

Goa Aces' Raoul Hyman Delivers a Masterclass as Indian Racing Festival Kicks Off in Coimbatore

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The Indian Racing Festival (IRF) 2025 commenced in style at Coimbatore's Kari Motor Speedway. Day 1 delivered close qualifying battles and hard, clean racing on a circuit that rewarded precision and race craft. With a hint of rain in the air, every session kept the teams and drivers busy with setup and strategy.

Raoul Hyman stormed through to win for Goa Aces. One of the key highlights of the day was undoubtedly Kyle Kumaran from Kichcha's Kings Bangalore, who crossed the line in 2nd place, after starting all the way down in 11th. Aqil Alibhai came in 3rd for the Chennai Turbo Riders after a steady and consistent performance from him.

Kumaran was originally supposed to have started on pole, but 2 of his lap times were deleted in the qualifying session, promoting Raoul to start on pole. Kumaran still fought hard to finish 2nd in the race. Jon Lancaster, who started the race in 2nd, was able to challenge Raoul on the opening lap, he was unable to seal the move as the Goa Aces driver dominated his way to victory. Lancaster ended up with a DNF after a technical failure in the second half of the race.

Round 1 - Indian Racing League Provisional Results (Driver A):

Raoul Hyman (Goa Aces) - Winner

Kyle Kumaran (Kichcha's Kings Bangalore) – Runner-up

Aqil Alibhai (Chennai Turbo Riders) – 2nd Runner-up

Pole Position Time: Raoul Hyman - 1:05.682

28th JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship (LGB F4)

Race 1 of the FLGB4 Category of the 28th edition of the JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship set the competitive tone for the weekend. A superb qualifying lap from Mehul Agarwal secured P1 on the grid. However, he was not able to hold on to the lead as Diljit TS got a great launch to take the lead. But he was also unable to hold on. As conditions improved and the racing line was rubbered in, Dhruvh Goswami started attacking to take the victory. Diljit crossed the line in P2 as Balaprasath A completed the podium positions.

In Race 2, Dhruv Goswami was able to take the victory, finishing just 5 tenths ahead of Diljit TS in 2nd. Mehul Agarwal finished 3rd, 1.442 seconds behind the leader.

Round 1 - 28th JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship Race 1 Provisional Results

Dhruvh Goswami (20:02.940) - Winner

Diljit TS (20:03.094) – Runner-up

Balaprasath (20:03.875) – 2nd Runner-up

Round 1 - 28th JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship Race 2 Provisional Results

Mehul Agarwal (23:12.150) – Winner

Saran Vikram (23:12.31) – Runner-up

Dhruv Goswami (23:13.592) – 2nd Runner-up

Looking Ahead

As we conclude the 1st day of racing action here at the Kari Motor Speedway, we look ahead to tomorrow, where we will see the 2nd group of drivers from the IRL teams. In addition to this, the FIA-Credited Indian Formula 4 Championship will hold 2 of its races tomorrow. If today's anything to go by, fans can expect some thrilling action on track tomorrow as well. Watch the Indian Racing Festival live on JioHotstar and Star Sports Select 2.

About Racing Promotions Private Limited (RPPL)

Founded by Akhilesh Reddy, Armaan Ebrahim, and Aditya Patel, RPPL powers the Indian Racing Festival and India's motorsport ambitions. With innovation, inclusivity, and identity at its core, RPPL is building a homegrown, FIA-recognised racing ecosystem for India and beyond.

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