

Friday 22 April 2022

Maloney fronts Trident Motorsport 1-2 in Imola Qualifying

Trident's Zane Maloney claimed his maiden Formula 3 pole position during a frantic conclusion to Qualifying at Imola on Friday. On a circuit that was rapidly drying Maloney vaulted to the front of the pecking order with a time of 1:41.180s to register a lap that would not be beaten.

After a drenched and shortened Free Practice session earlier on Friday the rain eased in time for Qualifying, albeit with Wet tyres still required for the field of 29 drivers. They were all eager to lay down a benchmark and top spot exchanged hands on multiple occasions, with purple and green sector times dominating the timesheets.

That came to a juddering halt following a clash between Enzo Trulli and Arthur Leclerc that left the PREMA Racing driver in the gravel at Rivazza 1. The incident brought out the red flags, forcing drivers to return to the pit lane, with only five minutes remaining in the session.

Once it restarted there was a frantic jostle for track position and immediately lap times tumbled due to the rapidly improving track conditions.

After Isack Hadjar and Grégoire Saucy enjoyed spells at the front, it was Maloney who made sure of pole position to grab two bonus points and a clear view for Sunday's Feature Race.

Roman Staněk slotted into second, 0.107s behind, to make it a 1-2 result for Trident on home soil.

PREMA's Jak Crawford vaulted into third place with a last-gap lap, inching just 0.001s clear of Saucy, while Oliver Bearman captured fifth, leaving Championship leader Victor Martins in sixth. Hadjar was shuffled down to seventh in the closing laps, with Carlin's Zak O'Sullivan eight, as MP Motorsport duo Caio Collet and Kush Maini rounded out the top 10 positions.

Qualifying determined the starting order for Sunday's Feature Race but Saturday's Sprint Race line-up is dictated by the top 12 being reversed. That means the front-row of the grid for the Sprint Race will consist of Franco Colapinto and Ido Cohen, who qualified 12th and 11th respectively.

Formula 3's Sprint Race is scheduled to begin on Saturday at 10:35am local time.

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

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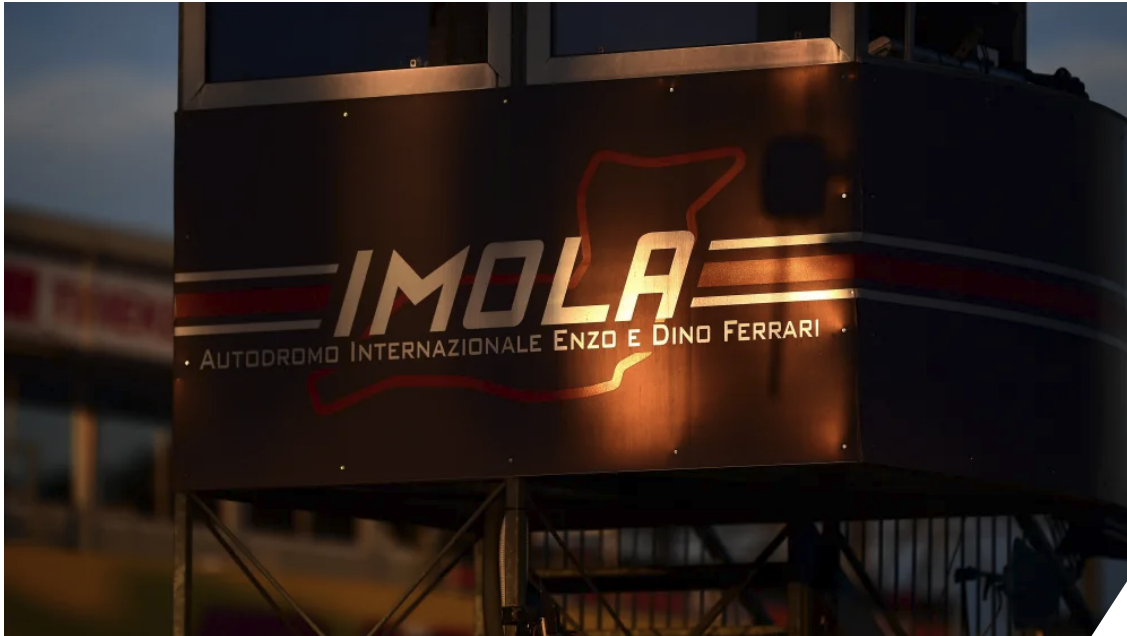
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ROUND 2 POST QUALIFYING PENALTIES

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Following today's F3 Qualifying at Imola, four drivers were penalised.

Rookie Enzo Trulli received a 3 place grid drop for tomorrow's Sprint Race after it was determined that he had caused a collision with Arthur Leclerc. The Carlin driver was on slick tyres and coming into Turn 1. He wanted to overtake the PREMA racer on the inside and started to understeer. He could not avoid the collision. Trulli explained that the damp part of the track caused him to lose control of the car. He had classified P28. He will start from P29.

Oliver Bearman also received a 3 place grid drop for tomorrow's race for unnecessarily impeding David Vidales at Turn 17. The PREMA driver explained he was preparing for a fast lap and was on the dry line at T17. He did see the Campos racer behind him approaching with a faster speed. However, the Briton continued to drive slowly on the ideal line. Vidales confirmed that he was on a fast lap and had to brake to avoid a collision with Bearman. The Briton will start from P11.

Moreover, Vidales was himself found guilty of impeding teammate Hunter Yeany at Turn 18. The Spaniard explained that due to avoiding a collision with Bearman, he went off track at Turn 17. Before re-joining the track between Turns 17 and 18, Vidales saw Yeany exiting T17. However, on re-joining the track, the American was right behind the Spanish driver and had to brake as he had nowhere to go. The Stewards determined that Vidales impeded Yeany. Therefore, he was handed a 3 place grid drop for the Sprint

Race. He had classified P27 and will start from P28.

Finally, Zak O'Sullivan also received a drop of three grid places for Saturday's race for impeding Reece Ushijima at Turn 2. The Carlin racer explained that he was on an outlap after having switched to slick tyres and was on the dry line when approaching T2. He was focused on letting another car by and thus only noticed the VAR driver at the last moment. Due to the switch to slick tyres, O'Sullivan was also struggling to gain grip. Ushijima was on a fast lap and had to brake for the Briton at the apex of Turn 2. O'Sullivan will start from P8.