

DANIEL TICKTUM ON TOP IN FREE PRACTICE AT SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS

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Daniel Ticktum (Motopark, 2m11.756s) got his fifth race weekend of the 2018 FIA Formula 3 European Championship underway with the fastest lap time in free practice. At the 7.004 kilometres long Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Guanyu Zhou (PREMA Theodore Racing, 2m11.953s) ended up second from the best rookie drivers Sacha Fenestraz (Carlin, 2m11.957s), Jüri Vips (Motopark, 2m12.099s) and Jonathan Aberdein (Motopark, 2m12.111s).

In bright sunshine and with temperatures around 30 degrees, the FIA Formula 3 European Championship drivers took on their free practice session. Just before the end of the session, Daniel Ticktum moved up to the top of the standings and managed to defend first place until the chequered flag was out. Guanyu Zhou and Sacha Fenestraz also drove their best laps of the legendary circuit in the Ardennes in the closing stages and thus toppled Jüri Vips to fourth place from Jonathan Aberdein.

Alex Palou (Hitech Bullfrog GP, 2m12.149s) was classified sixth with his personal fastest lap time and thus outpaced his teammate Enaam Ahmed (Hitech Bullfrog GP, 2m12.155s) by merely 0.006 seconds. Fabio Scherer (Motopark, 2m12.205s), Mick Schumacher (PREMA Theodore Racing, 2m12.206s) and Ralf Aron (PREMA Theodore Racing, 2m12.215s) rounded out the top ten.

Next to free practice, today's schedule also includes the two qualifying sessions. Qualifying 1 gets underway at 13.25 hrs, second qualifying starts at 16.55 hrs.