

CALLUM ILOTT FASTEST IN FREE PRACTICE

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The FIA Formula 3 European Championship drivers used free practice to prepare for the season finale at the 4.574 kilometres long Hockenheimring. Callum Iloft (Prema Powerteam, 1m31.891s) ended up in first place from Joel Eriksson (Motopark, 1m31.925s) and title favourite Lando Norris (Carlin, 1m32.061s). Mick Schumacher (Prema Powerteam, 1m32.129s) was the best-placed German in fourth ahead of Maximilian Günther (Prema Powerteam, 1m32.132s), who was fifth. Günther is the only driver who still has a possibility to keep Norris from winning the FIA Formula 3 European Championship title.

Admittedly, Callum Iloft no longer has a chance of winning the FIA Formula 3 European Championship title, but the Brit still was unbeatable in free practice. On this final weekend in 2017, he wants to get ahead of his team-mate Maximilian Günther into second place of the final drivers' standings. Thus, Iloft has the same goal as Swede Joel Eriksson, who currently only is six points down on Günther. Eriksson ended up second in free practice and therefore is also well prepared.

Lando Norris was classified third. On his fastest lap of the Hockenheimring, the McLaren junior driver was 0.170 seconds slower than Iloft, but still was the best-placed rookie in the field. Mick Schumacher was the second-best rookie, who, on his fastest lap, was 0.003 seconds quicker than fifth-placed Maximilian Günther.

Guanyu Zhou (Prema Powerteam, 1m32.212s), Pedro Piquet (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m32.235s), Ralf Aron, (Hitech Grand Prix, 1m32.248s), Jake Hughes (Hitech Grand Prix, 1m32.310s) and Joey Mawson (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m32.330s) rounded out the top ten.

Next to the established drivers, the grid also includes two novices. Jüri Vips (Motopark, 1m32.533s), the reigning ADAC Formula 4 champion, was classified 14th in his first-ever free practice in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship while Felipe Drugovich (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m32.641s), the third-placed in ADAC Formula 4, had to make do with 15th place. In total, the lap times of 19 drivers were within one second.