



## DANIIL KVYAT ON TOP IN THE RAIN

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**31.05.2013. Due to heavy rain, free practice of the FIA Formula 3 European Championship at the 4.326 kilometres long Red Bull Ring turned out to be a difficult task for the young drivers. Red Bull junior driver Daniil Kvyat (Carlin, 1:46.022 minutes) coped best with the wet and cold conditions and claimed first place. Felix Rosenqvist (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1:46.244 minutes) was classified second from the two Formula 3 novices Jan Mardenborough (Carlin, 1:46.600 minutes) and Nicholas Latifi (Carlin, 1:46.731 minutes).**

At the Red Bull Ring, the 28 young drivers had to get to grips with the unwelcoming weather: it rained throughout the session and temperatures didn't get beyond 10 degrees. Due to the difficult weather conditions, which, according to the forecast, are to last all weekend long, nearly all the drivers came off the track at least once. Guest driver Daniil Kvyat did the best job in Styria: the Russian set a lap time of 1:46.022 minutes, enough to claim first place. Felix Rosenqvist made another attempt in the closing stages, but failed to beat Kvyat's time. Nevertheless, the Swede was happy as well as he was the only non Carlin driver to end up in the top six. With Mardenborough, Latifi, Jordan King (Carlin, 1:46.930 minutes) and Harry Tincknell (Carlin, 1:47.081 minutes), four Carlin drivers followed Rosenqvist.

Félix Serrallés (Fortec Motorsport, 1:47.142 minutes), points' leader Raffaele Marciello (Prema Powerteam, 1:47.154 minutes), Eddie Cheever (Prema Powerteam, 1:47.291 minutes) and Lucas Wolf (URD Rennsport, 1:47.321 minutes) rounded out the top ten. In his first outing after changing teams, William Buller (Fortec Motorsports, 1:47.763 minutes) ended up in 13th place, while Lucas Auer (Prema Powerteam, 1:49.689 minutes), the only Austrian in the field, was sidelined early due to gearbox failure. Eventually, he was classified 26th. Qualifying starts at 17.55 hrs.