

# ALESSANDRO GIUSTI OPENS THE WEEKEND AT IMOLA WITH THE FASTEST TIME IN THE FIRST COLLECTIVE TEST

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The **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine** officially returned to action after the summer break this morning at **Imola**, the circuit hosting the seventh of the season's ten double-header rounds.

On the nearly 5 km dry track, with an asphalt temperature of 33.2 degrees, the first 50-minute timed session of the weekend took place, with **Alessandro Giusti** coming out on top. The Williams Academy driver confirmed his excellent form, continuing from his victory at Paul Ricard, which the Frenchman claimed at the end of July. The **ART Grand Prix** driver clocked the best time of 1'40.333, just 50 thousandths ahead of Ferrari Driver Academy representative **Tuukka Taponen (R-ace GP)**. Right behind the Finnish driver was series leader **Rafael Camara (Prema Racing)**, also under the Ferrari Academy's guidance, who stopped the clock less than two tenths behind the fastest time. Another Brazilian driver, **Pedro Clerot**, showed he was perfectly at ease with the twists and turns of the circuit named after Enzo and Dino Ferrari: at the wheel of a Van Amersfoort Racing car, he posted the fourth-best time and was also the fastest rookie on track.

Strong performances also came from **Théophile Naël (Sainteloc Racing)** and **James Wharton** (Prema Racing), who finished the session in fifth and sixth place, respectively. Italian driver **Brando Badoer** (Van Amersfoort Racing) also attracted attention, leading the session until just a few minutes before the end, when he secured the seventh-fastest time. Rounding out the top 10 were **Enzo Peugeot** (Sainteloc Racing), his teammate **Matteo De Palo**, and **Evan Giltaire** (ART Grand Prix).

The international series will return to action this afternoon at 13:50 for the second test of the day.

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