



Press release

Formula 1 Heineken Canadian Grand Prix – Practice – Friday

Weather: FP1: sunny and dry, 18-21°C air, 31-36°C track; FP2: sunny and dry, 21-24°C air, 39-44°C track

It has been a positive day of free practice sessions ahead of the 2018 FIA Formula 1 Canadian Grand Prix for the Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team. Both drivers gave consistent and strong performances, with lap times that enabled them to steadily progress into the upper midfield. The team completed aerodynamic and mechanical tests on both cars during the first free practice session, with newly introduced aerodynamic parts performing as expected. During FP2, different tyre compounds were tested, and the drivers gave positive reports about their on-track experience. The Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team looks forward to tomorrow's qualifying with optimism.

Marcus Ericsson (car number 9):

C37 (Chassis 03/Ferrari)

1st practice: 13th / 1:15.386 min (30 laps) / 2nd practice: 15th / 1:14.108 min (41 laps)

"It was a good Friday for us. We completed the planned programme and tried out all of the different tyre compounds between our two cars. Our pace is quite competitive at the moment, and we will be building on that tomorrow. It is fun to be back in Montreal, and I really enjoy driving on this track. Being close to the midfield today means that I can look forward to the rest of the weekend with confidence."

Charles Leclerc (car number 16):

C37 (Chassis 04/Ferrari)

1st practice: 14th / 1:15.439 min (30 laps) / 2nd practice: 11th / 1:13.884 min (39 laps)

"It was a positive day overall. As it is my first time driving on this circuit, it took me a few laps to get into the rhythm of it. By the time we headed out for FP2 I felt confident on the track and in the car, and P11 is quite a good result for the first day. We will work on making further improvements, and hopefully we can get a similar result tomorrow."

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