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Race lead and points for Maximilian Günther at the start of the second half of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship season in Puebla



After a six-week break from racing, Maximilian Günther returned to the cockpit of his BMW iFE.21 #28 this weekend. In Puebla (Mexico) the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship kicked off the second half of the season with rounds eight and nine, where the BMW i Andretti Motorsport driver finished in twelfth and seventh respectively. In Saturday's race, he fought for a spot on the podium until the very end and led the field meanwhile.

The 2.982-kilometre permanent circuit near the capital Mexico City is located 2,300 metres above sea level and is new to the Formula E calendar. At the beginning of the weekend, the teams and drivers familiarised themselves with the new, bumpy track and the tyre-challenging oval corner. The two free practice sessions on Saturday took place in tricky conditions on a slowly drying

surface.

In the decisive qualifying session, Maximilian Günther was the fastest in the third group with a lap time of 1:24.072 minutes and, in fifth place overall, moved into the Super Pole for the fifth time this season. There he secured fifth position (1:25.095) and started from the third row into the eighth race.

After an excellent start, the 23-year-old German moved up to second place and temporarily took the lead. Until shortly before the end of the race, he was on course for the podium and was fighting for victory. But only a few laps before the finish he dropped back due to energy problems and finished twelfth.

In qualifying for the second Puebla E-Prix on Sunday, the German was eleventh (1:23.640) and after a good start, he was in ninth place. He managed his energy well and after 32 laps finished in seventh place, for which he was rewarded with six points.

Maximilian Günther ranks 18th in the drivers' standings with 28 points on his championship account. On 10/11 July, Formula E will visit New York for the fifth doubleheader of the season.

Maximilian Günther: "The race on Saturday got off to a great start when I came from P5 to P2 and I was in the lead for a few laps. Unfortunately, we didn't have the pace and we used a bit too much energy because of that. That cost us a good result, probably even a podium. I also had a good start on Sunday and was able to make up some places. We are leaving Mexico with seventh place and six points in our pocket and we will take our learnings from this weekend to attack again next time."

RESULT

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RACE 1: P12
RACE 2: P7

2020/21 - ABB FIA Formula E World Championship (after 9 races)

Points: 28

Position: 18

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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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