

MICK SCHUMACHER ON TOP IN FREE PRACTICE

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In bright sunshine, the FIA Formula 3 European Championship drivers got their ninth race weekend of the 2018 season underway at the 4.318 kilometres long Red Bull Ring. Mick Schumacher (PREMA Theodore Racing, 1m23.650s) was fastest in free practice from Jüri Vips (Motopark, 1m23.729s) and Marcus Armstrong (PREMA Theodore Racing, 1m23.742s).

Mick Schumacher moved up into first place towards the end of the session and only briefly had to let Jüri Vips take first place with three minutes remaining. On his next lap, the German claimed back the top position, demoting the Estonian to second. Just like Vips and Fabio Scherer (Motopark, 1m23.798s), Marcus Armstrong also briefly topped the timing screens in the final part of the session. Armstrong ended up third-fastest, one place ahead of Scherer.

Ralf Aron (PREMA Theodore Racing, 1m23.856s) was classified fifth from Daniel Ticktum (Motopark, 1m23.885s), who came to Austria as the leader in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship drivers' standings. Robert Shvartzman (PREMA Theodore Racing, 1m23.950s), Ferdinand Habsburg (Carlin, 1m23.976s), Sacha Fenestraz (Carlin, 1m24.002s) and Enaam Ahmed (Hitech Bullfrog GP, 1m24.045s) rounded out the top ten.

At 5.35 pm local time today, action continues for the teams and drivers as they will be battling for the starting grid positions for the 25th race of the FIA Formula 3 European Championship season in first qualifying.