

2026 United States Grand Prix - Sunday

Austin, 25 October 2026

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "Both drivers delivered strong recovery drives today, although unfortunately we came away just outside the points. For Gabi, starting from the back row following the penalties for the changes we had to make, P13 was realistically the best result available. He drove a clean, very calculated race and made good progress through the field. Nico's race was compromised at the start when the anti-stall kicked in, dropping him to P15. To recover to P11 and to close in on P10 was a superb effort. Ultimately, the result didn't reflect the performance he delivered or what could have been possible with a clean start. We head to Mexico next week determined to turn that performance into points, and we'll be back on the attack."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):

Race result: 11th

Fastest lap: 1:40.323 (Lap 53)

Strategy & Pit Stops: Start (New Soft) - Lap 29 (New Hard)

"Unfortunately, we lost some ground at the start when the car briefly went into anti-stall, which was a strange one because it happened a few metres after getting off the line rather than straight away. It felt and sounded a bit unusual, so we'll need to look into what happened and understand why. Obviously, losing those positions right at the start made the rest of the afternoon quite difficult.

"From there, I think we did what we could. Our pace was pretty similar to the cars around us, particularly the Racing Bulls, but once you're behind, it's difficult to recover. It's hard to say what might have been possible with a normal start, but the midfield remains incredibly close. We'll take what we can from this weekend and head to Mexico for another go."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5)

Race result: 13th

Fastest lap: 1:38.393 (Lap 53)

Strategy & Pit Stops: Start (New Soft) - Lap 29 (New Hard) - Lap 50 (New Soft)

"It was a good race overall; the car felt good and the pace was there. I overtook quite a few cars while keeping it clean, and I had a bit of fun being in the mix, trying my best and putting in some good laps. Obviously, it is always difficult to recover a lot of positions when starting from the

back, but it's good to leave Austin on a decent note. Hopefully, we can carry these positives into Mexico and have a better weekend next week."

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