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Silverstone GP3: Jimmy Eriksson beats Alex Lynn for first win

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Jimmy Eriksson held off the charge of GP3 points leader Alex Lynn to score his maiden victory in the series at Silverstone on Saturday afternoon.

Koiranen GP racer Eriksson made a lightning start from pole, and held a 1.7s lead by the end of the opening lap. Lynn (Carlin) got too much wheelspin at the start, and had to defend stoutly from a fastest starting Jann Mardenborough (Arden).

Eriksson pulled out a 2.7s lead by lap five, but Lynn came back at him in the second half of the race. With two laps to go he was just 0.3s behind, but was never close enough to make a move.

Despite the pressure from Lynn, Eriksson held on to win by 0.9s to close the gap in the championship to four points, although Lynn had the recompense of fastest lap.

ART's Marvin Kirchhofer passed the fast-starting Emil Bernstorff (Carlin) on the opening lap to grab third.

Status GP's Nick Yelloly pressured Bernstorff for the majority of the race but settled for fifth, ahead of Riccardo Agostini and Richie Stanaway.

Dino Zamparelli bounced back from a grid penalty for an incident in qualifying to grab reversed-grid pole honours from Mardenborough, who got mugged over the opening few corners of the first lap.

Results - 15 laps

Pos	Driver	Team	Time/Gap
1.	Jimmy Eriksson	Koiranen	27m32.301s
2.	Alex Lynn	Carlin	+0.958s
3.	Marvin Kirchhofer	ART	+7.150s
4.	Emil Bernstorff	Carlin	+9.882s
5.	Nick Yelloly	Status	+10.937s
6.	Riccardo Agostini	Hilmer	+12.774s
7.	Richie Stanaway	Status	+14.413s
8.	Dino Zamparelli	ART	+16.895s
9.	Jann Mardenborough	Arden	+18.661s
10.	Dean Stoneman	Manor	+20.132s
11.	Pal Varhaug	Jenzer	+24.887s
12.	Patrick Kujala	Manor	+25.530s
13.	Patric Niederhauser	Arden	+28.616s
14.	Matheo Tuscher	Jenzer	+29.400s
15.	Alex Fontana	ART	+29.701s
16.	Alfonso Celis	Status	+33.436s
17.	Roman de Beer	Trident	+35.407s
18.	Luis Sa Silva	Carlin	+39.583s
19.	Ryan Cullen	Manor	+46.549s
20.	Robert Visoiu	Arden	+47.035s
21.	Adderly Fong	Jenzer	+47.550s
22.	Sebastian Balthasar	Hilmer	+48.303s
23.	Victor Carbone	Trident	+1m10.180s
24.	Carmen Jorda	Koiranen	+1m35.243s
25.	Nelson Mason	Hilmer	-2 laps