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## Terrific Tsunoda soars to first F3 win in Monza

### Jenzer driver tops Race 2 podium ahead of Lawson and Hughes

Yuki Tsunoda completed his remarkable upturn of form in Monza, with his, and his team's first ever win in the FIA Formula 3 Championship. The Jenzer Motorsport driver romped to a third podium in as many races, after a lengthy battle with Jake Hughes, which ended in him finishing ahead of Liam Lawson in second and the HWA RACELAB driver in third.

The Japanese driver's victory marked a successful weekend for Honda Dream drivers, matching his F2 counterpart Nobuharu Matsushita, who won in yesterday's Feature Race. The feat earns him his seventh points' finish in a row, having scored just two of them in the first seven of the campaign.

The track was damp from overnight showers and the cars started against a shower of spray, but this didn't stop Jake Hughes from bolting off the line, as the HWA RACELAB man lunged down the left of polesitter Fabio Scherer and into the lead. Behind him, Tsunoda had started his march from sixth and leapt to third at the first turn.

The Japanese driver pulled off a similar move for second on the next tour of the track. He had Hughes in his sights, but the duo both went wide at Turn 4 as they battled with the greasy track surface. They then collided at the following corner, as Tsunoda's front wing scraped the back of Hughes' rear tyre, but luckily they avoided any damage.

Former leader Scherer was struggling to keep Lawson at bay behind him, as the Kiwi eyed his second podium of the season. Less than a second separated the Swiss driver in third, with Leonardo Pulcini in sixth. Space opened up down the side of Scherer and the Red Bull F1 junior took a tow and slipstreamed down the right of him.

Hughes and Tsunoda had begun to pull away from those behind them, collecting a 3s gap, but the battle between the two remained on-going. The Jenzer driver got close enough to gain the advantage of DRS and flashed past the Brit for the lead.

Hughes fought back and went side-by-side with Tsunoda around the outside of Parabolica, but the Japanese driver out-braked him and retained P1. Their drawn out fight for first handed Lawson a shot at P2 and the MP Motorsport man began to attack the back of Hughes. The duo went side-by-side down the pit straight, and with the aid of DRS, and the inside line, the Kiwi completed the move and made it stick at Turn 1.

Tsunoda ran home cleanly at the chequered flag and was followed by Lawson and Hughes in the top three, as Richard Verschoor and Pedro Piquet completed the front five. The final points' positions went to Pulcini, Scherer and Robert Shwartzman.

The Russian's P8 finish hands him an extra point in the Championship and marginally stretches his lead to 33 points, ahead of Jehan Daruvala on 147 points. Jüri Vips remains third on 122 and Marcus Armstrong on 119. In the Teams' standings, Champions PREMA Racing lead with 446, ahead of Hitech Grand Prix on 188, ART Grand Prix on 174, Trident on 105 and HWA RACELAB on 84.

Shwartzman holds the cards heading into the season finale, at his home race in Sochia, Russia, at the end of September.

### 2019 FIA Formula 3 Championship Round 7 – Race 2 provisional classification

DRIVER	TEAM
1 Yuki Tsunoda	Jenzer Motorsport
2 Liam Lawson	MP Motorsport
3 Jake Hughes	HWA RACELAB
4 Richard Verschoor	MP Motorsport
5 Pedro Piquet	Trident
6 Leonardo Pulcini	Hitech Grand Prix
7 Fabio Scherer	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz
8 Robert Shwartzman	PREMA Racing
9 Christian Lundgaard	ART Grand Prix
10 Logan Sargeant	Carlin Buzz Racing
11 Juri Vips	Hitech Grand Prix
12 Felipe Drugovich	Carlin Buzz Racing
13 Jehan Daruvala	PREMA Racing
14 Marcus Armstrong	PREMA Racing
15 Niko Kari	Trident
16 Devlin Defrancesco	Trident

17 Raoul Hyman	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz
18 Lirim Zendeli	Sauber Junior Team by Charouz
19 Ye Yifei	Hitech Grand Prix
20 Simo Laaksonen	MP Motorsport
21 Max Fewtrell	ART Grand Prix
22 Keyvan Andres	HWA RACELAB
23 Giorgio Carrara	Jenzer Motorsport
24 Andreas Estner	Jenzer Motorsport
25 Alessio Deledda	Campos Racing
26 Sebastian Fernandez	Campos Racing
27 Bent Viscaal	HWA RACELAB
28 David Beckmann	ART Grand Prix
29 Teppei Natori	Carlin Buzz Racing

#### OVERALL FASTEST LAP

Juri Vips (Hitech Grand Prix) - 1:48.890 on Lap 20

#### FASTEST LAP ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS

Richard Verschoor (MP Motorsport) - 1:49.580 on Lap 22



[Yuki Tsunoda \(Jenzer Motorsport\)](#)



[Liam Lawson \(MP Motorsport\), Yuki Tsunoda \(Jenzer Motorsport\), Jake Hughes \(HWA RACELAB\)](#)



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