

Michael Klein - Debut with hitches

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Place: Hockenheim (D)

Dates: 11-13 April 2008

Track length: 4.57km

Results: 21st (1st race) / 16th (2nd race)

Mission accomplished. Michael has now got his first weekend in the Formula 3 Euro Series behind him - though it was by no means an easy introduction. Friday's qualifying was cancelled owing to appalling weather conditions. On Saturday, Michael had to cope with various problems from the start, and on Sunday, he took a flyer.

Michael Klein talking about...

... free practice: "Third place in the first practice session was great, but a lot of the drivers were keeping their cards close to their chest. The track was already a bit slippery during the morning. They were quite right to cancel qualifying for the afternoon. There was simply too much surface water for Formula racing cars. Also, there wouldn't have been enough spare parts if anything had got damaged."

... qualifying: "After coming third in free practice, I had been hoping for something better than tenth on the grid. But at the start, the track was still fairly wet and gradually dried out during qualifying. It was a real lottery as each lap got better than the last. Unfortunately, I made a couple of errors on my last two laps."

... the first race: "My engine cut out just before the start. Then, another car drove into the back of me and damaged my rear tyre. At first, I thought that a lot more had got smashed, but luckily, that wasn't the case. All the same, the car didn't feel quite right after that."

... the second race: "This time, I got off to a good start and was able to work my way up the field. Even after the safety car phase early on, things were going well. My car had good speed and I was getting closer to the front. Then, as I was lining up for an overtaking manoeuvre, I hit the kerb and left the track. It was only a short take-off but the landing was pretty hard. After that, the car didn't work properly any more and I couldn't match the others for speed. A big bump like that often leaves something bent out of shape. At least I was able to complete the race."

... the next race: "We have quite a long break back at base before the second event on the calendar at Mugello. Perhaps we'll do another test in the intervening period. Apart from that, we'll have to wait and see how well I manage with that particular

circuit. The track is guaranteed to be good, but so far, I only know it from the simulator. Broadly speaking, though, things just have to be better than they were in Hockenheim, because I can't possibly be as unlucky twice in succession."

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