

FELIX ROSENQVIST KEEPS COOL TO WIN AGAIN IN NUREMBERG



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Felix Rosenqvist maintained his strong form in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship at the Norisring this weekend, as he brought home two second-place finishes and racked up his sixth win of the campaign to make further inroads into overall leader Raffaele Marciello's advantage at the top of the standings.

Rosenqvist – who arrived at the Nuremberg street circuit fresh from his historic second Masters of Formula 3 win in the Netherlands last weekend – took the chequered flag in second place in both of Saturday's two races, before going on to overtake Marciello in a battle for the lead and break away to victory in Sunday's concluding event. Before that, the 21-year-old Swede had underlined his pace by grabbing pole position in an exceptionally closely-fought qualifying session on Friday afternoon, in which he headed the timesheets with the ungraspable margin of just 0.001 seconds.

On his way to victory on Sunday, the Mücke Motorsport man yet again established another new lap record, meaning he now holds the current all-time Formula 3 benchmarks at no less than five international circuits in four countries. Rosenqvist's performance came under mental strain, after he initially had to race under threat of disqualification following a suspected irregularity concerning a fuel sample. The FIA, however, eventually confirmed no wrongdoing, with Rosenqvist keeping all results.

"This weekend has been a bit of a psychological roller-coaster; and that makes me rate this win, and these results, very highly," says **Felix Rosenqvist**. "After all that's happened, it would have been easy to get distracted, but at the end of the day I go away from here with three podiums, one win and a new lap record – and I couldn't have asked for more. To add to that, Norisring isn't my favourite track on the calendar, so to actually be able to close the gap on Raffaele in the championship is more than I expected. The team once again gave me a fantastic car, and we have set ourselves up strongly for the final part of the season as we head to a number of circuits that I really enjoy. This has been a very special weekend, and one that I'll never forget!"

Felix Rosenqvist now sits just 24.5 points adrift of Marciello in the overall FIA Formula 3 European Championship standings. The next round of the campaign sees the series remain on German soil, as it pays its annual visit to the Nürburgring on August 16-18.

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Felix Rosenqvist, 21, lives in the city of Malmö in his native Sweden. Felix began his career in karting, where he finished second in the Nordic Championship in 2005 and competed successfully on the international stage until 2007 when he stepped up into single-seater racing and Asian Formula Renault. After finishing fourth overall and ending his debut season as rookie of the year, Rosenqvist stayed on in the Far East and won 10 out of 15 races to claim the 2008 Formula Asia 2.0 title. In 2009, he returned to Sweden and won both the North European Zone and Swedish Formula Renault championships. At the end of the year, he did two one-offs - resulting in a SEAT Leon Supercopa podium on his touring car debut in France and two victories and a new lap record at the Formula Palmer Audi finale at Snetterton, Great Britain.

2010 saw Rosenqvist make the transition to Formula 3 with an assault on the German championship, winning two races and finishing on the podium eight times before ending the season on a high by coming home ninth on his debut in the prestigious Macau Grand Prix in China. For 2011, Rosenqvist progressed into Formula 3 Euro Series with German outfit Mücke Motorsport, racking up ten podiums and one win. 2011 also saw Felix become the first Swede ever to win the classic Masters of Formula 3 event at Zandvoort – a feat he also repeated two years later.

In 2012, Rosenqvist dovetailed a second season of Formula 3 Euro Series racing with an attack on the revived FIA European Formula 3 Championship, in which he finished third overall after winning four out of the final six races. At the end of the campaign, he underlined his status as one of the fastest F3 drivers on the globe by finishing a close second in the Macau Grand Prix, becoming the first Swede in over ten years to take to the podium in the legendary street race. In 2013, the FIA Formula 3 European Championship gathers all the leading F3 teams and drivers on one combined arena of activity, with Rosenqvist once again racing for Mücke Motorsport. Felix Rosenqvist is part of the Swedish national motor racing team and is supported by the same Mercedes-Benz young driver development programme that propelled Scot Paul di Resta into Formula 1. Rosenqvist currently holds the F3 lap record at Hockenheim, Norisring, Zandvoort, the Red Bull Ring and Valencia's Circuit Ricardo Tormo.

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