



Sauber F1® Team

Press release

2018 Formula One Emirates German Grand Prix – Practice – Friday

Weather: FP1: sunny and dry, 27-30°C air, 36-46°C track; FP2: sunny and dry, 31-32°C air, 47-49°C track

A positive day of free practice sessions saw Charles Leclerc and Antonio Giovinazzi at the wheels of the Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team's C37s during FP1, while Marcus Ericsson took back his cockpit from Antonio Giovinazzi for the second session of the day. The team completed aerodynamic tests and drove on all three tyre compounds. The collected data will be used in preparation for tomorrow's qualifying session.

Antonio Giovinazzi (car number 36):

C37 (Chassis 03/Ferrari)

1st practice: 19th / 1:16.136 min (23 laps)

"It was a positive day, and nice to be back in the car again after a long time. I really enjoyed the practice session. My target was to complete the planned programme and give good feedback to the team. I am really happy with that, and I can't wait to be back in the car to build on this experience next week."

Marcus Ericsson (car number 9):

C37 (Chassis 03/Ferrari)

2nd practice: 14th / 1:14.783 min (38 laps)

"Today went positively. Missing out on FP1 puts you a bit on the back foot, but we had a clean FP2 and I completed the full programme we had planned, so I feel that I am back in the groove. The car feels good, and we have a foundation to build on. Our performance was good today, and we are in the mix in the midfield again, just like in the previous weekends. It will be tight tomorrow and on Sunday, and we have to make sure to maximise our performance on both days. I look forward to the rest of the weekend."

Charles Leclerc (car number 16):

C37 (Chassis 02/Ferrari)

1st practice: 9th / 1:15.097 min (25 laps) / 2nd practice: 8th / 1:14.374 min (41 laps)

"It was a pretty good day for us, finishing the two free practice sessions in P9 and P8. The car feels good and I feel comfortable driving on this track. We also had a good race pace, so things are looking positive so far. If the weather conditions stay the way they are, it will be a challenge for everyone to manage the high temperatures. We have to build on the things we have learned today and keep working for tomorrow – hopefully we continue having good results."

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