

Friday 14 March 2025

Câmara heads up TRIDENT front row lock-out ahead of Stromsted

It was a perfect Friday in Melbourne for Rafael Câmara as he topped both Practice and Qualifying, earning the first Pole Position of 2025. He set a 1:34.999 to lead teammate Noah Stromsted in a great day for TRIDENT. Théophile Nael wound up third, but ended the session under investigation for an unsafe release.

Installation laps complete and it was Roman Bilinski that set the benchmark time initially with a 1:36.125 for Rodin Motorsport.

Two purple sectors by Câmara put him in contention until he caught traffic in the final sector and instead slotted into second less than a tenth back. TRIDENT teammate Stromsted then went fastest overall to become the first driver in the 1:35s in Qualifying.

Nikita Bedrin put AIX Racing top of the pile with 10 minutes gone, 1:35.873 the fastest time to beat, while Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak and Ugo Ugochukwu improved to go into the top five in third and fourth respectively.

That was until Nael launched Van Amersfoort Racing to provisional Pole at the halfway point with a 1:35.566.

After waiting for clear track, MP Motorsport's Tim Tramnitz moved into contention to go third fastest, before Câmara strung together a traffic-free lap to storm to P1, half a second clear of anybody else and into the 1:34s. Stromsted then closed that gap down to 0.129s as he improved to P2.

With under 10 minutes to go, the majority of the field then returned to the circuit on fresh tyres for their final attempts of the session.

There were only five minutes left on the clock when Brando Badoer found the barriers on the exit of Turn 2, requiring a Red Flag to remove his car from the track.

With Badoer cleared, the session resumed with enough time for some final laps, but another Red Flag followed quickly, as Christian Ho stopped on track in his DAMS Lucas Oil car, while Nael left the pitlane with his airbox still attached to the car. It attracted a post-session investigation from the Stewards.

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With such little time on the clock, the session was not resumed.

Bedrin wound up fourth with Tramnitz in fifth, and Charlie Wurz in sixth to cap off TRIDENT's impressive day. Intrhaphuvasak ended up in P7, ahead of Ugochukwu, Stenshorne, Bilinski, and Matías Zagazeta, with Santiago Ramos 12th and set to line up on reverse grid pole tomorrow.

The first Sprint Race of the 2025 season is set to get underway at 11:15 local time on Saturday.

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2025 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 1 QUALIFYING PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Rafael Camara	BRA	TRIDENT	1:34.999
2	Noah Stromsted	DNK	TRIDENT	1:35.128
3	Theophile Nael	FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:35.566
4	Nikita Bedrin	ITA	AIX Racing	1:35.770
5	Tim Tramnitz	DEU	MP Motorsport	1:35.825
6	Charlie Wurz	AUT	TRIDENT	1:35.839
7	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	Campos Racing	1:35.924
8	Ugo Ugochukwu	USA	PREMA Racing	1:36.038
9	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech TGR	1:36.119
10	Roman Bilinski	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:36.125
11	Matias Zagazeta	PER	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:36.232
12	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:36.268
13	Joshua Dufek	AUT	Hitech TGR	1:36.292
14	Alessandro Giusti	FRA	MP Motorsport	1:36.336
15	Louis Sharp	NZL	Rodin Motorsport	1:36.344
16	Nikola Tsolov	BGR	Campos Racing	1:36.490
17	Laurens van Hoepen	NLD	ART Grand Prix	1:36.655
18	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:36.669
19	Brando Badoer	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:36.702
20	Noel Leon	MEX	PREMA Racing	1:36.742
21	Javier Sagrera	ESP	AIX Racing	1:36.818
22	James Wharton	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:36.988
23	Christian Ho	SGP	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:37.181
24	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:37.426
25	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	ART Grand Prix	1:37.574
26	Gerrard Xie	CHN	Hitech TGR	1:37.819
27	Ivan Domingues	PRT	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:38.117
28	Nicola Marinangeli	ITA	AIX Racing	1:38.786

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