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Fourth finish on GP3 podium for David Beckmann

- P2 in Saturday's race in Abu Dhabi
- Best-placed Trident driver after making exciting charge
- David: "It was a really great race. I was very pleased with the team and the car"

David Beckmann finished the penultimate GP3 race in Abu Dhabi on the podium for the fourth time this season. He took the position of runner-up and was Trident's best-placed driver after going on a charge.

Beckmann started Saturday's race in Abu Dhabi from sixth position. He gained a place on the very first lap and overtook another driver on the tenth lap of the 18-lap race. An exciting scrap, which Beckmann won, then developed over the laps that followed.

He passed the 2018 champion on the last lap of the race and crossed the finish line in third place. However, as the driver in P2 was bumped back down into fifth place after being handed a 10-second time penalty, Beckmann was classified as finishing second.

The last race of the 2018 season is due to start at 9.10 am (CET) on Sunday morning when he will be fighting for another podium and for fourth place in the drivers' standings.

Three questions for David Beckmann

Congratulations on your podium! How did you manage your charge?

My start was pretty good. I defended my position and overtook Jake Hughes on the first lap. I gradually fought my way forwards and had a scrap with Callum Ilott. I finally overtook him. Unfortunately, my tyres started to degrade. The front tyres in particular were badly affected, leading to problems on the final sector. I had to brake earlier, because the tyres just weren't putting down as much power.

Nevertheless, you were able to continue your charge...

Yes, despite the fact that Hughes had overtaken me. I saved up my last bit of DRS to reclaim the position. Fortunately for me, he then had to battle with his team-mate immediately after that. Consequently, I was able to pull away from both of them without any fear of counterattack. I caught up with Anthoine Hubert and overtook him on the last lap. While running down the first straight, I drove alongside him to see how many DRS deployments he had left. He had six showing on his display, and so, would have been able to hit back straightaway had I overtaken him on that particular straight, which is why I waited. I then overtook him on the next straight without DRS, braking late before the turn. It was a really great race. I was very pleased with the team and the car.

What do you hope to achieve in the last race of the 2018 season?

I'll be starting from seventh place on the grid tomorrow, so a finish in the Top Five is a realistic target. We should be able to improve the car, because it wasn't at its best in today's race. If we can do that and I can gain a few positions at the start, then another podium will be within reach. It would be great to get on the plane home with two trophies on board.

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