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Stanek steals pole late on in Barcelona

Roman Stanek left it late but secured himself pole position ahead of Victor Martins at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya. The Trident driver had made an early error in the session but rebounded brilliantly to take pole position in the final moments of the day.

Alex Smolyar followed ahead of Isack Hadjar and Arthur Leclerc, who will have to make up places to fight with his championship rivals ahead. Meanwhile, Juan Manuel Correa made it inside the top 10 on his return.

Though he was fastest in Practice, Martins was in no hurry to get underway. The rest of the pack filtered through the pit lane and out onto a baking hot track. Drivers were very careful to bring the tyres into the ideal operating window, with track temperatures around 48°C as they made their way out onto the circuit.

Kaylen Frederick set the first representative time of the session which was quickly beaten by several drivers. Caio Collet's 1:34.026 put him fastest of anyone following the first laps, tantalising close to breaking into the 1:33s.

Stanek had set the fastest first sector time on his opening attempt, but he immediately undid his hard work. On the exit of Turn 4, he ran wide, dipping his left-side tyres into the grass bringing his first push to an early end.

Franco Colapinto slotted into second, just 0.015s off provisional pole. Martins' late start didn't prevent him from going close and he planted his ART Grand Prix in third, with Smolyar and Isack Hadjar rounding out the top five after the initial runs.

Jak Crawford was a tenth ahead of Championship leader Leclerc, sixth and seventh respectively, while Juan Manuel Correa, Oliver Bearman and Kush Maini filled out the remaining top 10 spots.

The track got busy once again with 18 minutes remaining of Qualifying for the next laps. Hadjar was first into the 1:33s to take the top spot but it was only temporary as more laps filtered in. Smolyar lifted himself to the top spot, but Martins found yet more time. A 1:33.568 put the Frenchman ahead of everyone once more.

Title rival Leclerc moved himself up to third place with fellow Ferrari Academy driver Bearman hot on his heels, 0.016s back in fourth. Hadjar retained fifth with his effort and he was followed by Crawford, Collet, Zane Maloney, David Vidales and Stanek. The Trident driver was out of sequence with the rest of the pack but shot up the order into 10th after his earlier error, with just four-tenths separating the top 10.

After everyone had peeled back in for the second and final reprieve, the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya filled back up once more with just under six minutes left of the session.

Half the field was separated by just a matter of seconds nose-to-tail as the field crawled around the final chicane leading to the final runs of the day.

Stanek set the fastest first sector time as others struggled to find improvements further back. The Czech driver followed it up with two personal bests in sectors two and three to claim provisional pole on a 1:33.516. Martins set a personal best first sector but abandoned his lap, handing pole to the Trident driver.

The Championship leader had to settle for second ahead of Smolyar, Hadjar and Leclerc. Bearman followed his Ferrari stablemate in sixth and narrowly beat out Collet by 0.003s. Frederick was behind in eighth, Crawford ninth and the returning Correa finishing 10th.

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	DRIVER	TEAM
1	Roman Stanek	Trident
2	Victor Martins	ART Grand Prix
3	Alexander Smolyar	MP Motorsport
4	Isack Hadjar	Hitech Grand Prix
5	Arthur Leclerc	PREMA Racing
6	Oliver Bearman	PREMA Racing
7	Caio Collet	MP Motorsport
8	Kaylen Frederick	Hitech Grand Prix
9	Jak Crawford	PREMA Racing
10	Juan Manuel Correa	ART Grand Prix
11	David Vidales	Campos Racing
12	Zane Maloney	Trident
13	Franco Colapinto	Van Amersfoort Racing
14	Grégoire Saucy	ART Grand Prix
15	Oliver Rasmussen	Trident
16	Josep María Martí	Campos Racing
17	Reece Ushijima	Van Amersfoort Racing
18	Rafael Villagómez	Van Amersfoort Racing
19	Zak O'Sullivan	Carlin
20	Hunter Yeany	Campos Racing
21	William Alatalo	Jenzer Motorsport
22	Lirim Zendeli	Charouz Racing System
23	Kush Maini	MP Motorsport
24	Nazim Azman	Hitech Grand Prix
25	Ido Cohen	Jenzer Motorsport
26	Enzo Trulli	Carlin
27	Federico Malvestiti	Jenzer Motorsport
28	Brad Benavides	Carlin
29	Francesco Pizzi	Charouz Racing System
30	László Tóth	Charouz Racing System

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