

LANCE STROLL STARTS OFF WITH FASTEST LAP TIME

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Canadian Lance Stroll (Prema Powerteam, 1m21.311s) showed himself in excellent shape after the six weeks' summer break and claimed first place in free practice of the FIA Formula 3 European Championship. At the 3.629 kilometres long Nürburgring sprint circuit, the junior driver of the Williams Formula 1 team was 0.087 seconds faster than Callum Iott (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m21.398s). Maximilian Günther (Prema Powerteam, 1m21.413s.) claimed third place from Sérgio Sette Câmara (Motopark, 1m21.482s) and the two rookie drivers Anthoine Hubert (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m21.542s) and David Beckmann (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1m21.567s).

Lance Stroll, who came to the Eifel with a 61 points' margin from the best-placed German young driver Maximilian Günther, posted his fastest lap time in the second half of free practice. This was enough to take first place in free practice classification. Callum Iott, currently fifth in the drivers' standings, already set his personal best lap time in the first half of the session, traditionally in two segments, and ended up second. Günther, Sette Câmara and Hubert, all classified behind Iott, were all faster in the second part of practice while David Beckmann was already able to set his time in the first half.

Nick Cassidy (Prema Powerteam, 1m21.591s), Mikkel Jensen (kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport, 1m21.644s), George Russell (HitechGP, 1m21.722s) and Harrison Newey (Van Amersfoort Racing, 1m21.767s) rounded out the top ten. In the process, the lap times of Lance Stroll in first place and Newey in tenth were less than 0.5 seconds apart. The lap times of the entire field were within 0.834 seconds.