

TWO CARLIN DRIVERS IN THE TOP 3

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Jake Hughes (Carlin, 1m32.361s) posted the fastest lap time in free practice at the 4.574 kilometres long Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg. On his debut in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship, the Brit demoted the new FIA Formula 3 European Championship Lance Stroll (Prema Powerteam, 1m32.399s) to second place. Lando Norris (Carlin, 1m32.404s), who, like Hughes, is also making his FIA Formula 3 European Championship debut, secured third place from George Russell (HitechGP, 1m32.484s), Joel Eriksson (Motopark, 1m32.523s) and Maximilian Günther (Prema Powerteam, 1m32.574s).

The 80 minutes of free practice marked the start of the action during the season finale of the 2016 FIA Formula 3 European Championship. After an absence of two meetings, the Carlin team is making its return to the series, having secured the services of the three British Formula 3 novices Lando Norris, Jake Hughes and Daniel Ticktum (1m32.857s) for this event. Hughes showed a solid performance on his debut, setting the fastest lap time in free practice. In the process, he was 0.038 seconds faster than Lance Stroll, who already sealed the FIA Formula 3 European Championship title at Imola a fortnight ago. Only 0.005 seconds down on the Canadian, Lando Norris was classified third as the second Carlin driver.

Following George Russell in fourth position, Joel Eriksson ended up fifth. It is his goal to seal the title as the best rookie at Hockenheim. Maximilian Günther started off his weekend with sixth place. He wants to end up second in the drivers' standings. Thus, the Prema driver also was the best-placed German, but his

compatriot David Beckmann (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1m32.629s) followed immediately behind him. Nick Cassidy (Prema Powerteam, 1m32.667s), Callum Iott (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m32.685s) and Niko Kari (Motopark, 1m32.777s) rounded out the top ten.