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### FIGHTING PERFORMANCES FOR EURONOVA DRIVERS AT IMOLA



Euronova Racing's three Formula Renault Alps drivers; Gregor Ramsay, Javier Amado and Ukyo Sasahara put in fighting performances at Imola this weekend after tough qualifying sessions compromised their race strategies.

Qualifying took place yesterday morning and the large field of 38 cars was divided in to two groups. Amado and Sasahara qualified in group A, taking places on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> rows respectively. Ramsay earned himself a place on row 8 in the difficult group B session which was red flagged twice.


Yesterday afternoon's first race was marred by the changeable weather that troubled the teams all weekend. The race started under sunny skies but heavy clouds arrived just as the lights changed. With ten minutes left to go Ramsay had moved up to 12<sup>th</sup> and was challenging the drivers ahead of him whilst Amado and Sasahara were running in 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> positions.

Ramsay was looking good for a points finish but then a short, sharp shower caught out several drivers, including the leader Fuoco, and the race was red flagged. The results were taken from the standings at the conclusion of the previous lap so Ramsay was classified 12<sup>th</sup>, Amado 19<sup>th</sup> and Sasahara 21<sup>st</sup>.

Today's race saw Ramsay start from 18<sup>th</sup>, Amado from 25<sup>th</sup> and Sasahara from 29<sup>th</sup>. Ramsay made a great start and was up to 13<sup>th</sup> by the end of the first lap. He gained a further two positions on lap 2 and then set about chasing down Villemi and a place in the points zone. For the last six laps of the race Ramsay ran close to the two cars ahead of him and a points finish looked possible until on the last lap Villemi lost control of his car. Avoiding the Estonian driver cost Ramsay two places and he took the chequered flag in 13<sup>th</sup> place. Sasahara recovered from 21<sup>st</sup> to finish 18<sup>th</sup> whilst Amado was classified in 23<sup>rd</sup>, hampered for most of the race by a broken front wing.

The Alps Championship continues next month with a race at the mythical Spa-Francorchamps circuit in Belgium. The drivers will get a taste of the circuit the weekend before when they take part in the Eurocup race as wildcard entries.

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