





TOM BLOMQVIST STARTS MOSCOW PREMIERE WITH FASTEST TIME

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11.07.2014. The FIA Formula 3 European Championship started its first-ever weekend at the 3.931 kilometres long Moscow Raceway with fastest time for Tom Blomqvist (Jagonya Ayam with Carlin, 1:26.969 minutes). Antonio Fuoco (Prema Powerteam, 1:27.150 minutes) was classified second, 0.181 seconds down, Esteban Ocon (Prema Powerteam, 1:27.243 minutes) and Jordan King (Carlin, 1:27.345 minutes) occupied third and fourth place respectively.

Although the track is new to many drivers, any form of previous circuit knowledge only played an important role in the first few laps. Following two outings in Formula Renault 2.0, Esteban Ocon had such knowledge and was able to set fast lap times straight away. During the free practice session, however, he had to fend off more and more attacks from his rivals. In the final ten minutes, Tom Blomqvist and Antonio Fuoco in particular gave the 17-year-old Frenchman a hard time and claimed first and second place.

Eventually, Tom Blomqvist and Antonio Fuoco, both on their first visit to the track near the Russian capital, ranked ahead of the Lotus F1 junior driver in the final classification. Blomqvist moved up into first place with four minutes remaining and was the only driver to set a lap time under 1:27 minutes. With this time, he outpaced erstwhile leader Antonio Fuoco and demoted the 18-year-old Ferrari Driver Academy protégé to second place.

Jordan King, Lucas Auer (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1:27.355 minutes), Jake Dennis (Carlin, 1:27.370 minutes), Felix Rosenqvist (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1:27.427 minutes), Max Verstappen (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1:27.463 minutes), Jules Szymkowiak (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1:27.578 minutes) and Dennis van de Laar (Prema Powerteam, 1:27.697 minutes) rounded out the top ten.