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First win for Maximilian Günther in Formula 2 in Silverstone

Maximilian Günther won the Formula 2 sprint race at Silverstone and clinched his first victory in the junior series of Formula 1. Starting from pole position, the BWT Arden driver stayed in the lead for 21 laps and crossed the finish line in first position by showing an impressive performance. The German laid the foundation for his success in Saturday's race, which he finished eighth and secured first place on the grid by reversing the starting order of the top eight drivers in Sunday's race.

Maximilian dominated the race from the start and kept cool with his competitors behind trying to catch up. Lap by lap he was able to pull away and manage his tyres. Just before the end, things got exciting again when a rival behind Maximilian made a clean sweep through the field and caught up with him two laps before the end of the race.

But the man from Rettenberg kept a cool head and did not let his first win in Formula 2 slip through his fingers. After second place in Bahrain, it was the second podium for Maximilian. However, the cheering and the joy of the first victory outshone everything. The BWT Arden Team is located just a few kilometres from the Silverstone circuit and Maximilian gave the team their first home win in Formula 2.

Maximilian collected 19 championship points with a win on Sunday and eighth place on Saturday and climbed up to eleventh place with a total of 39 points in the drivers' standings.

Maximilian Günther: "My first victory in Formula 2! It's an indescribable feeling, I'm just happy! I would like to congratulate my BWT Arden team on their home victory and thank them for making this success possible! I had a good race and got pressure from behind at the beginning. But I was able to pull away, manage the tyres and thus bring the win to the finish. I am very proud of this success and extremely relieved that the hard work has finally paid off after the difficult weekends before. I would also like to thank my family and my supporters, because without them this would not be possible and I would not be where I am now! I hope that we will be successful in the next races too and that we can celebrate even more victories."

BWT Arden Team Manager Kenny Kirwan: "A perfect finish to the end of the home race for BWT Arden. Maximilian drove a very sensible race on Saturday to deliver him a reverse pole position for Sunday's sprint race. He led from the start to the chequered flag and showed his potential in the series with a fantastic win. I am certain we will continue this form into the next races."

RESULT

Silverstone (06/07/18 - 08/07/18)

RACE 1: P8

RACE 2: P1

2018 FIA F2 Championship (14/24 races)

Points: 39

Position: 11

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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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