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Maximilian Günther without points at the ABB FIA Formula E Championship in Berlin



Maximilian Günther remained without points at his home races in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship in Berlin. After a 158-day break, the 2019/20 Formula E campaign resumed on Wednesday (5th August) for the grand finale of the season in Berlin, where six races will be held on three different track configurations within nine days. The kick-off event took place on the 2.355 kilometre reverse circuit, which features the traditional layout but is running in the opposite direction.

On the bumpy track surface on the tarmac of the former Tempelhof airport, Maximilian Günther set the third fastest time (1:07.685 minutes) in the first group in of the first qualifying session. As the track conditions improved in the course of the following sessions, he started from twelfth position into the sixth race of the season.

In an eventful race with many position changes, the 23-year-old was able to make up many places. Also thanks to a very good energy management, he crossed the finish line in eighth position. After the race, however, he was disqualified due to a technical rule violation.

The BMW i Andretti Motorsport driver remained focused and was eager to score points again the following day. In qualifying on Thursday (6th August), he once again took to the track in the first group and set the third fastest lap time of 1:07.269 minutes in the group. At the end, the German qualified in eleventh position.

After a good start into the race Maximilian Günther moved up to eighth place and was involved in several duels. On the sixth lap he collided with an opponent, causing severe damage to his BMW iFE.20. After changing the front end and the tyres, the German was able to continue the race for the time being. However, due to the heavy damage on the car, he had to retire from the race.

Maximilian Günther ranks ninth in the drivers' championship with 44 points. The Formula E field will be back in action next weekend (8 and 9 August) running on the traditional circuit on the Tempelhof circuit in Berlin. The two races will start at 19:00 CEST.

Maximilian Günther: "It's a great feeling to be back in a race car and fight on a real track! Of course it would have been even better if we had achieved better results. The disqualification on Wednesday was a shame, but we accepted it and focused directly on the upcoming race. Our pace in the second race was again very good and we would have been able to score a lot of points. Now we have to take the positives with us and use the day off to prepare for the next races and to be able to attack again at the front."

RESULT

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RACE 1: DSQ
RACE 2: DNF

2019/20 - ABB FIA Formula E (7/11 races)

Points: 44

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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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