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Maximilian Günther without points at the first night races of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship in Diriyah



Maximilian Günther was not awarded any points at the opening round of the seventh season of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, which now has the status of an official FIA World Championship. The BMW i Andretti Motorsport driver performed well in the first two night races in Formula E history in Diriyah and was running in promising positions. However, he had to end the races prematurely after two accidents.

Due to the sandy environment, the grip level on the 2.495-kilometre long and newly asphalted street circuit was initially low and improved over the course of the weekend. This was reflected in the first qualifying session on Friday afternoon. Maximilian Günther was in the second group and set the fifth fastest

time in 1:09.455 minutes. The following qualifying groups benefited from the better track conditions and the German was swept through to ninth on the grid.

In cooler temperatures in the evening, he started the first Formula E night race from the fifth row and made up two positions already on the first metres. He managed his race cleverly in order to attack in the final phase and claim a podium spot. But around ten minutes before the end of the race, he retired after an accident while running in sixth place.

In the second race of the season on Saturday, the 23-year-old started from eleventh position and once again focused on the energy management of his BMW iFE.21, putting him in a good position to claim a top five result. However, after an accident around ten minutes before the end, he had to stop.

The next race will take place on 10th April in Rome, where Maximilian Günther wants to return to the road to success.

Maximilian Günther: "Of course it is very disappointing to leave Diriyah without any points. Unfortunately, our qualifying pace was not good enough this weekend, it just didn't come together. In both races we were on the move with good speed and in promising positions to score some points, but were unable to finish the races due to two accidents. That's racing, we will work through what happened and come back stronger from our days here."

RESULT

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DIRIYAH, SA

RACE 1: DNF

RACE 2: DNF

2020/21 - ABB FIA Formula E World Championship (after 2 races)

Points: 0

Position: 23

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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. In 2020, he scored two race wins and a second-place finish in his first year as a BMW works driver, once again making history as the youngest race winner in the history of Formula E.

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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