



Media Information
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Alexander Sims in the points for BMW i Andretti Motorsport in Santiago – António Félix da Costa forced to retire.

- **Alexander Sims crosses the finish line third at the Santiago E-Prix, but is relegated to seventh place following a time penalty.**
- **António Félix da Costa retires with a puncture.**
- **BMW i Andretti Motorsport starts race with black ribbon, in memory of Charly Lamm.**

Munich. Alexander Sims (GBR) gave another impressive performance in round three of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship. Seventh place in the Santiago E-Prix (CHI) earned him valuable points in the Drivers' Championship. Sims actually crossed the finish line third in the #27 BMW iFE.18, however, was given a time penalty for a collision with Edoardo Mortara (SUI) which saw him relegated to seventh place in the final classification. António Félix da Costa (POR) did not finish. BMW i Andretti Motorsport Team wore black ribbons, in memory of Charly Lamm.

Sims started the third Formula E race of his career from eighth place and, in hot conditions, gradually worked his way through the field until he came across third-placed Mortara. During their battle for position Mortara spun, allowing Sims to pass him and take third place. He was subsequently given a time penalty for the incident.

Like his fellow competitors, Félix da Costa struggled with a very slippery track in group one of qualifying. As a result, he started the race down in 17th place. He was involved in a collision with André Lotterer (GER) and Jean-Éric Vergne (FRA) in the packed midfield, during which his BMW iFE.18 suffered a puncture. Félix da Costa found himself at the back of the field with no hope of recovering after the pit stop, and subsequently returned the severely damaged car to the garage, bringing his race to a premature end. Victory in Santiago de Chile went to Sam Bird (GBR).





Reactions to the Santiago E-Prix:

Roger Griffiths (Team Principal BMW i Andretti Motorsport):

“The track here in Santiago created some exciting racing; it was just disappointing we couldn’t finish on the podium. We knew that the key aspect was going to be getting a grip on the temperatures during all sessions. To be honest, it was a disappointing qualifying result with Alexander in eighth and António in 18th but the race is what counts and we got off to a good start. António unfortunately had contact with another car, resulting in a punctured tyre and a damaged car. Alexander was making really good progress through the field, and when the checkered flag dropped we crossed the line in third place. It was a great result for Alexander and the team was back up on the podium, but post-race penalties dropped Sims back down to seventh place. We as a team respect the decision of the stewards. We will move on to the race in Mexico City.”

Alexander Sims (#27 BMW iFE.18, qualifying result: 9th place, race result: 7th place, FANBOOST voting: 14th place, points: 18)

“Firstly, thank you very much to the team, who did an outstanding job of helping me to manage the car during this very tough race. I think everything went superbly. Unfortunately, I then had the incident with Edoardo Mortara. To be perfectly honest, I did not feel any contact, but I trust the investigation of the race stewards and accept the penalty. Despite that, I will take a lot of positives from Santiago and am now focussing on the next race.”

António Félix da Costa (#28 BMW iFE.18, qualifying result: 18th place, race result: DNF, FANBOOST voting: 5th place, points: 28):

“All the drivers in the first qualifying group had to start from the very back as the track was far slower at that point than it was for the later groups. Despite that, I was still optimistic about the race and was able to climb a few positions after a good start. Unfortunately, I then had the collision. I was hit from behind and suffered a puncture as a result. We tried to continue after the pit stop but the damage to the car was ultimately so severe that we had to retire, which is obviously disappointing.”

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combined CO₂ emissions: 0 g/km)* as “Race Director Car” and the BMW 530e
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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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