

FIORAVANTI AND NISSANY PLAY THEIR CARDS IN CIRCUITO DE JEREZ

› **Rookie Damiano Fioravanti (Il Barone Rampante) set the morning pace in 1.26.828 while Roy Nissany (RP Motorsport) topped the PM Session in 1.28.086**

› **World Series Formula V8 3.5: Final Collective Test in Jerez before the Season starts**

The sun shone in the Circuito de Jerez at the start of the first session in the Final Pre-Season Collective tests in World Series Formula V8 3.5. In the morning Session, the rookie Damiano Fioravanti (Il Barone Rampante) set the fastest lap (1.26. 828) ahead of Pietro Fittipaldi (Lotus) and Matevos Isaakyan (SMP Racing by AVF), while in the afternoon Roy Nissany (RP Motorsports) played his cards ahead René Binder (Lotus) and Fioravanti.

All twelve cars completed their first run behind Pietro Fittipaldi (Lotus) and Egor Orudzhev (SMP Racing by AVF) in a track where some of the sections were still damp due to the rain fell over night.

René Binder (Lotus) was the first driver to lead the charts until the SMP Racing driver Egor Orudzhev putted the first competitive lap in 1.27.807 ahead of the RP Motorsport pairing, Roy Nissany and Yu Kanamaru.

Both of the SMP Racing by AVF drivers went back to the track in new tyres with Matevos Isaakyan taking the provisional lead in 1.27.070, ahead of Orudzhev. With the track conditions improving, and following to a red flag caused by Cipriani, the Rookie driver Damiano Fioravanti (Il Barone Rampante) took the lead in 1.26.828 ahead of Pietro Fittipaldi, Matevos Isaakyan, Egor Orudzhev and Alfonso Celis Jr. Meanwhile Konstantin Tereschenko (Teo Martin Motorsport) solved his problems in the car and rejoined the track with his team-mate, Canadian Nelson Mason, completing a total of 34 laps in the morning session.

Nissany tops the afternoon Session ahead of Binder

The Afternoon Session had a very quiet debut with some silence before Matevos Isaakyan (SMP Racing by AVF) stepped in the track followed by Giuseppe Cipriani (Il Barone Rampante). Most of the teams and drivers spend some time to analyze their data and then proceeded for some race-simulation and pit-stop practice.

By the mid-session Egor Orudzhev was leading the charts ahead of Konstantin Tereschenko and Pietro Fittipaldi. Yu Kanamaru exited in T3 and the session was red flagged. At the restart the teams carried on with their race sim while Pietro Fittipaldi took the lead with his Lotus car ahead of Diego Menchaca (Fortec Motorsports). Tereschenko caused a red flag in T5 and the session was red flagged.

Roy Nissany improved to P1 1.28.086 as the Canadian Nelson Mason caused a new interruption in T13. Most of the drivers were on new tyres but were unable to improve the Israeli times. Nissany topped the lap charts ahead René Binder (Lotus) and the rookie Damiano Fioravanti.

Best Timed Lap and Best Rookie- Damiano Fioravanti- 1.26.828

"This has been a very positive test. We had some problems in Motorland but here, the fact of knowing the race track before from my prior test in Jerez and other factors made a very positive result. I feel really fit and the car performance is awesome. I'm looking to repeat this result tomorrow!"

Best Timed Lap in the afternoon – Roy Nissany (RP Motorsport). 1.28.086

"I feel really good. From Motorland we already came with a strong performance. We hope to continue this way. In the morning we struggle with the brakes but we solved the problem for the afternoon. We put fresh tyres and we were suddenly in P1. Unfortunately nobody could improve due to the red flag."