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Allan McNish, Racing Director: "We will start from P12 and P13 on the grid following qualifying and the various penalties for other drivers. Nico had a cleaner run through qualifying and extracted pretty much the maximum from the car today. Gabi's qualifying was slightly compromised by a gearbox change just before the start of the session, but he was able to get up to speed very quickly.

"We didn't quite have the outright pace we've shown at some of the previous qualifying sessions, which wasn't entirely unexpected given the circuit configuration and conditions here, which don't suit us quite as well as what we had in some of the more recent rounds. Starting from P12 and P13, I think we have a realistic opportunity to fight our way into the points tomorrow."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):
FP3: 14th / 1:36.391 (22 laps)
Q1: 1:35.710 (10 laps)
Q2: 13th / 1:35.460 (6 laps)

"It was a bit of a peculiar qualifying session, with tyre warm-up being quite tricky and everyone trying to find a tow on the straights, which can make a big difference around here. With only limited running in the dry beforehand, it wasn't the easiest preparation, but in the end, we just weren't quite quick enough to make it through.

"Looking ahead to tomorrow, graining can be quite an issue around here, so managing that over the race distance will be important. We'll see how things unfold and what we can make of it."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5):
FP3: 16th / 1:36.747 (29 laps)
Q1: 1:36.149 (6 laps)
Q2: 15th / 1:35.993 (6 laps)

"It's been a tough qualifying session today. We've been suffering with a few issues this weekend that were out of our hands; the team still did a great job putting the car out on track after a last-minute change before qualifying. We will keep investigating and find a solution ahead of tomorrow."

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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.