

# FASTEST LAP FOR LANDO NORRIS

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Lando Norris (Carlin, 2m28.709s) posted the fastest lap time in free practice of the FIA Formula 3 European Championship at Spa-Francorchamps. The British McLaren junior driver was 0.827 seconds faster than Ferdinand Habsburg (Carlin, 2m29.536s). Third place went to Jehan Daruvala (Carlin, 2m29.752s), who is supported by the Force India Formula 1 team, followed by Maximilian Günther (Prema Powerteam, 2m29.772s) and Mick Schumacher (Prema Powerteam, 2m29.982s).

The young drivers from the FIA Formula 3 European Championship already having had to deal with wet track conditions during the official test day at Spa-Francorchamps two days ago, they also had to cope with rain in free practice at the same venue. Lando Norris didn't complete many laps in free practice, he only racked up eight timed laps. He did just two of them in the second part, but that was enough to move up into the lead in the final stages. His team-mate Ferdinand Habsburg did it likewise and also posted his fastest lap time in the closing stages and took first place. Jehan Daruvala also improved towards the end and ended up third.

Next up behind the three Carlin drivers was the Prema duo of Maximilian Günther and Mick Schumacher. Thus, three rookies were classified among the top five: Norris in first, Daruvala in third and Schumacher in fifth place. Joel Eriksson (Motopark, 2m30.005s) ended up sixth followed by Joey Mawson (Van Amersfoort, 2m30.329s), Guanyu Zhou (Prema Powerteam, 2m30.552s), Ralf Aron (Hitech Grand Prix, 2m30.659s) and Nikita Mazepin (Hitech Grand Prix, 2m30.669s) rounded out the top ten.

First qualifying of the FIA Formula 3 European Championship takes places this afternoon at 13.30 hrs.

Second qualifying follows at 17.10 hrs.