

2026 Belgian Grand Prix - Sunday

Spa-Francorchamps, 19 July 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team capped off an encouraging Belgian Grand Prix weekend by converting strong pace into another points finish, as Gabriel Bortoleto delivered a confident drive to eighth place at the Spa-Francorchamps circuit.

After impressing in qualifying on Saturday, the Brazilian backed up his performance with a clean race to secure valuable championship points. It was an afternoon of mixed fortunes for the team, as the pace shown across the weekend could not be fully converted into results on Nico's side of the garage.

With just one more race before the summer break, today's result provides further evidence of the team's steady progress heading into the second half of the season.

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "To come away from Spa with another points finish is a fantastic result for the team, especially at a circuit we didn't expect to suit our car. Gabriel delivered an excellent drive from start to finish, and everyone executed when it mattered most.

"A special mention has to go to the pit crew. A 2.1-second stop for Gabriel, followed immediately by a 2.7-second double stack for Nico, was a sensational piece of execution under pressure. Those stops put Gabriel ahead of the Racing Bulls at a crucial moment, and from there he managed the race brilliantly to secure another eighth-place finish.

"Nico's afternoon was more challenging. We were able to gain track position through strategy, but we simply didn't have the straight-line performance needed to attack or make further progress. That was frustrating because his pace was comparable to Gabriel's, but he didn't have the tools to fight the cars around him.

"Overall, we'll gladly take the points and the positives from this weekend. Leaving Spa with another top-eight finish and another strong team performance gives us good momentum heading into Budapest next weekend."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):

Race result: 13th

Fastest lap: 1:50.503 (Lap 41)

Strategy & Pit Stops: Start (New Medium) - Lap 20 (New Hard)

"There was a lot of fighting in the midfield today, but we paid the price for starting too far back and also losing a few positions at the start, which made the race even more difficult. From there, it was always going to be hard to recover.

"The encouraging part is that our race pace was competitive and we were right in the mix throughout. The Virtual Safety Car gained us a few seconds, but it probably needed to last just a little longer. Instead, I came out right behind Pierre [Gasly] and Liam [Lawson], got caught up in that battle and, with our lack of straight-line speed, it was difficult to make any further progress. The pace itself actually felt quite good by our standards, so that's something we'll take away, even if we need to review a few other areas.

"It's great to see Gabriel score points for the team. It's a well-deserved result and another positive outcome for everyone. Hopefully, we can build on that in Budapest, put together a clean weekend on my side of the garage and give ourselves the chance to fight further up the order."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5)

Race result: 8th

Fastest lap: 1:50.334 (Lap 22)

Strategy & Pit Stops: Start (New Medium) - Lap 20 (New Hard)

"I'm extremely happy with today's result. I think we maximised everything we had this weekend, and that's down to an incredible effort from the whole team. To achieve this in front of our team members from our bases in Hinwil, Bicester and Neuburg makes it even more special: they've worked so hard to get us where we are, and it's great to share this moment with them.

"These consecutive points finishes are a huge boost for all of us. It's a great feeling to know we are in the position to deliver results like this and keep fighting in the top ten now. That's where we want to be, and where we belong, and we'll keep pushing to get more – starting from Budapest in a week's time, to wrap up the first part of the season on a high."

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About Audi Revolut F1 Team

Audi Revolut F1 Team is the official factory team of Audi, as the brand enters the FIA Formula 1 World Championship for the first time in 2026. This project, in which Audi will create its own hybrid drive system ('power unit') developed in Germany, represents the ultimate expression of the manufacturer's 'Vorsprung durch Technik' philosophy and embodies a long-term commitment to compete at the pinnacle of motorsport with the clear objective of challenging for world championships by 2030. Audi Revolut F1 Team is based in three locations: the power unit is developed by Audi Formula Racing GmbH at the Audi Competence Center Motorsport in Neuburg, Germany; the chassis is engineered and race operations are managed from the state-of-the-art facilities of Audi Motorsport AG in Hinwil, Switzerland; while the Audi Motorsport Technology Centre UK in Bicester, United Kingdom, provides a foothold in the heart of 'Motorsport Valley', with direct access to top F1 talent and

key strategic partners. This integrated structure provides complete control over the project, embedding a culture of precision, innovation, and relentless performance. Audi's entry is strategically timed to coincide with new Formula 1 regulations focused on increased electrification, as the electric share of the hybrid drive is raised to almost 50%, and the introduction of 100% sustainable fuels. The entry into Formula 1, one of the most important platforms in the world, serves as a high-tech catalyst for the entire Audi brand, acting as a global stage to demonstrate technological leadership and connect with new, diverse audiences by creating cultural impact that resonates far beyond the race track.

