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TRIDENT'S ANTONIO FUOCO SETS THE PACE ON FINAL DAY OF PRE-SEASON TEST

Trident and Ferrari Driver Academy's Antonio Fuoco was quickest again on the third and final day of pre-season testing at Circuito Estoril in Portugal. The Italian's best laptime of 1:27.293 was set in the morning session and was almost half a second faster than the best time set here last season with the previous generation car. Fuoco also led the way in the afternoon.

Blue skies and warmer temperatures greeted the GP3 paddock this morning. There was one addition to the driver line-up with Chinese Hongli Ye testing for Jenzer Motorsport. An early red flag halted the proceedings when Campos Racing's Konstantin Tereshchenko spun. At the re-start, Arden International's Jake Dennis was first to lap into the 1m27s ahead of teammate Jack Aitken.

It was a busy morning with the drivers concentrating on race simulations. ART Grand Prix's Charles Leclerc stopped on track which was covered by a brief red flag. Once the session continued, Dennis improved on his own personal best laptime. Fuoco then flew to the top of the timesheet - bettering the Brit's time by almost half a second.

The session was briefly halted again after Fuoco and Artur Janosz both stopped on track, and once the track was green there were 25 minutes left on the clock. At the chequered flag, Fuoco remained in P1 ahead of Dennis, Alexander Albon, Sandy Stuvik, Nyck de Vries, Kevin Jörg, Aitken, Tatiana Calderon, Matevos Isaakyan and Santino Ferrucci.

Following a one hour break for lunch, the afternoon session got underway with Janosz setting the initial pace ahead of the DAMS duo of Jake Hughes and Jörg. There was a small interruption to proceedings when Stuvik stopped on track. Once the session was live again, Janosz continued to head the timesheet with the drivers working through their programme of race runs.

Rookie Ye made contact with the barrier at Turn 2 and Jörg stopped on track at the beginning of the final hour. Alex Palou and Oscar Tunjo jumped up the order to second and third respectively once the track activity resumed. In the final 15 minutes, Parry's stoppage at Turn 5 caused a final red flag, but there was still more action to come as Fuoco improved to demote his teammate Janosz to second by lapping two tenths quicker.

Fuoco remained unchallenged as the test session concluded; Janosz, Palou, Tunjo, Parry, Akash Nandy, Dennis, Hughes, Jörg and Ye completed the top ten.

The second pre-season test will be held at Circuit Ricardo Tormo in Valencia on April 07-08 2016.

Day Three - morning session

	Driver	Team	Laptime	Laps
1.	Antonio Fuoco	Trident	1:27.293	31

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2.	Jake Dennis	Arden International	1:27.775	34
3.	Alexander Albon	ART Grand Prix	1:28.051	29
4.	Sandy Stuvik	Trident	1:28.065	35
5.	Nyck de Vries	ART Grand Prix	1:28.173	24
6.	Kevin Jörg	DAMS	1:28.231	46
7.	Jack Aitken	Arden International	1:28.247	26
8.	Tatiana Calderon	Arden International	1:28.323	33
9.	Matevos Isaakyan	Koiranen GP	1:28.366	26
10.	Santino Ferrucci	DAMS	1:28.399	32
11.	Ralph Boschung	Koiranen GP	1:28.408	25
12.	Charles Leclerc	ART Grand Prix	1:28.428	29
13.	Jake Hughes	DAMS	1:28.442	31
14.	Nirei Fukuzumi	ART Grand Prix	1:28.599	25
15.	Artur Janosz	Trident	1:28.649	23
16.	Alex Palou	Campos Racing	1:28.663	27
17.	Matthew Parry	Koiranen GP	1:28.765	34
18.	Konstantin Tereshchenko	Campos Racing	1:28.947	38
19.	Steijn Schothorst	Campos Racing	1:28.992	26
20.	Akash Nandy	Jenzer Motorsport	1:29.052	30
21.	Oscar Tunjo	Jenzer Motorsport	1:29.129	14
22.	Giuliano Alesi	Trident	1:29.143	30
23.	Mahaveer Raghunathan	Koiranen GP	1:30.183	21
24.	Hongli Ye	Jenzer Motorsport	1:30.785	37

Afternoon session

1.	Antonio Fuoco	Trident	1:28.292	34
2.	Artur Janosz	Trident	1:28.551	36
3.	Alex Palou	Campos Racing	1:28.906	39
4.	Oscar Tunjo	Jenzer Motorsport	1:28.975	24
5.	Matthew Parry	Koiranen GP	1:29.203	36
6.	Akash Nandy	Jenzer Motorsport	1:29.323	40
7.	Jake Dennis	Arden Motorsport	1:29.826	40
8.	Jake Hughes	DAMS	1:29.867	46
9.	Kevin Jörg	DAMS	1:29.958	50
10.	Hongli Ye	Jenzer Motorsport	1:30.105	19
11.	Giuliano Alesi	Trident	1:30.315	31
12.	Steijn Schothorst	Campos Racing	1:30.603	41
13.	Sandy Stuvik	Trident	1:30.798	31
14.	Jack Aitken	Arden Motorsport	1:31.079	48
15.	Konstantin Tereshchenko	Campos Racing	1:31.424	28
16.	Santino Ferrucci	DAMS	1:31.555	44
17.	Matevos Isaakyan	Koiranen GP	1:31.717	45
18.	Mahaveer Raghunathan	Koiranen GP	1:31.807	19
19.	Nirei Fukuzumi	ART Grand Prix	1:32.007	42
20.	Nyck de Vries	ART Grand Prix	1:32.103	57
21.	Ralph Boschung	Koiranen GP	1:32.123	51
22.	Charles Leclerc	ART Grand Prix	1:32.206	64

23.	Alexander Albon	ART Grand Prix	1:32.502	37
24.	Tatiana Calderon	Arden International	-	-

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