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At the races

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Last weekend the Portimao Motor Park hosted the International GT Open, integrating the latest Spanish GT Championship round alongside the second European F3 event of the current season and a Single Seater race.

All 28 GT teams plus the 31 F3 drivers were enjoying free practice in perfect conditions by Friday morning, with V8 Racing Team's Miguel Ramos and his Italian co-driver Nicky Pastorelli posting the fastest times in their Chevrolet Corvette, while Uruguay's Santiago Urrutia displayed the kind of skills that would see him dominate the weekend's two F3 finals.

True to form Ramos led his team to GT Open Race One victory on Saturday, with an Italian-crewed Ferrari 458 in second and the all-Portuguese Team Novadriver, featuring Cesar Campaniço and Carlos Vieira, taking third in their Audi R8 LMS (winners in the Iber GT classification).

Novadriver were less fortunate in Sunday's second race when crashing out on the first bend leaving Duncan Cameron and Matt Griffin (Ferrari 458) to claim the honours in front of the ultra-consistent Ramos.

The aforementioned Urrutia exerted a similar influence over the F3 Grand Prix proving ground by taking Saturday's opening race and finishing second to the Dubai-born Ed Jones in the second.

Even more dominant proved to be Fernando Mayer Gasper who took both Single Seater events by a distance in his Van Diemen RF982.

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