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London, April 25, 2018. This Saturday's Paris round of the FIA Formula E Championship is an important one for us at DS Virgin Racing, because it's the home race for DS. That means it's going to be an exciting weekend, and from our side it's important to put on a good show. The team has always gone well here so I'm really looking forward to getting out on track.

Quite often I head out to the DS simulator in Paris to prepare for the races just before we fly from France to the track. This time I went there last week. Straight after the last round in Rome, I was at Monza on the Monday with Aston Martin Racing, who I'm racing with in the FIA World Endurance Championship, to do a soft-tyre test for Michelin. Then it was on to preparation at DS, which we finished last week. So it was nice to have a weekend at home before travelling out on the Eurostar for what will be a relatively short Formula E weekend.

I'm really excited about the coming race in Paris. I've not driven the track before, but it's a cool circuit that's been on the Formula E calendar for a couple of years. It's a good Formula E track – it's quite short but the corners flow quite nicely into each other, and I'm looking forward to driving it.

Last year, Jose Maria Lopez – who I've replaced at DS Virgin Racing for this season – was right on the tail of the winner at the finish, and the team have definitely got a good record here. The year before, my current team-mate Sam Bird and Jean-Eric Vergne in the sister car were also very competitive. So it seems that everything should point towards us having a good weekend this time around, and that would be great for all concerned.

So far this season we've seen that the speed was definitely there for me, and I was getting into the Superpole session regularly, but sometimes it was just a case of things not coming together in the races. All the ingredients are there to put in a good race if the cards do fall our way. We've just got to concentrate on our processes and hopefully everything will slot into place.

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