

## Browning wins interrupted Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix



Briton Luke Browning dominated the Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix - FIA F3 World Cup race on Sunday in a two-part race that was interrupted by a fiery crash for Estonian driver Paul Aron.

Browning, who drives for the Hitech Pulse-Eight team, made brilliant getaways at both the original start and the crucial red flag safety car restart to seal his success. With the race ultimately ending under a safety car, Browning came home ahead of MP Motorsport's Dennis Hauger and SJM Theodore PREMA racing's Gabriele Minì.

Speaking about his victory, Browning said: "This is an absolute dream. Words can't describe how I'm feeling right now, but to win at this level against this grid is properly humbling."

At the original start, Browning had got away brilliantly from pole position to defend the inside line all the way down into Lisboa, with Minì tucked in his slipstream. But as the field braked for the tight right-hander, it was Browning's team-mate Alex Dunne who tried to pull off a move around the outside to grab second but he hit trouble as he ran into the barriers.

As Browning got his head down to pull clear at the front, behind him Minì was the man under attack on lap two as his team-mate Dino Beganovic slipstreamed past him on the run down to Lisboa. But Beganovic was carrying too much speed into the corner and, after locking up, ran wide into the tyre barriers.

Following a short virtual safety car period, Browning stretched his advantage once again at the front as Minì pulled clear with him. Behind them, Hauger moved up to third on lap five as he drafted past Aron (SJM Theodore PREMA Racing) on the run to Lisboa. Aron lost another place to Mari Boya a lap later.

Aron appeared to be struggling and on lap eight, going through the Solitude Esses, he crashed into the barriers – with his car breaking in half and erupting into flames. Although he was able to climb out of the car unaided, debris across the track and barrier repairs prompted a lengthy red flag period.

At the restart on lap 12, Browning perfectly controlled his getaway as Minì found himself under attack from Hauger – who was able to draft past on the run into Lisboa and even had a sniff of the lead. Browning held on though and his win was assured when, on lap 13, the safety car was called out to allow marshals to retrieve the crashed car of Nikola Tsolov, who had hit the barriers at Fisherman's Bend.

The race duly finished under caution. Behind the top three, MP Motorsport's Boya came home in fourth, ahead of Josep Maria Marti in the Campos Racing car and Trident's Richard Verschoor.

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