

Daytona Manchester

F1 Championship 2012

Round 6 - Germany

With seven entrants in Round 6 of the Championship, the qualifying session was used as a practice for the drivers to find their rhythm. All drivers took to the track for eight minutes which gave them the chance to size up the opposition and see how they would fare in qualifying two.

The second qualifier would see two drivers eliminated from the field as the drivers quickly set about their hot laps. Matthew Clayden set the pace early on and kept the lead throughout. The Championship leader Julian Philippe could not find the pace and ended the session in 7th place and had some making up to do in the Grand Prix.

Qualifying three started with the remaining five drivers. Some early position changes had the score board flashing through names as Matthew Clayden, John Gwyneth and Josh Morris tussled for pole position. Matthew Clayden progressed the most in the session and completed a clean sweep finishing in pole position. John Gwyneth finished second and Josh Morris third.

German Grand Prix – 60 Laps

At the start of the race, all drivers showed an excellent standard of driving as they kept their positions on track and stayed nose to tail for the opening laps. Matthew Clayden took three laps to start opening up the lead in front and worked a gap of 1.3seconds. There were early signs of frustration from Lee Maguire who seemed to think he was far off the pace but was still managing times one tenth of the race leader. Lee moved off the racing line on lap 10 to allow Craig Whitehead and Julian Philippe through. The field started to open up in to two groups with John Gwyneth in second being chased by Josh Morris and Mark Hitchcock. The trailing pack consisted of Craig Whitehead, Julian Philippe and Lee Maguire. Still leading the way was Matthew Clayden. John Gwyneth was feeling the pressure of Josh Morris who had the pace in the opening section of the track, Josh kept looking up the inside of John but wisely pulled out to avoid contact. The first real overtake of the race came from Julian Philippe as he moved up the inside of Craig Whitehead at hairpin two to get the pass and seal fifth place. Lee Maguire had had enough of the race and pulled off track and retired with 16 laps remaining. Matthew Clayden picked up the race win after leading from the front setting the fastest lap of the race along the way.

Finishing Positions	
Matthew Clayden	25
John Gwyneth	23
Josh Morris	21
Mark Hitchcock	20
Julian Philippe	19
Craig Whitehead	18
Lee Maguire	17

