

# VALENCIA, RACE 2: BELOV CONQUERS A GREAT WIN

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**Michael Belov (G4 Racing)** is the winner of **Race 2** on the Ricardo Tormo circuit in Valencia. The **Russian** driver from pole position does everything perfectly showing speed and experience. At the start, he is fast and **Franco Colapinto (MP Motorsport)** from P2 cannot do anything to conquer the lead and will finally end second, even though at certain points the Argentinian was able to get close to Belov. Third is **Grègoire Saucy (ART Grand Prix)**, who holds his P3 on the grid to the end of the race, gaining additional points that get him incredibly close to the championship title. Fourth is a very good **Isack Hadjar (R-ace GP)**, the **Red Bull Junior Team** driver is back in the first positions after some time, and he is also first of the **Rookies**. Great fifth for **David Vidales**, who manages to **gain two positions** from the start and in this racing weekend in Valencia has definitely been the fastest of the **Prema Powerteam** drivers. Sixth is **Hadrien David (R-ace GP)**, always in the top ten, but not fast enough to scare Saucy for the championship title. Seventh is **Zane Maloney (R-ace GP)**, **eighth Mari Boya (Van Amersfoort Racing)** and ninth **Gabriel Bortoleto (FA Racing)**, a little bit in difficulty in the race pace compared to qualifying. The tenth is Gabriele Minì (ART Grand Prix), back in the points.

"I think I have done everything perfect, also the start and the restart have been good, so I am very pleased and thank the team for a great job. I have raced in Mugello in F4 and I really like the track, even though I had some technical problems at the time". comments the winner **Belov**.

"I am happy of the second position, even though of course I would have loved to take another win. On this track there was not much I could do, and I thank the team for a great job", comments **Colapinto**, definitely the driver who has obtained the best results here in Valencia.

"I am positive about the additional points which are very important for the championship. We have fixed the problems at the steering wheel we had yesterday, so today was much better. Mugello is going to be a surprise for me with this car, but I am looking forward to the racing weekend there", comments the **championship leader, Saucy**.

"It has been a very very tough race, and I am physically very tired, but it is a good position. The race was hard, but a little boring as it is so difficult to overtake. Still, I like the track. I do not know Mugello track, but it looks amazing, and I am sure we will have great fun there", said the first of the Rookies and fourth overall **Hadjar**.

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# VALENCIA RACE 2 REPORT

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At the start it is **Michael Belov (G4 Racing)** to start from pole position, in front of the amazingly fast here in Valencia **Franco Colapinto (MP Motorsport)**. Behind the two, in P3, is the championship leader **Grègoire Saucy (ART Grand Prix)**, who after the issue had at the steering wheel on Saturday, is back in the first positions. Great fourth for **Isack Hadjar (R-ace GP)**, Red Bull Ring Junior team driver, who recently had not been performing at his top. In fifth position is his teammate **Hadrien David (R-ace GP)**, second in the championship standings. Sixth and second of the Rookies after Hadjar is **Gabriel Bortoleto (FA Racing)**, after excellent qualifying.





At the start, **Belov** is faster than **Colapinto** and is safe from any attack coming from the Argentinian, who instead is partially side by side with Saucy, who though cannot try an overtake. Fourth is Hadjar, then an excellent **David Vidales (Prema Powerteam)**, who manages to overtake Hadrien David and Bortoleto immediately in the first turns. Eighth is **Zane Maloney, the R-ace GP** driver from Barbados. **Ninth is Mari Boya (Van Amersfoort Racing)**, excellent third in Race 1. **Tenth is Gabriele Minì (ART Grand Prix)**, not at his top at Red Bull Ring and here in Valencia.



In a track where it is difficult to overtake, an amazing move by Maloney permits him in a few turns to gain the seventh position from Bortoleto, who goes wide and off track and is finally also overtaken by Boya.

At 23:30 to the end of the race **Dino Beganovic (Prema Powerteam)** is stopped by technical problems, after setting the best lap time of the race.

The distance between Belov and Colapinto in the first laps is below 1 second, and at 19:00 to the end of the race the Argentinian also tries to attack the Russian, but from too far and with no success. After mid-race, Belov manages to find more speed and increase his advantage to over one second.







In the meantime, Vidales is extremely close to Hadjar and tries more times to overtake him.

8 minutes to the end of the race **Josè Garfias (Monolite Racing) and Dino Van T Hoff (MP Motorsport)** in the back positions crash and are out of the race. The **Safety Car** enters on track. At the restart (2:30 to the end of the race), positions do not change. Still, Colapinto is a little more effective than Belov and tries a timid overtake with no success.

Finally, **Belov wins in front of Colapinto, Saucy, Hadjar, Vidales, David, Boya, Maloney (losing one position for going off track and gaining advantage), Bortoleto and Mini.**





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After the Valencia weekend **Saucy increases his advantage on David (239 points vs 161)** and with 100 points available with the remaining two rounds in Mugello and Monza, the Swiss only needs 22 to conquer the title. Also **Zane Maloney** is still mathematically in the battle for the championship with 151 points.

The next round (9) of the **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine, certified by FIA, and co-organized by ACI Sport and Alpine**, will take place in **Mugello on the weekend of the 9-10 October**.