

Jolyon Palmer in action in Hungary



Jolyon Palmer storms to superb Hungarian victory

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Jolyon Palmer claimed a superb victory in the GP2 Feature Race at the Hungaroring on July 27, his maiden Feature Race win to add to the Sprint race victory he claimed in Monaco last year.

Starting from seventh on the grid, the Carlin driver made an excellent start and was third by the first corner, squeezing past the two DAMS cars of Marcus Ericsson and Stephane Richelmi, and the slow starting car of pole sitter Tom Dillmann.

Starting on medium tyres, unlike other cars around him, he was able to go much longer in his first stint than his rivals, taking

the lead on lap nine. He pitted for fresh tyres on lap 17 and emerged side by side with Ericsson, who just edged in front.

But it was clear that Jolyon was considerably quicker than the Swede, spending several laps tucked right under his rear wing. Following his engineer's radio advice of 'playing the long game' he finally made a move up the inside of Ericsson at turn one on lap 28.

He then proceeded to stretch out an immediate gap to Ericsson, regularly lapping over two seconds faster to eventually seal glory by over 15 seconds. Jolyon's

win means he has risen to seventh in the driver's championship with 64 points.

Speaking afterwards, Jolyon enthused: "This means so much. It's my first podium of the year after being bumped off at Barcelona so I'm really pleased for myself and the team. It's a great day for Carlin. It feels like its pressure off now I've got the first Feature Race win and hopefully we can build on this.

We've had some bad luck in the weekends prior to this so I'm really happy and hopeful we can get some more wins during the rest of the season."

