DINO BEGANOVIC DOMINATES A RAIN-AFFECTED RACE ONE AT MONZA

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Prema Racing's **Dino Beganovic** claimed his first **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine** victory in the opener race of the weekend at **Monza**.

The heavy rain has not scared the Sweden racer, who headed **Michael Belov (MP Motorsport)**. **R-ace GP**'s **Lorenzo Fluxa** completed the podium with a battling drive to the third place. The Spaniard claimed his first podium finish after contending the position with teammate **Hadrien David**. The French finished fourth ahead of **Kas Haverkort (Van Amersfoort Racing)**.

Gabriel Bortoleto (R-ace GP) was sixth ahead of **Mari Boya (ART Grand Prix)**, with **Sebastian Montoya** emerging among the 20 rookies to take the eighth overall position.

Sami Meguetounif (MP Motorsport) finished ninth. Some post race penalties promoted **Trident Motorsport**'s **Leonardo Fornaroli** to the tenth position.

The race was slowed by three safety car periods. The first one due to the contact between **Laurens van Hoepen** (ART Grand Prix) and **Eduardo Barrichello (Arden Motorsport)**. It forced the Brazilian to return to the pits while the Dutchman had to retire. At the restart, second placed **Gabriele Minì** hit the rear of the leader's car. After a short pit stop the Italian made a great recovery from the back of the field to the fifteenth position.

"It's a good way to start the season – said Beganovic – It was a tricky race and we had to be careful with the brakes and the traction. I'm happy for this result. Tomorrow we hope to confirm another good performance".

The **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine** field will be back in action for the second qualifying at 09.25am tomorrow. Live timing will be available throughout the day, while qualifying and Race 2 (02.05pm) will be **live streamed** on official YouTube and Facebook of the series (links at formularegionaleubyalpine.com).

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