

Friday 5 July, 2024

## Esterson leads Shields in rain-hampered session at Silverstone

Jenzer Motorsport's Max Esterson ended up with the fastest time in this morning's Silverstone Free Practice, leading Hitech Pulse-Eight's Cian Shields in a rain-hit session.

Esterson completed a lap of 2:00.153 to take top spot, eclipsing Shields' previous benchmark time by just 0.114s as ART Grand Prix driver Nikola Tsolov ended up third.

With the full wet tyres strapped on as rain continued to fall at Silverstone, MP Motorsport's Tim Tramnitz was the early pacesetter thanks to his time of 2:02.391.

However, the fastest time continued to change as home favourites Joseph Loake and then Arvid Lindblad went to P1 only for Campos Racing's Mari Boya to go over a second quicker on a 2:00.873.

Then came Tsolov in his ART car who then eclipsed Boya's time by 0.323s, while his teammate Christian Mansell went up to third, over half a second behind the Bulgarian driver.

Hitech rookie Shields was next up as he set the fastest first and final sectors to go quickest with a 2:00.267, only for Esterson to go even better moments later with a 2:00.153.

With 20 minutes left of Practice, the teams brought their cars in and bolted on the slicks for the first time in the day, but just as they did the rain began to fall even harder.

This meant that the drivers did not improve on their best times, leaving Esterson fastest ahead of Shields, with Tsolov in third ahead of James Wharton, who has made a good start to his debut weekend with Hitech Pulse-Eight, as Boya ended up fifth.

The drivers will now go debrief with their teams ahead of Qualifying later today which is set to start at 14:05 local time.

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## 2024 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 7 FREE PRACTICE PROVISIONAL

### CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Max Esterson	USA	Jenzer Motorsport	2:00.153
2	Cian Shields	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	2:00.267
3	Nikola Tsolov	BGR	ART Grand Prix	2:00.550
4	James Wharton	AUS	Hitech Pulse-Eight	2:00.607
5	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	2:00.873
6	Christian Mansell	AUS	ART Grand Prix	2:01.125
7	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	2:01.338
8	Nikita Bedrin	ITA	AIX Racing	2:01.546
9	Noel Leon	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	2:01.802
10	Sami Meguetounif	FRA	Trident	2:01.890
11	Dino Beganovic	SWE	PREMA Racing	2:01.923
12	Charlie Wurz	AUT	Jenzer Motorsport	2:01.948
13	Sebastian Montoya	COL	Campos Racing	2:01.999
14	Laurens van Hoepen	NLD	ART Grand Prix	2:02.022
15	Arvid Lindblad	GBR	PREMA Racing	2:02.079
16	Joseph Loake	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	2:02.321
17	Piotr Wisnicki	POL	Rodin Motorsport	2:02.327
18	Tim Tramnitz	DEU	MP Motorsport	2:02.391
19	Gabriele Mini	ITA	PREMA Racing	2:02.545
20	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Trident	2:02.547
21	Oliver Goethe	DEU	Campos Racing	2:02.683
22	Joshua Dufek	AUT	AIX Racing	2:02.739
23	Leonardo Fornaroli	ITA	Trident	2:02.859
24	Sophia Floersch	DEU	Van Amersfoort Racing	2:02.865
25	Matias Zagazeta	PEU	Jenzer Motorsport	2:03.044
26	Alexander Dunne	IRL	MP Motorsport	2:03.471
27	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	AIX Racing	2:03.845
28	Kacper Sztuka	POL	MP Motorsport	2:04.671
29	Tommy Smith	AUS	Van Amersfoort Racing	2:04.672

### NOT CLASSIFIED

	Luke Browning	GBR	Hitech Pulse-Eight	
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