

Friday 01 August 2025

Câmara and TRIDENT hit the ground running around the Hungaroring

Rafael Câmara kicked off the weekend in which he could clinch the title in the perfect way, topping Free Practice for TRIDENT with a 1:33.888.

Brad Benavides and Roman Bilinski were two late improvers to wind up second and third quickest, before a late Red Flag for title contender Nikola Tsolov, who came to a halt in his Campos Racing #12 car, ended the session.

After waiting for improved track conditions, the majority of cars took to the track with 10 minutes gone and it was Gerrard Xie that led the way on a 1:36.476 for Hitech TGR.

Tim Tramnitz lowered the benchmark to a 1:34.619 for MP Motorsport with under half an hour to go, as Mari Boya settled into second 0.2s down on that.

Câmara then leapt to the top of the times on a 1:34.138 to go 0.481s clear of anybody with his first flying lap of the day, before title rival Tsolov moved up to second, cutting the gap to 0.3s.

Ugo Ugochukwu lifted PREMA Racing up to third with just over 20 minutes to go, slotting in behind Tsolov. Charlie Wurz was the next to break into the top five, putting TRIDENT 1-2 as he went within 0.263s of his teammate.

The next set of improvements came with 10 minutes left on the clock, with Câmara lowering the time to beat to a 1:33.888. Tسانapol Inthraphuvasak went to P2 in his Campos, 0.4s off the Brazilian's P1 time, with Noah Stromsted third a further 0.015s down.

Into the final six minutes and Bilinski cut the deficit to Câmara to 0.2s, before Benavides went to P2 for AIX Racing, just 0.064s off the top spot.

The Red Flags were then deployed after Tsolov came to a halt ahead of Turn 12. With three minutes left of Practice, the session was not resumed.

The FIA Formula 3 Qualifying session is set to get underway later on Friday at 15:00 local time.

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2025 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 9 PRACTICE PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Rafael Camara	BRA	TRIDENT	1:33.888
2	Brad Benavides	USA	AIX Racing	1:33.952
3	Roman Bilinski	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:34.153
4	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	Campos Racing	1:34.288
5	Noah Stromsted	DEN	TRIDENT	1:34.303
6	Nikola Tsolov	BUL	Campos Racing	1:34.317
7	Charlie Wurz	AUT	TRIDENT	1:34.401
8	Bruno Del Pino	ESP	MP Motorsport	1:34.448
9	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:34.541
10	Ugo Ugochukwu	USA	PREMA Racing	1:34.558
11	Laurens van Hoepen	NED	ART Grand Prix	1:34.583
12	Tim Tramnitz	GER	MP Motorsport	1:34.619
13	Noel Leon	MEX	PREMA Racing	1:34.680
14	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	ART Grand Prix	1:34.782
15	Brando Badoer	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:34.786
16	Alessandro Giusti	FRA	MP Motorsport	1:34.839
17	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:34.849
18	Matias Zagazeta	PER	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:34.853
19	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech TGR	1:34.874
20	Louis Sharp	NZL	Rodin Motorsport	1:34.890
21	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:34.928
22	Nicola Lacorte	ITA	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:34.940
23	Theophile Nael	FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:34.941
24	James Wharton	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:34.957
25	James Hedley	GBR	AIX Racing	1:34.981
26	Gerrard Xie	CHN	Hitech TGR	1:35.257
27	Christian Ho	SGP	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:35.459
28	Ivan Domingues	POR	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:35.506
29	Nikita Johnson	USA	Hitech TGR	1:35.559
30	Nicola Marinangeli	ITA	AIX Racing	1:35.571

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