 109 points, ahead of Isack Hadjar with 101 and Mari Boya far back with 29 points**.

Finally, in the teams' standings, **Art Grand Prix leads with 320 points, but R-ace GP is just behind with 317 points, ahead of Prema Powerteam with 166 points.**

With the cancellation of the meeting in Nurburgring, the new dates and venue will be communicated in the coming weeks.

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