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Preview

Misano 2: The Sequel

Following the trip across the Atlantic for the previous round in Austin, Texas, the Michelin Motorsport team and the rest of the MotoGP™ Paddock are back in Europe and set to return to the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli in Italy for the second time, for round 16 of the MotoGP™ World Championship, at the Gran Premio Nolan del Made in Italy e dell'Emilia-Romagna.

Situated on the Adriatic Riviera, the 4,226m (2.626 miles) circuit has a quite technical layout with ten right- and six left-hand turns and is one of the most intricate on the calendar. With its high-speed curves and corners, slow turns and a short 530m (0.329 miles) straight, the layout puts very specific demands on the front tyres and the MICHELIN Power Slick range chosen for the weekend has been designed to give the riders the optimum performance characteristics for this track.

The Misano 2021 slick tyre allocation for MotoGP will feature Soft, Medium and Hard front options, with all options being symmetric. While the Soft, Medium and Hard compound rears will all be asymmetric, with a harder right side to cope with the greater number of turns in that direction and the subsequent increased stress exerted on that side of the tyre throughout the 27-laps of the race.

Known as the 'San Marino Grand Prix', the circuit's location near to the coast and the time of the year of the event has led to many wet days in the past, and with this prospect the MICHELIN Power Rain tyres will be in the allocation as always. Soft and Medium symmetric fronts and asymmetric Soft and Medium rears, again with the harder right side, will give the riders ultimate grip in the wet.

Situated close to the city of Rimini, the circuit has been a permanent and popular fixture on the MotoGP calendar since its return in 2007. Following Covid health restrictions and a limited capacity of 10,000 last year and an increased number at the race in September this year, this second 2021 race will see up to 35,000 allowed through the doors each day to cheer on their racing heroes.

Speaking about the race weekend, Piero Taramasso, Michelin Two-Wheel Motorsport Manager, said: "At last month's race here in Misano I was very happy with the performance of the tyres, which was clearly highlighted by the three records which were set during the weekend; all time lap record, race lap record, and the race duration record with a very close finish where first and second places



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were only three-tenths of a second apart using two different rear compounds – Bagnaia raced with the Soft and Quartararo the Medium.

“We will be bringing the same allocation to this race as last month although the temperatures could be a little lower and there is probably a higher likelihood of some rain. However, I am confident that our slicks and rain tyres will give the riders every opportunity to push to the limits and give the spectators a great weekend of racing whatever the weather”.

The MotoGP track action will commence on Friday 22 October with two Free Practice sessions, and this will be followed on Saturday with two more before the excitement of Qualifying. The Sunday race day will see the premier class riders line up on the grid for the start of the Gran Premio Nolan del Made in Italy e dell’Emilia-Romagna at 14:00 local time.

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