

PRESS RELEASE

Andrea Kimi Antonelli takes pole position in race 1

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Andrea Kimi Antonelli has claimed the pole position for Race 1 in a remarkable display of skill. Representing PREMA Racing, the driver from Bologna delivered an outstanding performance, securing the fastest lap overall in Group A during the last qualifying session of the weekend. With a lap time of 1'36.134, Antonelli has positioned himself favorably for the upcoming races, starting from the pole in Race 1 and securing a spot on the front row for Race 2.

Tim Tramnitz of R-ace GP, who was already the pole-sitter for Race 2, continued to showcase his talent by topping the session in his group, earning himself a place on the front row with his best lap closed at 1'36.890. Santiago Ramos, RPM driver, secured the second-best lap time overall, finishing +0.268 behind Antonelli. Unfortunately, the Mexican driver was later penalized for obstructing a car on its flying lap, resulting in a two-position drop on the starting grid. Consequently, Lorenzo Fluxa from PREMA Racing claimed the spot on the second row with a gap of +0.345, behind Kas Haverkort, Van Amersfoort Racing driver, who trailed Tramnitz by a mere +0.037.

Moving on to the third row will be composed by the demoted Santiago Ramos and Sami Meguetounif of Team MP Motorsport, the third-fastest driver in Group B, who finished less than a tenth of a second behind his group leader.

The fourth row will consist of the RPM driver Macéo Capietto, who achieved a time of +0.374 from Antonelli, alongside Joshua Dufek from Van Amersfoort Racing. Dufek, who competed in Group B, maintained a narrow margin of +0.108. Following, Dilano Van T' Hoff of MP Motorsport (+0.394) and Nikhil Bohra from Trident (+0.316) will start Race 1 from behind them.

Moving on to the sixth row, Rafael Camara of PREMA Racing and Owen Tangavelou of Trident will start with gaps of 0.513 and 0.316 from their respective group leaders. The current Championship leader Martinius Stenshorne, talented rookie from R-ace GP, will start in seventh place, trailing by 0.553, accompanied by Laurens Van Hoepen from ART Grand Prix with a gap of 0.355. The eighth row features Michael Belov of G4 Racing (+0.571) and Victor Bernier from MP Motorsport (+0.441).

Emerson Fittipaldi Jr. of Saintéloc Racing secured the ninth row with a gap of 0.868, while Frenchman Alessandro Giusti of G4 Racing, who achieved eighth place in his group with +0.697, will start alongside him.

Joshua Duerksen from Arden Motorsport, with a gap of +0.925, had the tenth best time on the track. However, due to a Stewards decision regarding an incident at Imola, the Paraguayan driver had to drop two positions on the grid. As a result, he gave up his



place on the tenth row to Charlie Wurz from ART Grand Prix (+0.769) and Roman Bilinski, Trident driver, (+1.090).

During the session, a red flag was deployed briefly when Enzo Scionti's Monolite car got stuck in the gravel trap, requiring assistance from marshals to safely return to the track.

With the stage set for an exciting race after qualifying, a thrilling battle for the podium in Race 1 is surely to be expected. The first race of the Spanish weekend will commence tonight, while the final race of the second round of the Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine will conclude the action tomorrow morning.

The weekend's schedule:

Race 1 will be live at 18.05 today, Saturday, May 20th. It will be a thrilling show lasting 30 minutes plus 1 lap.

Tomorrow, Sunday, May 21st, it will be time for final race of the Spanish weekend. Same as race 1, it will be a 30-minute race plus 1 lap, and it will start at 10:13.

The excitement of the 2 races will be also available in live streaming on the official YouTube page of the Championship @formularegionaleubyalpine.



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