

## FIRST 2017 HURRA FOR EGOR ORUDZHEV IN A 1-2 FOR SMP RACING by AVF

- › **Orudzhev is the sixth winner out of nine races of 2017 World Series Formula V8 3.5.**
- › **Rene Binder retains the championship leadership with 130 points by finishing the race in 5<sup>th</sup> place**

(24/06/2017) Egor Orudzhev (SMP Racing by AVF) conquered his first win of 2017 season, an easy one for the Russian driver, and actually a Russian double since he won just ahead Matevos Isaakyan (SMP Racing by AVF). Orudzhev started from P2 but got the leadership at the very first turn, becoming later on the sixth winner out of nine races of 2017 World Series Formula V8 3.5 so far. The podium was completed by Alfonso Celis Jr (Fortec Motorsports) while Konstantin Tereschenko (Teo Martin Motorsport), who finished 6th, was the best rookie.

When the lights switched off Pietro Fittipaldi (Lotus), poleman for the seventh time this year, experienced a poor start. His race actually ended at turn 4, because of a spin after a brief fight with Tereschenko, forcing him to withdraw.

A safety-car was called in to recover his Lotus, and after three laps Orudzhev begun his triumphal ride. Suffering two penalties in qualifying and having his best times canceled, Binder started from P7 but quickly lost few positions in a race highlighted by Isaakyan's exciting remount, who ended second under the chequered flag, and Nissany's brave defense.

The Israeli from RP Motorsport surrendered at the end to Celis, Sahara Force India third driver in Formula 1, being able to defend the fourth position from Binder's furious assaults. The Austrian driver retains the championship leadership with 130 points, while Roy Nissany (RP Motorsport), third, is now only one point after Fittipaldi, stuck at 118. Orudzhev, Isaakyan and Celis follow with 110 points.

### Egor Orudzhev (SMP Racing by AVF)

"I was happy with the start, and Pietro's problem made my life easier. I didn't let Roy come too close in the first laps, but at the end was easy. Thanks to the whole team as we're smarter than the competitors today".

### Matevos Isaakyan (SMP Racing by AVF)

"Not everything went well in qualifying as I had to start 8th. In the race I gained some positions in the first laps and then I just try not to be too aggressive on the tyres, and that paid off in the end. Second place is a good result and is great for the team to have both of us on the podium".

### Alfonso Celis Jr. (Fortec Motorsports)

"It has been a tough start, I missed the breaking point in turn 1 and I went off. But I was in a good configuration and I kept fighting with the others. The tyres were in a good condition so I could fight until the end and pass Nissany in the last corner for the podium".

### Konstantin Tereschenko (Teo Martin Motorsport)

"We had a bad qualify, but race start was pretty good. We did a good job in the first few laps, gaining positions, but I killed the tyres so I couldn't fight with the other guys for the Top-5. Anyway I enjoyed the race and I've learnt a lot: tomorrow will be better".