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Bad luck for David Beckmann in last GP3 race of season

- No-fault retirement in Sunday's race at Abu Dhabi
- P5 in drivers' standings to end rookie GP3 season
- David: "It's a pity, because the car was running well and a top-five finish at the very least should have been possible"

David Beckmann's maiden season in GP3 ended with a bang after he was forced to retire from Sunday's race in Abu Dhabi following a no-fault collision with two other drivers, thus denying him the chance of a fifth podium finish.

18-year-old Beckmann had clinched his fourth podium finish of the 2018 season in Saturday's race at the Yas Marina Circuit. Due to the reverse grid with the Top Eight from the first race starting Race 2 in reverse order, he was seventh on the grid for Sunday's race. He moved up one position early on at the start and was sixth.

Beckmann, Anthoine Hubert and Leonardo Pulcini raced practically three abreast along the first long straight after the start-finish line, but despite maintaining a safe distance, Beckmann became the victim of an unfortunate chain of events when Pulcini made contact with Hubert and they both collided with him, wrecking his car's rear right suspension. His race came to an abrupt end as a result.

Despite not securing any points in the final race, he finished his rookie season on 137 points in fifth place in the drivers' standings, having taken three wins, a second place and ten points-scoring finishes.

David Beckmann: "I got away well off the line and moved up into P6 after gaining a position. Pulcini, Hubert were racing wheel-to-wheel down the straight. I gave them plenty of room, for sure, because I was afraid something might go wrong and it did, unfortunately, when Pulcini made contact with Hubert, leading to a chain reaction as they both drove into me. Hubert and I were forced to retire, which was a shame, because the car was running well and a top-five finish at the very least should have been possible."

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