

Friday 04 July 2025

Tsolov comfortably quickest in opening Silverstone session

Campos Racing's Nikola Tsolov topped Free Practice at Silverstone on a 1:45.847 to start his weekend on the front foot.

The Bulgarian was the only driver into the 1:45s, as Charlie Wurz followed in second for TRIDENT ahead of Tim Tramnitz of MP Motorsport in third.

Nicola Lacorte led the way in the very early stages on a 1:49.859, while tyre preparation laps got underway for the rest of the field.

Campos went 1-2 with under half an hour to go, as Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak led teammate Mari Boya on a 1:46.379, 0.3s quicker than the Spaniard in P2.

Tsolov restored Campos' 1-2 after several other improvements to cut the gap down to 0.184s behind the leader.

Tramnitz moved MP up to P2, 0.037s down on the best effort until Ugo Ugochukwu put PREMA Racing top of the pile on a 1:46.277.

Martinius Stenshorne and Wurz set personal bests to go second and third respectively, and within a tenth of the McLaren Development Driver in P1.

After drivers returned to the circuit for a second run in the final 10 minutes, further improvements began to flow in.

Rafael Câmara set a time to go quickest but lost it to exceeding track limits. Moments later, title rival Nikola Tsolov broke into the 1:45s to take the top spot, while Stenshorne and Ugochukwu posted improvements of their own that put them second and third.

Tramnitz closed the gap down to 0.291s as he went to P2 in the final five minutes. Câmara posted a time good enough for P4 as the chequered flag waved to bring an end to Free Practice, but teammate Wurz went up the order once again to P2, 0.289s off Tsolov's session-topping time.

MP's Tramnitz led Stenshorne and Câmara in the top five, ahead of Nikita Johnson for Hitech TGR, Ugochukwu, Tuukka Taponen, Bruno del Pino and Roman Bilinski, who rounded out the top 10.

Qualifying is set to get underway later on Friday at 14:00 local time.

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2025 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 7 PRACTICE PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME	LAPS
1	Nikola Tsolov	BUL	Campos Racing	1:45.847	14
2	Charlie Wurz	AUT	TRIDENT	1:46.136	17
3	Tim Tramnitz	GER	MP Motorsport	1:46.138	15
4	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech TGR	1:46.151	16
5	Rafael Camara	BRA	TRIDENT	1:46.194	16
6	Nikita Johnson	USA	Hitech TGR	1:46.225	20
7	Ugo Ugochukwu	USA	PREMA Racing	1:46.277	17
8	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	ART Grand Prix	1:46.281	15
9	Bruno Del Pino	ESP	MP Motorsport	1:46.299	15
10	Roman Bilinski	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:46.313	14
11	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:46.372	16
12	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	THA	Campos Racing	1:46.379	12
13	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:46.459	14
14	Ivan Domingues	POR	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:46.523	15
15	Gerrard Xie	CHN	Hitech TGR	1:46.581	16
16	James Wharton	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:46.594	16
17	Noah Stromsted	DEN	TRIDENT	1:46.595	17
18	Theophile Nael	FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:46.595	16
19	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:46.755	16
20	Alessandro Giusti	FRA	MP Motorsport	1:46.762	15
21	Louis Sharp	NZL	Rodin Motorsport	1:46.802	15
22	Brando Badoer	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:46.862	17
23	Brad Benavides	USA	AIX Racing	1:47.042	17
24	Noel Leon	MEX	PREMA Racing	1:47.146	17
25	James Hedley	GBR	AIX Racing	1:47.308	17
26	Christian Ho	SGP	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:47.374	19
27	Nicola Lacorte	ITA	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:47.502	17
28	Laurens van Hoepen	NED	ART Grand Prix	1:47.805	16
29	Matias Zagazeta	PER	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:48.056	16
30	Nicola Marinangeli	ITA	AIX Racing	1:48.266	16

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