

A LIGHT-TO-FLAG VICTORY FOR PAUL ARON IN MONZA

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Paul Aron led every lap as he claimed his first victory of the season in **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine**.

The Estonian driver started from pole position after setting the fastest lap in qualifying, and gradually built up a strong lead over teammate **Dino Beganovic**, who finished second to make it a stunning one-two finish for **Prema Racing**.

Beganovic, yesterday's race winner, held off a first lap challenge from **Gabriele Mini (ART Grand Prix)**, who settled for third place. The Italian claimed what could have been his in the first race after he was in contention with the Swedish driver for a podium finish before contact forced him to return to the pits.

Van Amersfoort Racing's Kas Haverkort was fourth, less than a second away from the podium trio, and 0.487 seconds clear of **Michael Belov**.

ART Grand Prix's **Mari Boya** finished just under five tenths behind **MP Motorsport** bearer, with **Hadrien David** taking seventh for **R-ace GP**.

Sebastian Montoya (Prema Racing) was the fastest rookie as well as scoring eighth position overall with **Gabriel Bortoleto** (R-ace GP) and **Maceo Capietto** (**Monolite Racing**) completing the top-10.

Two safety car periods were needed, the first one due to the contact between **Pietro Armanni** (Monolite Racing) and **Hamda Al Qubaisi** (Prema Racing) who both retired. The second one for contact at the same corner (Variante della Roggia) that involved **Santiago Ramos** (**KIC Motorsport**) and **Keith Donegan** (**RPM**), who will

receive a two place grid drop at Imola. The same penalty was imposed to Armani.

*"It was a really good race and overall a really good day for me and the team – said **Aron** – We were a little bit unlucky yesterday, the pace was there the whole weekend, but we had a broken front wing in qualifying which there is nothing we can do about. So for the first race we started quite far back and I also lost the front wing in the race. So today we knew we had the pace and luckily I was able to show it in qualifying and now in the race. I had a really good start and after that it was quite easy to manage the race with the tyres."*

The field will be back in action again at **Imola** (May 07-08) for the second round of the year.

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