



Media Information
ABB FIA Formula E Championship
5th August 2020

Alexander Sims finishes in the points in the opening race of the Formula E Berlin season finale.

- **Alexander Sims fights back from 16th on the grid to finish ninth in race six of the season.**
- **Maximilian Günther comes home eighth, but is disqualified for a breach of technical regulations.**
- **Griffiths: “We must take one or two steps forward to get where we want to be: on the podium”.**

Berlin. Season 6 of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship kicked off its grand finale with the first of six races on the site of the former Berlin-Tempelhof Airport (GER). BMW i Andretti Motorsport driver Alexander Sims (GBR) finished ninth and picked up points in the Driver and Team competitions. Maximilian Günther (GER) came across the finish line in eighth place, but was subsequently disqualified for exceeding the amount of energy permitted during the race. The next race takes place on the same layout tomorrow (Thursday).

Following a good show in practice in which Günther was third-fastest in the second session, the two BMW i Andretti Motorsport drivers were lacking pace in qualifying. In the end, Günther started from 12th on the grid, with Sims having to settle for 16th place. In the race, the BMW i drivetrain once again demonstrated its excellent energy efficiency. While many other drivers were forced to save energy towards the end of the race, the BMW i Andretti Motorsport drivers were able to gain a few places in the closing stages. The fightback resulted in eighth place for Günther and tenth for Sims, although Sims was then promoted a position following Günther's disqualification. Victory in race six of the season went to championship leader António Félix da Costa (POR, DS Techeetah).





Reactions to race 6 in Berlin:

Roger Griffiths (Team Principal BMW i Andretti Motorsport, team standings: 2nd place):

“After what we saw in practice, we really thought we had a chance of making it into the Superpole in qualifying. Unfortunately, in hindsight, our strategy of two warm-up laps for the tyres was probably not ideal. When you then have to start quite a long way down the field, it is obviously difficult to battle through to the front in the race. Despite that, thanks to our efficient drivetrain, we were still initially able to achieve our goal for today of finishing in the top ten with both cars. We disputed Maximilian Günther’s disqualification intensely with the FIA, because we believe everything was okay, however we obviously accept the decision. From a sporting point of view, looking ahead to the coming races, we must take one or two steps forward to get where we want to be – on the podium.”

Alexander Sims (#27 BMW iFE.20, starting position: 16th place, race result: 9th place, points: 48, driver standings: 3rd place):

“All in all, that was a tough day. It actually started well for me, with sixth place in the first practice session. Then we possibly went the wrong way a little with our set-up, and consequently lost some ground. Our speed was really good again in the race. Although the balance was not perfect, I was able to work my way into the top ten. We must definitely work on our qualifying performance for the coming races.”

Maximilian Günther (#28 BMW iFE.20, starting position: 12th place, race result: DSQ, points: 44, driver standings: 5th place):

“The disqualification is a great shame, but we accept it and focus on the next race. Our energy management was very good again today, and I was able to improve a few positions in the race, even though I was unfortunate with ATTACK MODE in a number of situations and consequently lost ground. Generally speaking, it was fantastic to be back in a race car.”

The FANBOOST vote.

FANBOOST gives Formula E fans the opportunity to vote for their favourite driver and award them an extra boost of power during the race. The five drivers with the most FANBOOST votes receive an extra 100 kJ of power, which they can make use of during a brief time frame in the second half of the race. For the Berlin event, fans could vote for their favourite driver in the ten days prior to, and leading up to 15



minutes into, the first of the six races. Each fan can vote once per day. At the start of each of the races, voting will then start for the next race. There are three ways to vote: online at <https://fanboost.fiaformulae.com/>, via the official Formula E App or on Twitter using the hashtag #FANBOOST as well as the driver's first and last name as a one-word hashtag.

Hashtags for the BMW i Andretti Motorsport drivers.

#AlexanderSims

#MaximilianGuenther

The BMW i Safety Cars.

BMW i is "Official Vehicle Partner" of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship in Season 6. Spearheading the fleet are two Safety Cars: The BMW i8 Roadster Safety Car (combined fuel consumption: 2.0 l/100 km; combined power consumption: 14.5 kWh/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 46 g/km)*, which has been specially modified for use at the racetrack, and the BMW i8 Coupé Safety Car (combined fuel consumption: 1.8 l/100 km; combined power consumption: 14.0 kWh/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 42 g/km)*. The BMW i fleet also includes the BMW i3s (combined fuel consumption: 0.0 l/100 km; combined energy consumption: 14.3 kWh; combined CO₂ emissions: 0 g/km)* as "Race Director Car" and the BMW 530e (combined fuel consumption: 2.2-2.1 l/100 km; combined energy consumption: 13.6-13.3 kWh/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 49-47 g/km)* in its role as "Medical Car".

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The values for fuel consumption, CO2 emission and energy consumption shown were determined in the standardized test cycle according to the European Regulation (EC) 715/2007 in the version applicable at the time of type approval. The figures refer to a vehicle with basic configuration in Germany and the range shown considers optional equipment and the different size of wheels and tires available on the selected model.

The values are already based on the test cycle according to the new WLTP regulation and are translated back into NEDC-equivalent values in order to allow a comparison between vehicles. With respect to these vehicles, for vehicle related taxes or other duties based (at least inter alia) on CO2-emissions the CO2 values may differ to the values stated here.

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Further information about the official fuel consumption and the official specific CO2 emission of new passenger cars can be taken out of the „handbook of fuel consumption, the CO2 emission and power consumption of new passenger cars“, which is available at all selling points and from Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH (DAT), Hellmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, and under <https://www.dat.de/co2/>



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