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Sato wins Race 3 at Imola at the sixth round of the Italian F.4 Championship powered by Abarth

Perfect conditions and a temperature of 25 degrees for the third race that also saw Petrov claim the Rookie Trophy and Wohlwend the Women's Trophy

Imola (Bologna) 25/9/16 – With the grid being decided by a reverse top ten finishing order from Race 2, it was the Russian Yan Shlom (RB Racing) who would start out of pole position. Joining him on the front row was the Dutchman Leonard Hoogenboom (Cram Motorsport), while the Japanese driver Marino Sato (Vincenzo Sospiri Racing) who, when the red lights went out made the fastest getaway and led the race down into the first curve. He would go on to win, taking his first victory in the Italian F4 Championship powered by Abarth, under pressure from the Russian Artem Petrov (DR Formula) who would finish second. On the third step of the podium was Leonard Hogenboom, after the Race Direction penalised Yan Shlom 5 seconds for violating the track limits.

- ∞ Fourth was the Italian Simone Cunati (Vincenzo Sospiri Racing) who got the better of a race long battle with Juan Correa who was fifth. Sixth was Lorenzo Colombo (Bhaitech), followed by Yan Shlom, the Canadian Devlin De Francesco (Kfzteile24 Mucke Motorsport), the Estonian Juri Vips (Prema Power Team) and the Italian Diego Bertonelli (Bhaitech).
- ∞ Another difficult race for both the main championship contenders: the German Mick Schumacher (Prema Power Team) who started out of last position courtesy of his retirement in Race 2 and although he charged through to finish 13th, he finished outside the points. Zero points also for his main rival Marcos Siebert who also was penalized 5 seconds for exceeding the track limits ultimately finishing 21st.
- ∞ The Rookie Trophy saw Artem Petrov claim the win ahead of Hoogenboom, Cunati, Juan Correa and Lorenzo Colombo with Fabienne Wohlwend finishing 24th to claim the Women's Trophy.



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- ∞ The Italian F4 Championship powered by Abarth returns in the last weekend of October, 28th to 30th at Monza for the deciding round of the 2016 season.

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