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MAXG Media Information: Race Le Castellet

Difficult weekend for Maximilian Günther at the Formula 2 race premiere at Le Castellet

The weekend at Le Castellet in France started promisingly for Maximilian Günther. In practice, the BWT Arden Formula 2 driver set the third fastest time on the Circuit Paul Ricard and was only 0.138 seconds behind the leader. Unfortunately, this good result could not be achieved again with the soft tyres used in qualifying, so eleventh place was the maximum.

In the first race on Saturday, technical problems on the car emerged and the wrong tyre choice, which required an additional pit stop, caused Maximilian to drop far behind. He finished twelfth and couldn't score any points. The bad luck also continued in the sprint race on Sunday. Coming from twelfth place, he impressively fought his way up to eighth place after a good start. But technical problems, which made the car undriveable, once more dropped the 20-year-old back to eleventh.

Despite the setbacks, Maximilian remains fully motivated because he has shown that he could have been at the top without the technical and tactical problems. By knowing this, the BWT Arden driver remains in a positive mood and wants to attack again at the next Formula 2 race weekend, which will take place on the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg next weekend (30 June/1 July).

After ten races Maximilian ranks 15th in the drivers' standings with 20 championship points.

Maximilian Günther: "It was a difficult weekend and the result of going home without points is very frustrating. I was quite good in practice and was third. That's why I was hoping for more in qualifying than the eleventh grid position. The wrong tyre choice and the mistake of the team on Saturday destroyed my races. But I won't let that get me down because I know what I would have been able to do without the problems. Luckily, the next race is next weekend, where I'll fight back."

BWT Arden Team Manager Kenny Kirwan: "An extremely disappointing and frustrating weekend for the BWT Arden team with a number of issues that compromised the performance of both drivers over the course of the weekend. These issues have cost us valuable points scoring positions in both races for Maxi and we must work harder on having a clean weekend as a team to provide Max with the strong results that he deserves and we expect. We will regroup and be much stronger in Spielberg."

RESULT

Le Castellet (22/06/18 - 24/06/18)

RACE 1: P12

RACE 2: P11

2018 FIA F2 Championship (10/24 races)

Points: 20

Position: 15

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About Maximilian Günther

In 2018, Maximilian Günther joined the FIA Formula 2 Championship – the best racing series in the world for young drivers. This now leaves him just one step away from his major goal. The racing series takes place together with the FIA Formula 1 Championship and is just one tier below the legendary racing series. Maximilian Günther is the only German driver competing in the FIA Formula 2 Championship and is the next direct contender for a Formula 1 cockpit.

After coming in second in the 2016 FIA Formula 3 European Championship, Maximilian Günther again secured a place on the podium in 2017. Maximilian was already dominating race tracks in his early years. With many ADAC Formula Masters wins under his belt, the now 20-year-old played already an important part of Germany's most important youth program early on: the Deutsche Post Speed Academy.

With the support of Mercedes-Benz, Maximilian joined the Formula Junior series in 2015. With his win at Norisring, Maximilian's talent was already on full display during his rookie year in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship. Four wins and an overall second place finish in the 2016 European Championship underscored his continual development, which concluded with the Formula 3 Championship in 2017. With another 5 wins and 61 points more than in the previous year, he showcased his ability and ended up being the best driver using a Mercedes engine.



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