

Thursday, 21st June 2024**Mansell beats Lindblad to take last gasp Pole in Barcelona**

Christian Mansell is set to start Formula 3's 100th race from Pole Position after he beat PREMA Racing's Arvid Lindblad to top spot in a dramatic Barcelona Qualifying.

The ART Grand Prix driver set a 1:28.463 on his final attempt in the session to take his maiden Pole in the category, with Lindblad ending up second just 0.036s off the pace, while Mansell's teammate Nikola Tsolov was third.

After the first set of laps, it was the third ART driver Laurens van Hoepen who went fastest. The Dutchman's time of 1:29.187 saw him beat Trident's Leonardo Fornaroli to top spot by less than a tenth.

The drivers then returned to the pitlane and strapped on a second set of the Pirelli Hard tyres in preparation for the next set of push laps.

As they crossed the line to complete the second flying efforts it was Luke Browning that went fastest with a 1:28.888. Home favourite Mari Boya went closest to beating his time, with the Campos Racing driver just 0.006s off top spot.

The drivers pitted one last time for another set of tyres with the top 17 drivers all within half a second of Browning's pace-setting time.

On the final runs, the fastest effort changed hands multiple times before Mansell eclipsed Lindblad's time by just 0.036s, with his lap of 1:28.463 giving him his first Formula 3 Pole Position.

ART teammate Tsolov took P3 ahead of Browning with Oliver Goethe the lead Campos in P5. Fornaroli wound up P6 ahead of Hitech Pulse-Eight's Martinus Stenshorne, with van Hoepen in eighth.

MP Motorsport's Alex Dunne ended up in P9 ahead of the Campos pair of Sebastián Montoya and Mari Boya, with Sami Meguetounif in P12. This means the Trident driver will start tomorrow's Sprint Race from reverse grid pole, which is set to take place at 10:40 local time.

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	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Christian Mansell	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:28.463
2	Arvid Lindblad	GBR	PREMA Racing	1:28.499
3	Nikola Tsolov	BGR	ART Grand Prix	1:28.502
4	Luke Browning	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:28.519
5	Oliver Goethe	DEU	Campos Racing	1:28.570
6	Leonardo Fornaroli	ITA	Trident	1:28.672
7	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:28.687
8	Laurens van Hoepen	NLD	ART Grand Prix	1:28.707
9	Alexander Dunne	IRL	MP Motorsport	1:28.711
10	Sebastian Montoya	COL	Campos Racing	1:28.748
11	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:28.784
12	Sami Meguetounif	FRA	Trident	1:28.808
13	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Trident	1:28.873
14	Noel Leon	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:28.917
15	Dino Beganovic	SWE	PREMA Racing	1:28.965
16	Gabriele Mini	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:28.986
17	Tim Tramnitz	DEU	MP Motorsport	1:29.013
18	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.032
19	Joseph Loake	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.095
20	Cian Shields	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1:29.100
21	Nikita Bedrin	ITA	AIX Racing	1:29.102
22	Matias Zagazeta	PEU	Jenzer Motorsport	1:29.184
23	Charlie Wurz	AUT	Jenzer Motorsport	1:29.299
24	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	AIX Racing	1:29.317
25	Sophia Floersch	DEU	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:29.345
26	Max Esterson	USA	Jenzer Motorsport	1:29.360
27	Kacper Sztuka	POL	MP Motorsport	1:29.366
28	Joshua Dufek	AUT	AIX Racing	1:29.393
29	Tommy Smith	AUS	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:29.509
30	Piotr Wisnicki	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.801

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BARCELONA QUALIFYING FINAL CLASSIFICATION

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With Campos Racing's Sebastián Montoya's Qualifying lap deleted due to a track limits violation, the Colombian now classifies P27.

Therefore, all the drivers from Trident's Sami Meguetounif in P11 to MP Motorsport's Kacper Sztuka in P26 have now been moved up one position.

This also means that tomorrow's Sprint Race starting grid will see Trident's Santiago Ramos line up on Pole Position ahead of his teammate Meguetounif in second and Campos' Mari Boya in third.