



Sauber F1® Team

Press release

Formula One Rolex British Grand Prix – Practice – Friday

Weather: FP1: sunny and dry, 20-23°C air, 34-42°C track; FP2: sunny and dry, 26-28°C air, 50-53°C track

It was a positive day of free practices for the Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team, with both drivers being competitive in the midfield. Facing unusually high air and track temperatures in Silverstone, the teams' challenge was to focus on managing their tyres well today. After completing various aerodynamic tests in FP1, the cars set out with the same configuration for FP2, during which both drivers gave consistent and strong performances. The team will now analyse the collected data, and heads into the second day ahead of the 2018 FIA Formula One British Grand Prix with confidence.

Marcus Ericsson (car number 9):

C37 (Chassis 01/Ferrari)

1st practice: 11th / 1:29.942 min (25 laps) / 2nd practice: 14th / 1:30.046 min (32 laps)

"It was quite a good Friday. We managed to run through the planned programme. The car felt good in terms of balance and we have a good baseline to work from for the rest of the weekend. It is great to be back in Silverstone – I really enjoy driving on this track. The corners are very impressive, especially due to the high speeds we can reach with our cars this year. I look forward to building on today's work for the rest of the weekend."

Charles Leclerc (car number 16):

C37 (Chassis 04/Ferrari)

1st practice: 13th / 1:30.027 min (27 laps) / 2nd practice: 10th / 1:29.557 min (30 laps)

"I am quite happy with how the day went. I had a good feeling in the car, and we made quite a bit of progress between FP1 and FP2. The track offers some great challenges and I really enjoyed driving here, particularly in the fast corners. We will use what we have learned today and aim to make further progress for tomorrow's sessions."

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