

Home heroes shine in hot Imola, with Agostini-Ferrari (Audi Sport Italia) at the top of free practice

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It was a very warm Friday of free practice at Imola for the return of the International GT Open after ten years to the iconic track in Emilia Romagna. Temperatures raised up to 33 degrees Celsius, with high humidity, and even warmer weather is expected tomorrow.

On their home track, Italian drivers shone, with Riccardo Agostini and Lorenzo Ferrari putting the Audi R8 LMS of Audi Sport Italia, which is making a one-off appearance and debuting in the series, on top of the rankings of both sessions. The time (1.41.651) posted in session 2 was going to be the best lap time of the day. Loris Spinelli, who will drive alone the AKM Motorsport Mercedes, was second-fastest, only 0s071 behind, with the Lechner Racing Porsche of Al Faisal-Soucek in third (+0s142) and the VSR Lambo of championship leaders Michele Beretta-Frederick Schandorff in fourth (+0s707).

They were followed by the Inception Racing McLarens of Iribe-Millroy and Moss-Osborne (with Nick Moss fully recovered from the spa accident) and the Reno Racing Honda of Moller-Paverud. The AKM Mercedes of Florian Scholze-Jens Liebhauser was the fastest car in Am and topped also the Bronze test.

