



## SWEDISH "ROOKIE" TIMMY HANSEN SEIZES WIN IN ZELTWEG F.RENAULT 2.0 ALPS RACE 2

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Timmy Hansen (Interwetten.com Junior Team) comes out and puts everyone behind, proving to be the fifth different winner after the first four double races of the Formula Renault 2.0 ALPS. It happened at Zeltweg in Race 2, when the 19 year old Swedish driver from Götene, on his first race, managed to finish ahead the Frenchman Yann Zimmer (Arta Engineering), who took over at the top after having finished third in Race 1 Saturday afternoon.

The other French driver **Paul-Loup Chatin** (Tech1 Racing) gets on the lowest rung of the podium: he finished in front of his team-mate **Javier Tarancon**, who lost the championship leadership achieved during the previous race in Pau, where he scored two wins. To be noticed the withdrawal of the young British **Melville McKee**, who yesterday managed to win his third race.

Italians have done well: **Kevin Gilardoni** is fifth, with the first car of the Team Torino Motorsport, followed by **Stefano Colombo** (with the new team Epic Racing), **Cristiano Marcellan** (Tech1 Racing) and the two brothers, **Vittorio** and **Edolo Ghirelli** (One Racing), involved in a final sprint.

**RACE 2.** Before the start, the sign "wet race" is displayed but with the track almost completely dry all drivers decide to run with slick tires. At the green light, there is a moment of confusion due to an electrical contact of the traffic lights. At the end of the straight De Zen and Rocca are out. Safety car is on track, there is a re-start and after two laps Tarancon is first in front of everyone. After a couple of corners the Spaniard must give way to Hansen, who takes over leadership. Chatin, starting from the pole, is only fifth; the French manages to overtake both Zimmer and Riberas and during lap 4 becomes third. In the last corner before the finish straight Riberas is off: he relegated to the fifth position with the nose damaged, and then is back to the pits. McKee is now fourth followed by Gilardoni, while Chatin is down in sixth place. Behind him Colombo comes forward. Immediately after Chatin, Gilardoni is back, he must watch his backs from Colombo. There is a comeback of Marcellan, who overtakes Edolo Ghirelli and is seventh. Meanwhile McKee is in the mirrors of Zimmer. But there is also Tarancon that comes dangerously close to the tread. Five minutes before the time expiration the "first five" band back together, with Chatin in the last position. Zimmer is the first to break through the inertia, by overtaking Tarancon followed closely by McKee. But soon after the British driver of Arta Engineering is forced to pit for an electrical problem. Another rotation, which sees Chatin third with an overtaking of Tarancon. The benefit is for Hansen, who can then complete the last laps undisturbed, always followed by Zimmer: after the checkered flag the latter is called by the commissioners for a contact with Chatin (in Budapest race he will be under observation).

«At the beginning of the race I was second and then tried to protect myself from Tarancon. Then everything went smooth. I'm happy, because it's my first victory in Formula Renault». - said the Swedish driver who also runs the Eurocup.

**The appointment is now for the weekend of July 2-3, with the fifth round scheduled on the Hungaroring circuit, combined with the World Series by Renault.**

**Race 2 (top-five):** 1. Timmy Hansen SWE (Interwetten.com Junior Team) 16 laps 26'47"856; 2. Yann Zimmer FRA (Arta Engineering) 2"510; 3. Paul-Loup Chatin FRA (Tech1 Racing) 3"054; 4. Javier Tarancon SPA (Tech1 Racing) 4"368; 5. Kevin Gilardoni ITA (Team Torino Motorsport) 5"271. **Championship after 8 races (top-five):** 1. Zimmer 200; 2. Tarancon 186; 3. Chatin 178; 4. McKee 161; 5. Jager 118.