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## **Impressive comeback by Maximilian Günther at the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship in New York City**



One day after his triumph at round ten of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship in New York City, Maximilian Günther demonstrated an impressive recovery to finish tenth and claim one championship point. The BMW i Andretti Motorsport driver overtook 13 opponents in Sunday's race and once again cleverly managed the energy of his BMW iFE.21 #28.

In significantly cooler conditions than the previous day, the drivers familiarised themselves with the changed track conditions in the third free practice session on Sunday morning. Just in time for the start of the second qualifying group, in which Maximilian Günther was on the hunt for the fastest time, rain began to fall and created tricky conditions on the track. As the rain eased off again later in qualifying, he was only 23rd on the grid.

The second New York City E-Prix also produced plenty of action on the 2.32-

kilometre street circuit in the borough of Brooklyn and the German drove a strategically strong race. Lap by lap, he fought his way through the field and had more energy available than his direct competitors in the final stage of the race. He made use of his advantage on the last lap to attack for the top 10 and was rewarded for his fighting spirit. After 37 laps, he crossed the finish line in tenth place and once again finished in the points.

Maximilian Günther departs from New York City with a total of 26 points in his pocket and ranks 14th in the drivers' standings (54 points). In a fortnight (24/25 July), the sixth doubleheader of the year will take place in London.

**Maximilian Günther:** "What a race! We started at the very back of the grid and finished in the top 10. I think this is a remarkable result and it shows how strong our pace was in the race. Of course, we had hoped for a bit more after yesterday's success. But unfortunately the weather gods didn't treat us well in qualifying and so we had to start a race to catch up. We made the most of the situation and fought our way up the field with a good strategy. At the next races in London and Berlin, we will give everything again to be back at the front."

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<b>RESULT</b>
R11   11 JULY 2021 NEW YORK CITY, USA
RACE: P10
<b>2020/21 - ABB FIA Formula E World Championship (after 11 races)</b>
Points: 54
Position: 14

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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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