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First victory for Maximilian Günther in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship in Santiago



The year 2020 could not have started better for Maximilian Günther. In the first race of the new decade the BMW i Andretti Motorsport driver celebrated his first victory in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship. In a thrilling race in Santiago de Chile, he impressively prevailed against the competitors and, after 40 laps, crossed the finish line in first position.

In the qualifying session the German entered the Super Pole for the first time of the season, where the six fastest drivers fight for the pole position. With a personal best lap time of 1:05.102 minutes, he clearly set himself apart from the competition and finished second just behind the leader. Maximilian Günther thus achieved his best qualifying result and started from the front row of the grid for the first time in his Formula E career.

After 17 laps, the 22-year-old took the lead and pulled away from his opponents. During the heat battle on the reworked 2.287 kilometre long Parque O'Higgins, the focus was on good energy and temperature management, and so it became exciting again just before the end of the race.

With a spectacular overtaking manoeuvre on the final lap Maximilian Günther regained the lead and, at the age of 22 years and 200 days, became the youngest race winner in the history of Formula E.

In the drivers' championship Maximilian Günther ranks fourth with 25 points after three races. The fourth round of the season will be held in Mexico on 15 February.

Maximilian Günther: „I can hardly put it into words what happened today. I'm mega happy that I won the race today. Standing on the top step of the podium is an incredible feeling. It was a great fight at the front and I really wanted this victory. I'm very happy that it worked out! Many thanks to my team. The boys and girls gave me a great car today, everything worked out just great!“

RESULT

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RACE: P1

2019/20 - ABB FIA Formula E (3/14 races)

Points: 25

Position: 4

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About Maximilian Günther

A dream came true! Maximilian Günther competes with BMW i Andretti Motorsport in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship 2019/20 and becomes factory driver of the Munich-based manufacturer. Since the fifth season, the German has been competing in the world's first all-electric FIA Championship for formula cars, which mostly takes place on street circuits at spectacular venues such as New York, Hong Kong, Paris, Rome and Berlin.

Maximilian Günther has worked as a test and development driver for Jay Penske's American team GEOX DRAGON since the beginning of 2018 and was significantly involved in the development of their Gen2 car. In the same year, the 21-year-old German took part in the FIA Formula 2 Championship, where he won the prestigious race at the Grand Prix of Great Britain.

In Season 5 of the ABB FIA Formula E championship, Maximilian Günther was the youngest regular driver in the history of the racing series at the age of 21 years. In Paris and Bern he finished in the top 5 after a strong pace and scored a total of 20 points in his rookie season. With this performance the German attracted attention and recommended himself for a BMW factory cockpit.

Maximilian Günther began his motorsport career in various junior racing series. His greatest successes to date include the runner-up title in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship 2016, the win at the historic Formula 3 Grand Prix de Pau 2017 and the win in the FIA Formula 2 at the Grand Prix of Great Britain at Silverstone. In 2016 and 2017 Maximilian Günther was in working as DTM test and replacement driver and Formula 1 simulator driver for Mercedes. Two times he was named Germany's Motorsport Talent of the Year by the Deutsche Post Speed Academy and was also voted ADAC Junior Motorsportsman of the Year by a panel of experts in 2016.



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