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Zendeli extends lead with victory on Formula 1 weekend

- Championship leader wins ahead of Caldwell and Fittipaldi
- Jack Doohan, son of former world champion Mick, is Best Rookie
- Impressive backdrop for ADAC Formula 4 at Hockenheim

Hockenheimring – Race 2

Date: 22nd July 2018

Length of track: 4,574 metres

Top 3: 1. Lirim Zendeli (GER), 2. Oliver Caldwell (GBR), 3. Enzo Fittipaldi (BRA/USA)

Hockenheim: The fifth weekend of the 2018 ADAC Formula 4 season was contested at the Hockenheimring where it shared the billing with Formula 1. Lirim Zendeli (18, Germany, US Racing CHRS) celebrated his seventh victory of the campaign and extended his lead at the top of the championship. In front of a huge Formula 1 crowd the 18-year-old crossed the finish line ahead of Oliver Caldwell (16, Great Britain, Prema Theodore Racing) and Enzo Fittipaldi (17, USA/Brazil, Prema Theodore Racing). Best rookie was Jack Doohan (15, Australia, Prema Theodore Racing), the son of five-time motorcycle world champion Mick Doohan, who came fourth in the general classification.

After having to settle for third on Saturday, Zendeli was delighted with today's result: "I really wanted this win and was determined to take the initiative right at the start. I have never been so focused on the gantry lights as I was today. The preparation for this race was super intense, and the outcome has certainly left me much more secure in the championship." Zendeli tops the table ahead of Liam Lawson (16, New Zealand, Van Amersfoort Racing) after 14 of this season's 20 races.

Fifth place went to Gregoire Saucy (18, Switzerland, Jenzer Motorsport) ahead of rookies Joey Alders (18, Netherlands, Van Amersfoort Racing) and Gianluca Petecof (15, Brazil, Prema Theodore Racing). Charles Weerts (17, Belgium, Van Amersfoort Racing), Niklas Krütten (15, Germany, ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.) and Federico Malvestiti (18, Italy, Jenzer Motorsport) finished eighth, ninth and tenth respectively.

Zendeli started the race from P2 behind pole-sitter Liam Lawson but got past his main championship rival even before they entered the first corner. Lawson and David Schumacher (16, Germany, US Racing CHRS) then tried to put the championship leader under pressure, but the 18-year-old from Bochum did not flinch or waiver.

Two minutes after the start, a collision involving Leon Köhler (18, Germany, ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.) brought the safety car out onto the track. Köhler was forced to retire, and Lawson was obliged to pit during the safety car deployment to have damage to his car repaired. Zendeli's championship rival then re-joined the field as tail-ender. Zendeli managed the restart with consummate skill and then proceeded to pull out a gap on his pursuers. Schumacher initially found himself in

second place where he had to ward off attacks from Frederik Vesti (16, Denmark, Van Amersfoort Racing), Doohan and Fittipaldi.



The skirmishes behind allowed Zendeli to further distance himself from the pursuing pack. Schumacher then had to pit due to a defective front wing. When he re-emerged, he was at the rear of the field. Despite finishing way back in 12th place, Schumacher retains his lead in the Best Rookie standings ahead of Niklas Krütten (15, Germany, ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.).



The field was bunched together yet again with 20 minutes left on the clock when Mick Wishofer (18, Austria, US Racing CHRS) was forced to retire and the safety car came out again. The restart came four minutes later, and as before, Zendeli broke away from his pursuers with two blistering laps. Behind him, Fittipaldi attacked Prema Theodore Racing team-mate Caldwell but was unable to find a way past.

Ultimately, it was a comfortable victory for Zendeli. In no fewer than five races at Hockenheim this season, he has finished on the podium each time. The next fixture on the ADAC Formula 4 calendar comes on the weekend of 3rd - 5th August when the juniors of the ADAC High-Speed Academy are once again paired up with the seniors of the ADAC GT Masters.

Further comments on the ADAC Formula 4 race

Oliver Caldwell (second, Prema Theodore Racing): “I am very, very satisfied. We started the race from eighth, so the runner-up spot is great. It was fantastic competing in front of such an impressive backdrop and all the Formula 1 fans. There is always room for improvement; we came second and didn’t win, so we could have done even better still. But at the end of the day, we leave here on a positive note.”

Enzo Fittipaldi (third, Prema Theodore Racing): “That was a decent race; we were very fast. Unfortunately, I made a mistake against Oli, otherwise second place might have been possible. But all in all, I’m happy with the weekend.”

Jack Doohan (Best Rookie, Prema Theodore Racing): “Unfortunately, the weekend was not quite as successful as I would have liked. The result in the second race came as something of a consolation, and I’m obviously satisfied with fourth place. I am here to learn, and I’ve learnt a lot. The trophy for Best Rookie makes it all worthwhile.”

MEDIA INFORMATION

ADAC Formula 4: 2018 calendar

13/04/18 - 15/04/18	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
04/05/18 - 06/05/18	Hockenheimring (with DTM)
18/05/18 - 20/05/18	Lausitzring (with DTM)
08/06/18 - 10/06/18	Red Bull Ring Spielberg/AUT
20/07/18 - 22/07/18	Hockenheimring (with Formula 1)
03/08/18 - 05/08/18	Nürburgring
21/09/18 - 23/09/18	Hockenheimring



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FORMULA 1 EMIRATES GROSSER PREIS VON DEUTSCHLAND 2018 - Hockenheim**Race 2 Classification after 17 Laps - 77.758 km**

NO	DRIVER	NAT	ENTRANT	LAPS	TIME	GAP	INT	KM/H	FASTEST	ON
1	44 Lirim ZENDELI (T)		US Racing - CHR5	17	31:28.674			148.214	1:41.792	9
2	64 Oliver CALDWELL (T)		Prema Theodore Racing	17	31:33.230	4.556		147.857	1:42.064	15
3	74 Enzo FITTIPALDI (T)		Prema Theodore Racing	17	31:33.654	4.980	0.424	147.824	1:42.000	16
4	33 Jack DOOHAN (R)		Prema Theodore Racing	17	31:38.690	10.016	5.036	147.432	1:42.490	8
5	16 Gregoire SAUCY		Jenzer Motorsport	17	31:39.136	10.462	0.446	147.397	1:42.496	10
6	23 Joey ALDERS (R)		Van Amersfoort Racing	17	31:39.604	10.930	0.468	147.361	1:42.403	9
7	5 Gianluca PETECOF (R)		Prema Theodore Racing	17	31:40.361	11.687	0.757	147.302	1:42.440	11
8	21 Charles WEERTS		Van Amersfoort Racing	17	31:40.787	12.113	0.426	147.269	1:42.279	14
9	4 Niklas KRUETTEN (R T)		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	17	31:42.174	13.500	1.387	147.162	1:42.354	16
10	12 Federico MALVESTITI		Jenzer Motorsport	17	31:46.484	17.810	4.310	146.829	1:42.275	16
11	2 Frederik VESTI (T)		Van Amersfoort Racing	17	31:49.814	21.140	3.330	146.573	1:42.648	14
12	27 David SCHUMACHER (R)		US Racing - CHR5	17	31:50.541	21.867	0.727	146.518	1:42.461	15
13	6 Ido COHEN (R)		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	17	31:50.913	22.239	0.372	146.489	1:42.807	11
14	80 Andreas ESTNER (T)		Neuhauser Racing	17	31:52.176	23.502	1.263	146.392	1:43.277	11
15	81 Sebastian ESTNER (R T)		Neuhauser Racing	17	31:53.514	24.840	1.338	146.290	1:43.152	13
16	98 Vaclav SAFAR (T)		Vaclav Safar	17	32:00.039	31.365	6.525	145.793	1:43.717	14
17	34 Amaury CORDEEL (R)		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	17	32:02.500	33.826	2.461	145.606	1:42.557	16
18	30 Liam LAWSON (T) *		Van Amersfoort Racing	17	32:17.893	49.219	15.393	144.450	1:42.292	17
19	69 Jesse SALMENAUTIO *		KIC Driving Academy	17	32:58.380	89.706	40.487	141.493	1:43.608	13
20	95 Tom BECKHAEUSER		US Racing - CHR5	17	33:09.384	100.710	11.004	140.711	1:43.086	10
21	22 Lucas ALECCO ROY		Van Amersfoort Racing	16	30:05.137	DNF		145.951	1:42.561	14
22	10 Konsta LAPPALAINEN (T)		KIC Driving Academy	16	30:14.237	DNF		145.219	1:44.174	14
23	11 Giorgio CARRARA *		Jenzer Motorsport	16	30:34.842	DNF		143.588	1:43.223	14

NOT CLASSIFIED

28 Mick WISHOFER (T)		US Racing - CHR5	3	6:14.446	DNF		131.926	1:44.613	3
26 Leon KOEHLER (R T)		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	0		DNF				

FASTEST LAP

44 Lirim ZENDELI (T)		US Racing - CHR5		1:41.792	on lap 9		161.765		
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*** PENALTIES**

Cars 30, 11 and 69 - 30 second time penalties - Causing a collision - Stewards' decision nos. 19, 20 and 21

Timekeeper: