



PRESS RELEASE

Rafa Camara wins the pole position in the first race of the year

Imola, Friday, April 22nd, 2023

Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine first qualifying of the year is done, Rafael Camara is the fastest on the track of Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari of Imola and gains the pole position for the first race of 2023 with his best lap this morning in group A. The Brazilian Ferrari Driver Academy of Prema Racing stops the clock at 1'39.130. Though session with very strict gaps between the drivers, the Norwegian debutant Martinius Stenshorne showed all his speed by following extremely closely this morning under Imola's sun: his best lap was only 3 milliseconds slower than the leader. P3 in the first group on the track today went to Spaniard Lorenzo Fluxa, Prema Racing, that signed a gap of 0.168; followed by the very quick German of R-ace GP, Tim Tramnitz, at 0.283 and Alessandro Giusti, G4 Racing, with 0.499.

Group B took it to the track after a 5 minutes break, Andrea Kimi Antonelli, Mercedes junior driver of Prema Racing, set the best lap in the second half of the session with 1'39.303. Santiago Ramos, RPM, followed the Italian with a gap of 0.138, both obtained very positive output despite the track getting dirtier with some of the drivers excusing into gravel. P3 in group B went to the Dutchman of Van Amersfoort Racing, Kas Haverkort, with a gap of 0.372. Trident's Singaporean driver Nikhil Bohra come in fourth with 0.419, followed by Josh Dufek, Van Amersfoort Racing, that closed the top 5 with a 0.464 gap.

Now starts the wait for Race 1. The first great battle of the season will be on the track of Imola at 16.30 today (local time), and will last 30 minutes + 1 lap. Sunday the second and last qualifying session (Group B 9.00 – 9.15; Group A 9.20 – 9.35) will precede Race 2 (14.35, 30 minutes + 1 lap). Qualifying and race sessions aired live on the official Youtube and Facebook pages @formularegionaleubyalpine.

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After the post-session examinations carried on by the Stewards following Race Director's reports, Group A qualifying results change. Rafael Camara (Prema Racing) had his best lap deleted for failing to slow down when a yellow flag was displayed, while Lorenzo Fluxà (Prema Racing) left the track at turn 2. For this very same reason also Alessandro Giusti (G4 Racing) suffered the same penalty but kept the fifth placement.

Best lap time deleted also for MP Motorsport duo Sami Meguetounif, who lost P6 and is now P10, and Victor Bernier, both for failing to slow down with a yellow flag exposed after Giovanni Maschio's car spun. The first pole position of the year goes then to Martinius Stenshorne, R-ace GP, with 1'39.133. Stenshorne is the first Rookie driver ever to gain the pole in the first race of the season in Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine.

Camara slips to P2 (+0.120), followed by Fluxà in third (+0.265). Tim Tramnitz (R-ace GP) is fourth with a gap of 0.280.

Race 1, 30 minutes + 1 lap, will be live today at 16.20 (local time), with Stenshorne on pole with Andrea Kimi Antonelli (Prema Racing) in the front row, then Camara and Santiago Ramos (RPM). Third row to Fluxà and Kas Haverkort (MP Motorsport).

[The complete Race 1 starting grid is available here: Rd 01 – IMOLA – Grid_Race_1](#)

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