

FELIX ROSENQVIST MAKES HISTORY WITH VICTORY CLEAN-SWEEP



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Sweden’s Felix Rosenqvist made history by becoming the first driver in the existence of the FIA Formula 3 European Championship to complete a clean-sweep of event victories, when he put in a dominant performance to win all three races on offer at the Red Bull Ring, Austria, this weekend. Rosenqvist’s tremendous form, which saw him underline his trio of victories with a new all-time F3 lap record around the former Grand Prix venue, sees the 21-year-old reduce the gap to championship leader Raffaele Marciello by a full 50 points – now sitting just 27.5 behind the Italian going into the second half of the season.

“Absolutely amazing; this is the best weekend so far in my career,” says Felix Rosenqvist. “We have always been strong at the Red Bull Ring and I did have a good feeling going into this weekend, but winning all three races is obviously a dream scenario not even I could have hoped for. Likewise, becoming the first driver ever to achieve it is just fantastic, particularly given all the great names that have been a part of this championship over the years. This is a massive sign of quality from the entire team, and I really want to thank everyone at Mücke Motorsport for making this possible. We have taken a small but decisive step forward with the car, and from a driving point-of-view, I have been very confident all weekend. The best possible way to get into the summer mood!”

Rosenqvist qualified on the front row of the grid for the first race of the weekend, which he went on to control after passing pole-sitting Red Bull protégé Daniil Kvyat at the start; eventually taking the chequered flag an emphatic 14.3 seconds ahead of the rest of the 28-car field. Rosenqvist later mirrored his performance in Race 2, before using an ultra-determined move around the outside of Kvyat to secure victory in the concluding race on Sunday morning. In doing so, the Swede became the first man ever to claim the maximum 75 points on offer at each weekend of European Championship racing, while further emphasising his pace by posting the fastest lap in each of the three races.

The FIA Formula 3 European Championship now enters a six-week summer break, with the next round set to take place at the Norisring street circuit in the German city of Nuremberg on July 12-14.

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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.

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, Zandvoort, the Red Bull Ring and Valencia’s Circuit Ricardo Tormo.

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