

Out Of Brazil – Auto GP: Marrakech, Free Practice 2: Quaife-Hobbs takes the lead

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Championship leader Adrian Quaife-Hobbs was quickest at the end of the second **Auto GP** practice on the

Moulay El Hassan

circuit in

Marrakech

. The brit of SuperNova topped the sheets with a 1'29"336 that was nearly 3 tenths better than his fastest rival.

Even more impressively, Quaife-Hobbs managed to keep the lead despite missing half of the session due to a spin and a consequent engine stall that forced the marshals to push his car off the track. So Adrian is expected to be a pole contender later today, as he's even confident that there is room for improvement: ***"I just did a mistake – said the Briton - I locked the rear under braking and went for the corner anyway, but I did hit the inside kerb and the car jumped towards the wall. Luckily I managed to stop way clear of the concrete barrier, but as I was left foot braking I couldn't go on the clutch quickly enough and I stalled. It was a pity but seeing that I'm ahead anyway, and with a gap, really makes me confident for Qualifying. There's more to come, we were on a set of soft that had done 70 kms in Valencia, so we can still raise the bar"***

Pål Varhaug was second quickest, with a successful last lap that resulted in a 1'29"607 for him and Virtuosi UK. The Norwegian talent was still hampered by traffic but despite that he managed to keep Giacomo Ricci at bay. Third place was anyway good news for the Italian who made the most of some set-up changes on his car to get to P3.

4th place went to Sergey Sirotkin (1'30"021) who seems to be really enjoying the Marrakech

track: ***“Yes, I really love it. Going so quick and so close to the walls is thrilling, and the chicanes are really tricky. I think that a good driver can really make the difference here, that’s why I like this circuit!”*** .

The Russian was followed by Sergio Campana and Victor Guerin who both stopped at half session after spinning their cars and stalling, luckily with no damage at all. Yann Cunha was seventh, steadily improving his lap times throughout the session, and beating Facu Regalia by just 0.05. The Argentinian of Campos Racing was 8th, ahead of Giuseppe Cipriani and Giancarlo Serenelli who closed the top ten.

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- 1.- Adrian QUAIFE-HOBBS (Supernova International), com 1:29.336
- 2.- Pål VARHAUG (Virtuosi UK), 1:29.607
- 3.- Giacomo RICCI (Zeke Racing), 1:29.759
- 4.- Sergey SIROTKIN (Euronova Racing), 1:30.021
- 5.- Sergio CAMPANA (MLR 71), 1:30.099
- 6.- Victor GUERIN (Supernova International), 1:30.603**
- 7.- Yann CUNHA (Ombra Racing), 1:30.707**
- 8.- Facu REGALIA (Campos Racing), 1:30.752
- 9.- Giuseppe CIPRIANI (Campos Racing), 1:30.994
- 10.- Giancarlo SERENELLI (Ombra Racing), 1:31.004
- 11.- Chris VAN DER DRIFT (Manor MP Motorsport), 1:31.013
- 12.- Antonio SPAVONE (Euronova Racing), 1:31.112
- 13.- Daniel DE JONG (Manor MP Motorsport), 1:31.315
- 14.- Michele LA ROSA (MLR 71), 1:32.151
- 15.- Francesco DRACONE (Virtuosi UK), 1:33.193
- 16.- Max SNEGIREV (Campos Racing), 1:37.096

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