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O'Sullivan brings it home with unexpected maiden pole position

Zak O'Sullivan gave the local fans an early celebration as he pushed it to the limit to secure his first pole position in Formula 3. The British rookie also wrote his name into Carlin history by securing the team's first pole in the Championship.

Meanwhile, Arthur Leclerc banished his Qualifying woes to snatch second, as Zane Maloney got Round 4 off to a promising start in P3. Having been in the fight for pole, Collet was forced to settle for fourth ahead of PREMA Racing's Jak Crawford and Oliver Bearman. Kaylen Frederick secured seventh ahead of Roman Stanek, while traffic proved costly for Isack Hadjar who could only manage ninth as Kush Maini rounded out the top 10.

Collet was quick out of the box, becoming the first driver to set a flying lap. MP Motorsport were on the pace for the get-go, as Collet's 1:45.602 was momentarily bested by his teammate Maini before the Alpine Academy junior regained provisional P1.

Finding the limit at Silverstone was the name of the game as both Franco Colapinto and Frederick overshot their apexes. However, that didn't stop Frederick in the Hitech from leaping up into fourth, just behind his teammate Hadjar, who had a fright of his own. The Frenchman's lightning reactions were just enough to save him from a major spin heading into Copse.

Traffic and track limits proved to be a thorn in the drivers' side, as a blistering 1:44.873 from Bearman sent him into P1 before being deleted. Meanwhile, the Trident trio were on the charge as Maloney climbed up into third ahead of teammate Edgar, who was returning at his home race following a two-race absence.

After a short mid-session break, Collet got running underway on his second set of tyres. Slotting himself into clean air, he fully committed to the lap. A touch of oversteer might have proved costly, as he clocked in a 1:44.823. Victor Martins' day was going less smoothly than the Championship leader would have liked, as he momentarily hopped up from 13th up to second.

As the clock ticked down to zero, a flurry of fast laps once again switched up the order. Leclerc jumped up to P1, but nothing could stop O'Sullivan from pipping the PREMA. Almost identical times in the opening sector meant that there was virtually nothing between the pair – who ended the session separated by only 0.027s.

Maloney proved to be another late beneficiary to claim third, while Collet's previous mistake denied him another shot at pole. Sunday's Feature Race will have an all-PREMA third row with Crawford and Bearman securing fifth and sixth, an added boost in their quest to reclaim the Teams' title from reigning champions Trident.

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Frederick closed out Qualifying in seventh ahead of Stanek. Preparation lap traffic proved to be Hadjar's undoing as the Hitech driver missed out on a potential top five position, having looked to be on the pace throughout the 30-minute session.

Lining up on reverse grid pole for Saturday's Sprint Race, Maini will have the perfect opportunity to secure a maiden rostrum finish in the opening race of the weekend. The 30-car grid will hit the track at 9:55 local time.

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		DRIVER	TEAM	
	1	Zak O'Sullivan	Carlin	
	2	Arthur Leclerc	PREMA Racing	
	3	Zane Maloney	Trident	
	4	Caio Collet	MP Motorsport	
	5	Jak Crawford	PREMA Racing	
	6	Oliver Bearman	PREMA Racing	
	7	Kaylen Frederick	Hitech Grand Prix	
	8	Roman Stanek	Trident	
	9	Isack Hadjar	Hitech Grand Prix	
	10	Kush Maini	MP Motorsport	
	11	Victor Martins	ART Grand Prix	
	12	Reece Ushijima	Van Amersfoort Racing	
	13	David Vidales	Campos Racing	
	14	Jonny Edgar	Trident	
	15	Grégoire Saucy	ART Grand Prix	
	16	Juan Manuel Correa	ART Grand Prix	
	17	Franco Colapinto	Van Amersfoort Racing	
	18	Hunter Yeany	Campos Racing	
	19	Francesco Pizzi	Charouz Racing System	
	20	Ido Cohen	Jenzer Motorsport	
	21	William Alatalo	Jenzer Motorsport	
	22	Nazim Azman	Hitech Grand Prix	
	23	Brad Benavides	Carlin	
	24	Federico Malvestiti	Jenzer Motorsport	
	25	Rafael Villagómez	Van Amersfoort Racing	
	26	Enzo Trulli	Carlin	
	27	Filip Ugran	MP Motorsport	
	28	Zdenek Chovanec	Charouz Racing System	
	29	László Tóth	Charouz Racing System	
NOT CLASSIFIED				
		Josep María Martí	Campos Racing	



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