

MotoGP rd.8 eni MOTORRAD GRAND PRIX DEUTSCHLAND MORIWAKI RACING RACE REPORT

Moto2 class

Toni Elias took his 3rd win of the season since Le Mans. Fonsi Nieto finished in 4th, the best result so far, but Thomas Luthi, championship runner up retired the race.

Following the 3 consecutive rounds, German GP underwent at Sachsenring after a week break. It was the 13th year event since the Grand Prix returned to Sachsenring. Most of the circuits in the series have been new to MORIWAKI MD600, however, Toni Elias (Gresini Racing Moto2) took his 3rd win of the season since Le Mans. It was also 3rd GP win for MORIWAKI MD600. MORIWAKI is keeping the top position of constructor championship ranking since Assen, has widen its lead to 18points to Suter.

The weather was changing a lot this weekend. Started day1 with 36 degree and then dropped to 24 deg. on day2. The Saturday night rain made the warm up session wet but it dried out by the time of the race. This unstable weather didn't help teams who were struggling to set up their machines but MORIWAKI riders did well in such difficult race. Elias won the race, Fonsi Nieto (Holiday Gym G22) finished in 4th, his best result of the season, and Vladimir Ivanov (Gresini Racing Moto2) took his first points with 14th finish followed by Xavier Simeon (Holiday Gym G22) 15th. Yannick Guerra (Holiday Gym G22) returned first time after the injury from Italian GP and finished in 26th. No podium for Thomas Luthi (Interwetten Moriwaki Moto2) this time and he crashed out and retired, so as Lukas Pesek (Matteoni GP Racing) at the opening lap.

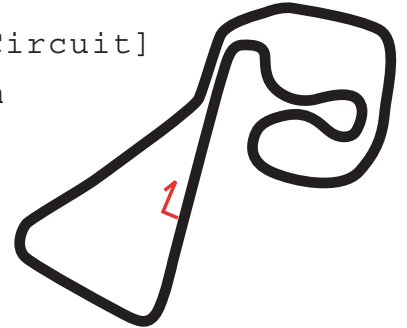
The Moto2 class has shown furious battles at every round. 2 days test was held at Aragon, Spain after the Catalunya and MORIWAKI MD600 teams were busy obtaining data and improving machine setting. The championship leader, Elias was ready to race at Sachsenring after the test but he crashed both Free Practice session on day1 and 2. Unstable weather and track condition, and unique layout of Sachsenring didn't look easy for Elias, however, he finally found good setting at the end of the QP session and got a front row start from 3rd in the grid. He lost his position and went down to 11th position at lap1 but he gradually regained his position and was 2nd at lap18, 2.7seconds behind then the leader, Iannone. Elias kept his pace and he passed Iannone at lap24 and continued to pull further and won the 29laps race.

Andrea Iannone (Speed Up) finished in 2nd and Roberto Rolfo (Suter) in 3rd. Fonsi Nieto started from 17th position and battled for 3rd with Rolfo and finished in 4th. Vladimir Ivanov 14th and Xavier Simeon 15th, both gained some points.

Thomas Luthi started from 21st position and crashed and retired at lap10 without finding his pace. No point for Luthi but he is keeping the 2nd position on the championship, following Elias, another MORIWAKI MD600 rider.

[Sachsenring Circuit]

LENGTH 3,671m



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Returning of Yannick Guerra adding up to 7 MORIWAKI MD600s raced this weekend. After the 2 FP sessions, there were 19 riders in just a sprit of second but it spread a little at QP session due to difficult condition, 8 riders were in a second. MORIWAKI MD600 riders also had trouble finding good setting but Elias got 3rd position in the grid. Rest of the MD600 riders were: Nieto 17th, Luthi 21st, Simeon 25th, Ivanov 28th, Pesek 33rd and Guerra 41st. 41 riders filled up the starting grid of the race but only 27 managed to cross the finish line.

●Toni Elias (1st)

I crashed on day1 and day2 but we were finally able to find good setting at the end of QP and got front row start. Sachsenring has number of tight turns one after another so starting position was very important. I was happy that I got 3rd position start. But I had a bad start and had to fight back from behind. I didn't think I could win the race after such a bad start but I was able to reach Iannone, then, eventually I took a comfortable lead. The Aregon test was very successful but Sachsenring was different. We still needed some times to find right setting. I'm very happy for the win because I haven't had it after Le Mans. I had a great race before going to summer break.

●Fonsi Nieto (4th)

I am happy that I repeated my best result of the season but also am disappointed because I was close to get podium. The qualifying session wasn't good. I started from 17th in the grid and I couldn't get enough speed at straight sections. It was tough race for me though I gained many positions. I would like to have better position in the grid and have easier race to get podium next time.

●Vladimir Ivanov (14th)

I wasn't happy about my QP result. Anyway, I finally got points at the race. It had been my primary objective so I am happy to achieve that. I'm also happy about Elias. It was a great day for our team. I'm really happy that anyway I could gain some point at such a difficult race.

●Xavier Simeon (15th)

I had a good started and got into a battle for 5th place right after I started from 25th in the grid. But I was always left behind when the pack leaving corners. I saw Tomizawa losing his position but it wasn't easy for me to pass him. I know that I have problem in acceleration when I out corners so I want to solve that at next time in Bruno.

●Yannick Guerra (26th)

I was fighting with rear slide. I couldn't control the way I wanted and the pain in my arm almost made me quit the race. Latter part of the race I had a battle with Hector Faubel (Suter) and I enjoyed that. It was the first race after a long absence. I still have pain in my arm which I injured at Italian GP but I think I will do better at Bruno.

●Thomas Luthi (retired)

We tried a lot of things but we could not find good setting for the track. The 2 corners are very important so I tried hard to get good starting position but all I could get was 21st position and I ended up crashing the bike. It was really disappointing race but it was the end of the season. I want to have god races, starting from Bruno.



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RESULT

Qualifying

POS	No	RIDER	TEAM	TIME
4	24	Toni ELIAS	Gresini Racing Moto2	1'25.664
17	10	Fonsi NIETO	Holiday Gym G22	1'26.319
21	12	Thomas LUTHI	Interwetten Moriwaki Moto2	1'26.492
25	19	Xavier SIMEON	Holiday Gym Racing	1'26.600
28	61	Vladimir IVANOV	Gresini Racing Moto2	1'26.755
33	52	Lukas PESEK	Matteoni CP Racing	1'27.051
41	88	Yannick GUERRA	Holiday Gym G22	1'28.790

RACE

POS	No	RIDER	TEAM
WIN	24	Toni ELIAS	Gresini Racing Moto2
4	10	Fonsi NIETO	Holiday Gym G22
14	61	Vladimir IVANOV	Gresini Racing Moto2
15	19	Xavier SIMEON	Holiday Gym Racing
26	88	Yannick GUERRA	Holiday Gym G22

Not Classified

No	RIDER	TEAM
12	Thomas LUTHI	Interwetten Moriwaki Moto2

Not finished first lap

No	RIDER	TEAM
52	Lukas PESEK	Matteoni CP Racing

World Championship Classification

RIDER POINT RANKING

POS	No	RIDER	POINT
1	24	Toni ELIAS	136
2	12	Thomas LUTHI	94
11	10	Fonsi NIETO	38
27	19	Xavier SIMEON	9
29	52	Lukas PESEK	4
30	61	Vladimir IVANOV	2

CONSTRUCTOR CHAMPIONSHIP

MORIWAKI MD600 RANKING / TOP

