

MICHELIN'S NEXT TARGET IS MONTMELÓ AND A CHANCE TO CHASE ITS OWN RECORDS

Michelin and the MotoGP™ paddock have moved on to Montmeló near Barcelona in Spain for the seventh round of the season and the Gran Premi Monster Energy de Catalunya at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya.

This modern facility is regarded as one of the best designed tracks of recent times and has become a favourite for all, due to its elevation changes, fast and sweeping corners and a straight over a kilometre long, all linked together over the 4,627m length. The Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya was resurfaced and reconfigured in 2018, as well as having the race distance altered. These significant changes meant that all track records were reset, leaving Michelin in the position of chasing its own targets this weekend, all of which were set last year. This will certainly be the objective and the range of MICHELIN Power Slick tyres which have been selected for this high-abrasive surface, were chosen to provide all the riders and manufacturers with a comprehensive range of rubber, designed to give them the optimum performance for their respective packages. Front and rear slicks will be in the usual soft, medium and hard versions, the soft and medium fronts will be symmetric, with the front hard and all the rears having an asymmetric finish featuring a harder right-hand-side, to cope with the eight turns which go in that direction, compared to just the six that go left.

Despite its favourable climate at this time of the year, the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya can still suffer with some inclement weather. To combat any wet conditions the MICHELIN Power Rain tyres will be in the allocation, with a front soft and medium compound, allied to a rear, also in soft and medium, but featuring the asymmetric design with a harder right shoulder.

Situated just outside the lively city of Barcelona, the track in the town of Montmeló is one which regularly provides excitement, close racing and thrilling overtaking manoeuvres to keep the crowds - which are in excess of 100,000 - that pack the hillsides and huge grandstands around the circuit, enthralled throughout raceday. Before the main event large numbers of knowledgeable and passionate fans will come through the gates as Michelin and the rest of the MotoGP field begin the weekend's proceedings on the Friday 14th June with two Free Practice sessions. The following day will see further practice, before the excitement of Qualifying takes place in the afternoon. The race will get underway on Sunday 16th June at 14.00hrs local time (13.00hrs BST, 14.00hrs CEST, 12.00hrs UTC) when the field will push their Michelin tyres to the heights of performance to extract the best grip and durability through a total of 336 corners over the 24-laps and a race distance of 111.048km.

Piero Taramasso – Michelin Motorsport Two-Wheel Manager:

“This is one of the tracks that gives an overall test for the tyres and the bikes and because of this it has firmly established itself as one of the important test venues on the calendar, as well as one of the best races. It has a complete mix of corners, a long straight and it is quite severe on the right side of the tyre, which means we need a tyre for here that does everything. It can also get quite warm, so the rubber has to work on higher track temperatures as well. Last year it was a brand new surface and from the race weekend and the Monday test we got a huge amount of data which has assisted in selecting the best compounds for this season. This is an event that riders and fans enjoy, the atmosphere is always good and we are relishing the chance to break our own records from last year, especially as we are now armed with more information as to what to expect from the asphalt.”



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