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Shwartzman quickest in wet Free Practice

Russian finishes ahead of Round 6 winners Armstrong and Piquet

Robert Shwartzman topped a rain-hampered session in Monza, leading Free Practice for the first time in 2019. The PREMA racer set the quickest time early on - before the field all switched to wets - and finished ahead of in-form duo Marcus Armstrong, of PREMA Racing, and Pedro Piquet, of Trident.

The session begun under light rain down the pit straight as teams initially set out on slick tyres. Spa-Francorchamps Race 2 winner Armstrong was first to notch a quick time, dipping under 1m 45s, followed by teammate Shwartzman.

On his second full lap of the course, Armstrong knocked two seconds off his time, but his Russian teammate was able to shave a further two tenths to take P1 as rain began to fall harder. Jüri Vips spun off track but was able to get going again, and teams began to feed back into the pits for wet tyres.

Estner remained out and a wobble ended with the side of his Jenzer machine stuck in the wall. The German climbed out of his car unscathed, but his team now face a race against time to get his car ready for Qualifying later today.

Fabio Scherer was the first to get back out onto the Autodromo Nazionale Monza circuit and test the new tyres. The rest of the field returned shortly after and focus was centred on getting to grips with the wets.

This saw the order remained unchanged, before the session ended under a yellow flag. Giorgio Carrara sailed off track and was beached on the sausage curb. This left Shwartzman and Armstrong to run home first and second, with Piquet in third. Jehan Daruvala and Teppei Natori completed the top five, with Niko Kari, Alex Peroni, Richard Verschoor, Felipe Drugovich and Liam Lawson all in the top 10.

Action will intensify this afternoon as Shwartzman aims to carry across his positive early form and become the first driver to earn a second pole position of the season, when qualifying begins at 5.50pm local time.

FIA Formula 3 Round 7 – Free Practice provisional classification

DRIVER	TEAM	LAPTIME	LAPS
1 Robert Shwartzman	PREMA Racing	1:42.587	13
2 Marcus Armstrong	PREMA Racing	1:42.780	12
3 Pedro Piquet	Trident	1:42.791	10
4 Jehan Daruvala	PREMA Racing	1:42.939	11
5 Teppei Natori	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:43.080	14
6 Niko Kari	Trident	1:43.158	12
7 Alex Peroni	Campos Racing	1:43.683	12
8 Richard Verschoor	MP Motorsport	1:43.813	12
9 Felipe Drugovich	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:43.836	16
10 Liam Lawson	MP Motorsport	1:43.981	11
11 Raoul Hyman	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:44.180	15
12 Juri Vips	Hitech Grand Prix	1:44.477	15
13 Ye Yifei	Hitech Grand Prix	1:44.512	15
14 Fabio Scherer	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:44.724	16
15 Leonardo Pulcini	Hitech Grand Prix	1:45.234	14
16 Devlin DeFrancesco	Trident	1:45.490	14
17 Jake Hughes	HWA RACELAB	1:45.593	5
18 Sebastian Fernandez	Campos Racing	1:46.094	12
19 Bent Viscaal	HWA RACELAB	1:46.374	12
20 Yuki Tsunoda	Jenzer Motorsport	1:46.566	16
21 Simo Laaksonen	MP Motorsport	1:47.499	10
22 Giorgio Carrara	Jenzer Motorsport	1:47.748	13
23 Keyvan Andres	HWA RACELAB	1:47.784	12
24 Alessio Deledda	Campos Racing	1:47.886	12
25 Christian Lundgaard	ART Grand Prix	1:49.071	14
26 Logan Sargeant	Carlin Buzz Racing	1:49.311	13
27 Max Fewtrell	ART Grand Prix	1:49.958	13

28	Andreas Estner	Jenzer Motorsport	1:50.342	6
29	Lirim Zendeli	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz	1:53.933	15
30	David Beckmann	ART Grand Prix	1:54.783	13



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