

# Media information: FIA Formula 2 - Barcelona

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"Dark clouds loomed over the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya prior to the start of the Saturday feature race, with on and off drizzle of rain which meant that the track was partially wet and slippery. Max was a victim of the chaos after the start, came onto the slippery outside line and spun into the gravel. Unfortunately he couldn't drive himself out of it again and his race ended prematurely.

The ten thousands at the Circuit Barcelona-Catalunya saw an eventful race that was interrupted by several Safety Car periods. Although the track was damp from some rain in the morning, all drivers started on the medium slicks since there was no forecast for more rain. After his bad luck in the Feature race on Saturday, Max' main target was to get through and finish. A task he managed well, making up places and finishing 12<sup>th</sup>, with the points in sight.

After this second F2 race weekend, Max has a total of 16 points and is 10th in the championship.

## Max' review race 2 (Sunday):

"Due to my accident on Saturday we had to start from the back end, not the ideal position. However I gave it all and gained some places at the start. In the race I made up some spots and have to say, that under the circumstances, P12 is the best I could do. When running in the tight midfield-'pack' with many cars around, the tyres degrade much faster, therefore P12 was the maximum today."

## **BWT Arden Teammanager Kenny Kirwan:**

"Another tough weekend for Maxi and his BWT Arden team. We struggled to get the Pirelli tyre working in the correct window and this defined our Friday. Maxi was very unfortunate in Race 1 and worked very hard in Sunday's sprint race to make progress. I remain very impressed with Maxi's approach and we are very much looking forward to



Monaco in a fortnight's time where I am certain Maxi and the team will impress."

Next F2 race weekend: Circuit de Monaco 24.-26.05.2018

#### Race 2:

1. Jack Aitken **BRI ART Grand Prix** 45:21.511 2. Alexander Albon **BRI DAMS** +1.5503. Lando Norris **BRI Carlin** +2.864**BRI ART Grand Prix** 4. George Russell + 8.106 5. Luca Ghiotto **ITA Campos Vexatec Racing** + 11.109 6. Sean Gelael IDN Pertamina Prema Theodore Racing + 13.702 7. Antonio Fuoco ITA Charouz Racing System + 14.837 8. Nicholas Latifi **CDN DAMS** 

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9. Artem Markelov RUS Russian Time + 29.065
10. Louis Deletraz SWI Charouz Racing System + 29.437
12. Maximilian Gunther GER BWT Arden + 32.428

## Max' review race 1 (Saturday):

"I had a good start and managed to make up some spots. Then it got really tight and I was caught out. It's a real shame, because I could have improved in the race. With a bit of luck you can actually score some points in these tricky conditions. In my case unfortunately I didn't have that chance so we just have to look ahead and forget about the bad luck."

### **Race 1:**

1. George Russell BRI ART Grand Prix 1:02:58.902

3. Lando Norris BRI Carlin + 5.714

4. Luca Ghiotto ITA Campos Vexatec Racing + 6.098

5. Alexander Albon BRI DAMS + 8.214
6. Jack Aitken BRI ART Grand Prix + 8.214
7. Sergio Sette Câmara BRA Carlin + 9.830
8. Artem Markelov RUS Russian Time + 20.857
9. Tadasuke Makino JPN Russian Time + 23.950
10. Antonio Fuoco ITA Charouz Racing System + 25.289

**DNF Maximilian Günther** 

## Max' review Qualifying (Friday):

"P 13 was not what we had hoped for but the track turned out to be quite tricky. The combination of the new asphalt, gusty wind and that fine yellow pollen resulted in less grip on the track. It was a challenge to manage with our package and we unfortunately couldn't get that perfect lap."



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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



About Arden International

Arden International Motorsport was created at the beginning of 1997 in order to contest the FIA Formula 3000 Championship.

From its origins of racing in the FIA F3000 Championship, Arden has, over the last 10 years expanded its race operations to include the FIA Formula 2, GP3 Series, Formula Renault 3.5 V8 Championship, Formula Renault 2.0 Eurocup and FIA British F4 Championships.

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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