

Media information: Race Baku

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After his successful start into his first F2-season with a podium finish in Bahrain, Max Günther had to fight off a string of bad luck during the entire weekend in Azerbaijan. On Friday electronic problems hampered his quali, followed by a penalty on the starting grid applied to both Arden cars. After making his way up the field right from the start, Max was forced to retire from the first race on Saturday after a competitor had hit his left rear wheel. As if that wasn't enough bad luck, on Sunday he retired from the race because a plastic bag on the track, collected by his air intakes, led to overheating.



In any case, Max wouldn't be Max if he didn't put the Baku-weekend behind and look confidentially ahead. After this second F2 race weekend, Max has a total of 16 points and is 10th in the championship.

Max reviews race 2:

"I had to start the sprint race from the back due to the DNF on Saturday. But then I couldn't get away due to problems with the gearbox electronics. The team did a great job and I was able to start from pitlane. However, it turned out a complete weekend of bad luck in the end: I was able to work my way up the field and gave everything I could, was already 15th when a stupid plastic bag that seemed to be blown around the track was caught in my air intakes. This of course affected the cooling of my engine and I was forced to retire due to overheating.

We now just have to look ahead and hope that we have used up all the season's bad luck in this past weekend. Again we learned from the weekend and were able to collect some useful data. A big "Thank You" to the crew, they did a great job and worked hard and are at least as disappointed as I am. Together we move ahead – in two weeks' time we are already in Barcelona, a track that I know, like and look forward to!"

BWT Arden Teammanager Kenny Kirwan:

"A very frustrating weekend for Maxi and the entire BWT Arden team. However, we come away from Baku with the knowledge that we have a very strong package for Barcelona in two weeks' time. I have been very impressed by Maxi's work ethic and approach this weekend."

Results Race 2:

1	8G. Russell	ART Grand Prix
2	4N. de Vries	PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore
3	6N. Latifi	DAMS
4	19L. Norris	Carlin
5	16A. Maini	Trident
6	17S. Ferrucci	Trident
7	9R. Merhi	MP Motorsport
8	10 Boschung	MP Motorsport
9	2T. Makino	RUSSIAN TIME
10	20L. Delétraz	Charouz Racing System
15 DNF	11M. Günther	BWT Arden

Next F2 race weekend: Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya 11.-13.05.2018

Max reviews race 1 (Saturday):

"After the penalty for our entire Arden Team, I had to start from P17. I managed a great start and was moving up the ranks, being within the top 10 already in the first corner when a competitor hit my left rear from behind. My tyre was sliced and I had a puncture that forced me to return to the pits. During the pitstop and tyre change the team realised that my suspension was damaged and I was forced to retire."



Results Race 1 :

1	Alexander Albon	DAMS
2	Jack Aitken	ART Grand Prix
3	Antonio Fuoco	Charouz Racing System
4	Sergio Sette Camara	Carlin
5	Nicholas Latifi	DAMS
6	Lando Norris	Carlin
7	Ralph Boschung	MP Motorsport
8	Roberto Merhi	MP Motorsport
9	Tadasuke Makino	RUSSIAN TIME
10	Sean Gelael	PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing
	Maximilian Günther DNF	BWT Arden

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Max reviews Qualifying (Friday):

"I learned the track quickly, it is very interesting but challenging at the same time. Unfortunately we had an electronic problem on Friday during quali, which is why I didn't manage top 10. To add on top, due to a rule based penalty applied to both of our cars, me and my teammate lost our positions and had to start from the back."

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About the FIA Formula 2 Championship

Forging a new beginning for the penultimate rung of the open-wheel motorsport ladder, an agreement has been made between the FIA and the former GP2 Series Organisation to create the ultimate training ground for Formula 1 for 2017 in the new FIA Formula 2 Championship (F2). The combination of the prestige of the FIA and the organisational prowess of GP2 have been brought together to create a championship that will be the ideal preparation for the top step: Formula 1.

The championship will provide the opportunity for our drivers to show their ability in front of the F1 teams as they compete on world-renowned circuits throughout Europe and the Middle East, in a car created to ensure that the challenge for the teams is maintained.

Partner Pirelli, one of the most respected names in top level automotive expertise, allows F2 to evolve and, along with further relationships with a host of committed suppliers, to create a category which is both affordable and technologically advanced.



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Additionally, Arden International will from this season, field a pair of Aston Martin Vantage V12s in the Blancpain GT Pro Class under the banner of R-Motorsport.



Max' partners:



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