

2017/2018 FIA Formula E Championship
Round 3: E-Prix of Marrakesh

***The versatility of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2
ensures entertaining action in Marrakesh***

The third E-Prix of the 2017/2018 FIA Formula E campaign saw Felix Rosenqvist (Mahindra) claim the win at Marrakesh's Circuit Moulay El Hassan in Morocco. The Swede finished on top after a thrilling scrap to beat pole-winner Sébastien Buemi (Renault-e.dams), while third-placed Sam Bird (DS Virgin Racing) lost ground to his fellow pace-setters towards the end of the race.

The track provided little grip but, in spite of the chilly weather, notably on Saturday morning, the spectators were treated to a quality show, to which the consistency and swift warm-up performance of the Michelin EV2 also contributed.

The 12-turn, 2.97-kilometre venue dished up its fair share of drama, beginning with free practice when drivers were forced to contend with a dirty track and a temperature of just 8°C at the start of play. Then, although the line cleaned up nicely as the day progressed, the second session was marred by a surprise bout of fog which only really cleared after the early afternoon's qualifying and Super Pole runs.

The race itself got away at 4pm local time, with the thermometer standing at 15°C and the track temperature up to 21°C. These figures promise to feature amongst the lowest of the year but they enabled Michelin's Formula E tyre to provide a further illustration of its outstanding versatility.

"We always knew there was a risk of poor weather in Morocco and we guessed the track would be pretty dirty to begin with," said **Serge Grisin**, manager of Michelin's FIA Formula E programme. "At the same time, we know how capable the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 is of delivering high-level performance and longevity across a broad spectrum of conditions without being subject to wear-related problems, irrespective of the pressures the teams choose to run. Along with the first Paris E-Prix, today's race in Marrakesh was the coldest we have seen since the championship started in 2014."

The next round of the FIA Formula E Championship will take teams to Chile for the inaugural Santiago E-Prix on February 3.



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