

Saturday, 10/07/2021

## First win of the season for Maximilian Günther in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship in New York City



Maximilian Günther took his first win of the season in the tenth round of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship in New York City. From the start, the German drove in the leading group and fought for victory throughout the race. With intelligent energy management and a spectacular overtaking manoeuvre in front of the impressive skyline of Manhattan, he moved to the front of the hard-fought field and controlled the lead until the chequered flag dropped.

The 2.32-kilometre street circuit in the district of Brooklyn was still green at the start of the weekend and the grip conditions changed steadily over the course of the sessions. Maximilian Günther made a good start to the first day of racing, finishing third in the first free practice session (1:10.701 minutes). With second place (1:09.417) and only 0.031 seconds behind the leader, he repeated his strong pace in the second practice session.

The German was able to build on this performance in the first qualifying session on Saturday. In 1:09.718 minutes, he set the second-fastest lap time in the third group and, in fifth place overall, moved into the Super Pole of the Top 6 drivers for the sixth time this season. With a time of 1:09.614, he put his BMW iFE.21 #28 in fourth place on the grid and laid the foundation for his later success.

Starting from the second row, he was able to defend his position and drove in the leading group of the field for 38 laps. He stayed within striking distance of the leader, but managed his race cleverly so that he had an energy surplus over the opponents in front of him until the end. On lap 30, he was able to take advantage of the situation and overtook two rivals at once to take the lead. He was then able to pull away from the field and take his third career victory in Formula E.

Maximilian Günther is currently sitting in 12th position in the drivers' standings with 53 points to his name. The eleventh race of the season will take place on 11 July in New York City.

**Maximilian Günther:** "My third victory in Formula E tastes really good! New York is a highlight for any driver and it is also the home race for BMW i Andretti Motorsport. To win here and take the home victory for my team is an incredible feeling. We managed the race well and had a good starting position coming from the second row of the grid. Overtaking was not easy and I knew that the longer the race went, the better my chances. The fact that I was able to overtake two cars in one sweep and take the lead and the win is just mega!"

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## RESULT

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RACE: P1

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**2020/21 - ABB FIA Formula E World Championship (after 10 races)**

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Points: 53

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Position: 12

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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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