

LANDO NORRIS LEADS JAKE HUGHES IN FREE PRACTICE

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Lando Norris (Carlin, 1m21.200s) claimed first place in free practice for the eighth race meeting of the FIA Formula 3 European Championship at the 3.629 kilometres long Nürburgring sprint circuit. The Brit completed his fastest lap of the circuit at the foot of the Nürburg castle 0.259 seconds faster than his compatriot Jake Hughes (Hitech Grand Prix, 1m21.654s). Nikita Mazepin (Hitech Grand Prix, 1m21.669s), Ralf Aron (Hitech Grand Prix, 1m21.737s) and Joey Mawson (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m21.784s) were classified in third to sixth place.

In cool temperatures, the young FIA Formula 3 European Championship drivers prepared themselves for the 22nd to 24th race of the season that will be taking place in the Eifel this weekend. Lando Norris, the leader in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship drivers' standings, found the best line and also remained unfazed by the rain that set in towards the end of the session. The young talent, who is supported by the McLaren Formula 1 team, topped the time sheets at the end of the 90 minutes of free practice.

Drivers from the two British teams Carlin and Hitech Grand Prix locked out the first five places, with Joey Mawson as the first driver from a different team in sixth place.

Frenchman Sacha Fenestraz (Carlin, 1m21.829s) was the best driver of the three novices. The current Formula Renault 2.0 Eurocup points' leader immediately did well in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship and ended up ahead of Pedro Piquet (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m21.870s), Ferdinand Habsburg (Carlin, 1m22.014s) and Joel Eriksson (Motopark, 1m22.025s) in eighth to tenth place.

Max Defourny (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m22.297s), the second driver making his FIA Formula 3 European Championship debut this weekend and, like Fenestraz, currently racing in the Formula Renault 2.0 Eurocup, was classified 15th and thus ended up one place ahead of Maximilian Günther (Prema Powerteam, 1m22.313s), currently second in the drivers' standings. Petru Florescu (Motopark, 1m23.328s), who is also having his first outing in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship this weekend, was classified 22nd.