





ANTONIO GIOVINAZZI AHEAD OF LUCAS AUER

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02.05.2014. In partly sunny conditions, the FIA Formula 3 European Championship drivers started into their second season meeting at the 4.574 kilometres long Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg. Italian Antonio Giovinazzi (Jagonya Ayam with Carlin, 1:33.135 minutes) was fastest in free practice. Lucas Auer (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1:33.337 minutes), Max Verstappen (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1:33.352 minutes) and Esteban Ocon (Prema Powerteam, 1:33.510 minutes) were classified in second to fourth place.

Lucas Auer started off the home event for his team kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, the only German team in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship, with second place. The Austrian only managed to obtain this position in the final minutes. He was 0.202 seconds down on pace-setter Antonio Giovinazzi. The best-placed rookie driver in the field, 16-year-old Max Verstappen, followed just behind Lucas Auer. The Dutchman, who only stepped up from go-karts to single-seater racing this year and already scored his maiden podium finish in the season opener at Silverstone, demoted Esteban Ocon to fourth place in the duel of the best rookie drivers.

Behind the two Formula 3 stalwarts Tom Blomqvist (Jagonya Ayam with Carlin, 1:33.599 minutes) and Felix Rosenqvist (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1:33.654 minutes), Antonio Fuoco (Prema Powerteam, 1:33.686 minutes) followed as the third-best rookie in seventh place. Nicholas Latifi (Prema Powerteam, 1:33.728 minutes), Jordan King (Carlin, 1:33.747 minutes) and Edward Jones (Carlin, 1:33.752 minutes) rounded out the top ten.