

FELIX ROSENQVIST WINS 2014 GRAND PRIX DE PAU



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Felix Rosenqvist fought back from his recent misfortunes by storming to victory in the prestigious Grand Prix de Pau on Sunday afternoon, becoming only the second Swede in history to win the French street race and securing his first FIA Formula 3 European Championship triumph of the year in the process.

Rosenqvist started Sunday's finale from second on the grid, but immediately out-dragged local hero Esteban Ocon off the line to grab a lead he would never surrender. The 22-year-old Mücke Motorsport man controlled the event throughout, overcoming a gearbox glitch to survive a safety car restart on his way to victory, while further underlining his pace by setting the fastest lap of the race.

The win sees Rosenqvist join Reine Wisell into the history books as only the second Swede to have won the Grand Prix de Pau, 43 years after the ex-F1 driver emerged victorious in 1971.

"Absolutely fantastic; we finally got the chance to prove our true potential," says **Felix Rosenqvist**. "After all the problems we've had so far this year, I decided before the start that I simply had to win this race – going away from here with second was not an option. I made a good start, and then it was all about controlling it from the front. I am a big fan of street races and the Pau circuit is amazing, so this victory means a lot to me. Hopefully, this is the turning point of my season. There are still a lot of races to go, and the aim has got to be to win as many of them as possible."

In the build-up to Sunday's Grand Prix, Rosenqvist was held back by a mixture of unfortunate scenarios, which included him being thrown into retirement when he was hit by Ocon while attempting to pass the Frenchman for the lead in the preceding second heat. On his way to victory, Rosenqvist also topped his group in Saturday qualifying, heading the timesheets by a full 0.350 seconds.

The next round of the FIA Formula 3 European Championship takes place at Budapest's Hungaroring on 30 May – 1 June.

FELIX ROSENQVIST Mercedes-Benz junior programme | Swedish national team representative



NATIONALITY
Swedish

AGE
22

RESIDENCE
Malmö/Värnamo (Sweden)

TEAM
Mücke Motorsport

CLUB
Royal Swedish Automobile Club (KAK)

FAVOURITE CIRCUIT
Macau (Guia Street Circuit)

RACING CV

2012
FIA European F3 Championship: *3rd overall, 4 wins*
Formula 3 Euro Series: *4th overall, 4 wins*
Macau Grand Prix: *2nd*

2010
ATS Formula 3 Cup: *5th overall, 2 wins*

2008
Formula Asia 2.0 *champion*

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2013
FIA F3 European Championship: *2nd overall, 10 wins*
Masters of F3: *winner, fastest lap, pole position*

2011
Formula 3 Euro Series: *5th overall, 1 win (10 podiums)*
Masters of F3: *winner, fastest lap*

2009
Swedish Formula Renault 2.0 *champion*
NEZ Formula Renault 2.0 *champion*
Formula Palmer Audi: *3 races, 2 wins*



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2014 CALENDAR

Silverstone (UK)
Hockenheim (Germany)
Pau (France)
Hungaroring (Hungary)
Spa (Belgium)
Norisring (Germany)
Moscow (Russia)
Red Bull Ring (Austria)
Nürburgring (Germany)
Imola (Italy)
Hockenheim (Germany)

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