





FELIX ROSENQVIST STARTS OFF HOCKENHEIM WEEKEND WITH FASTEST TIME

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30.04.2015. Stalwart Felix Rosenqvist (Prema Powerteam, 1:33.146 minutes) was the first driver to post a fastest time in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship this weekend. At the 4.574 kilometres long Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg, the Swede turned out to be unbeatable in both the first and the second part of free practice. Second place in the overall results went to Rosenqvist's team-mate Lance Stroll (Prema Powerteam, 1:33.262 minutes). Santino Ferrucci (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1:33.516 minutes) and Jake Dennis (Prema Powerteam, 1:33.618 minutes) ended up third and fourth respectively.

Felix Rosenqvist already moved up to the top of the time sheets early in free practice and then always countered successfully when rivals beat his fastest time. Eventually, rookie driver Lance Stroll came closest: six minutes before the chequered flag was out, he moved up into first place, but then was demoted to second again by Rosenqvist soon after that. The 16-year old Canadian rookie held on to this position until the end of the session.

American Santino Ferrucci ended up third and thus split the trio of Prema Powerteam drivers as he demoted Prema's Jake Dennis to fourth. Italian Antonio Giovinazzi (Jagonya Ayam with Carlin, 1:33.644 minutes), the FIA Formula 3 European Championship points' leader, was classified fifth from Raoul Hyman (Team West-Tec F3, 1:33.689 minutes). Behind Stroll, the South-African was the second-best rookie in the free practice classification.

The two Silverstone race winners, rookie drivers Charles Leclerc (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1:33.743 minutes) from Monaco and George Russell (Carlin, 1:33.817 minutes) from Great Britain were classified seventh and eighth from Frenchman Brandon Maisano (Prema Powerteam, 1:33.858 minutes) and Italian Michele Beretta (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1:33.894 minutes).