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PRESS RELEASE PREVIEW

INTERWETTEN MORIWAKI MOTO2 TEAM: GRAND PRIX OF ITALY - MUGELLO 2010

The next Grand Prix on the calendar of the MotoGP world championship is the Gran Premio d'Italia at the Mugello International Circuit next weekend. This racetrack is something special for riders and spectators. Technical it is a quite difficult track for the riders and their teams, but the atmosphere is unbelievable and Sunday straight after the race the whole circuit turns into a madhouse. The spectators will pelt the pit lane and will acclaim and celebrate the gladiators of the 21st century.

Two years ago Tom Lüthi was on the podium in Mugello and he was able to enjoy this special atmosphere from a special point of view. Of course the 24 years old Swiss and his team would like to have the same experience again also this time in Mugello, but first priority is to get rid of the problems they had in Le Mans, especially of the Chattering problem. If they can solve this problem on the practice days Lüthi can hopefully be back in the leading group during the race and fight with the top riders. And maybe this fight will be rewarded with a podium again.

Tom Lüthi:

I quite like Mugello, but the track is so totally different to Le Mans. This track is technical difficult and very demanding. Our priority for Mugello is the work on the bike. We have to solve the problems we suffered in Le Mans, especially the Chattering we need to get rid of. Then I may be able to think about something else. I will defiantly try to get the best possible starting position for the race, as this is very important in the new Moto2 class. And of course I would like to be in the leading group again in the race, the rest will imply.

Terrell Thien, Teammanager:

Tom likes the track and he was here in Mugello on the podium two years ago. But Moto2 is a new class and he never has been in Mugello with the Moriwaki MD600 before. Our main target is to qualify as best as possible. Tom had bad luck in Le Mans and I hope we can leave that behind.

Daniel Epp, Rider Management:

After a great weekend in Jerez de la Frontera Tom had many problems in Le Mans. First he had the chattering problem, which followed him the whole weekend and then he crashed during the race. That is a pity. Tom and his team will now try their best to tie up with where they finished in Jerez.

The race weekend in Mugello/Italy starts on 4th of June with the first free practice of the Red Bull



MotoGP Rookies Cup and ends with the MotoGP race on 6th of June.

Time schedule Grand Prix of Italy 2010:

Friday, 4th June:

12:00 - 12:45 Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup Free Practice

12:40 - 13:40 125cc First Free Practice

13:55 - 14:55 MotoGP First Free Practice

15:10 - 16:10 Moto2 First Free Practice

16:25 - 16:55 Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup Qualifying 1

17:50 - 18:20 Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup Qualifying 2

Saturday, 5th June:

09:00 - 09:40 125cc Second Free Practice

09:55 - 10:55 MotoGP Second Free Practice

11:10 - 12:10 Moto2 Second Free Practice

13:00 - 13:40 125ccm Qualifying

13:55 - 14:55 MotoGP Qualifying

15:10 - 15:55 Moto2 Qualifying

16:30 Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup Race (15 laps)

Sunday, 6th June:

08:40 - 09:00 125cc Warm up

09:10 - 09:30 Moto2 Warm up

09:40 - 10:00 MotoGP Warm up

11:00 125cc Race (20 laps)

12:15 Moto2 Race (21 laps)

14:00 MotoGP Race (23 laps)

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次の MotoGP 世界選手権は今週末、イタリア Mugello サーキットで行われる Gran Premio d'Italia。Mugello はライダーにとっても観客にとっても特別なサーキット。ライダーやチームにとっては難しいコースではあるが、雰囲気は想像を超えていて、日曜日のレース終了から、サーキット全体がめっちゃめっちゃの騒ぎとなる。観客はピットになだれ込み、現代のグラディエーター達の勝利をたたえる。

2年前、Tom Lüthi は表彰台の上から、この Mugello の雰囲気を味わった。もちろん、彼もチームも、Mugello でまた同じ経験を期待しているが、まずは Le Mans で起きた問題解決が最優先。特にチャタリング問題の解決が急がれる。練習走行の間に問題を解決できれば、Lüthi 選手もトップグループからレースを戦っていけると期待される。その先には、2年前と同じ表彰台も続いている。

Tom Lüthi 選手: Mugello は好きなサーキット。でも Le Mans とは全く違う。テクニカルなコースで、いろいろ要求される。Mugello では第 1 にマシンへの対応が重要。特にチャタリング問題など、Le Mans で苦しめられた問題を対処しなければならない。それ以外のことを考えるのは、問題を解決してから。もちろん、出来る限り最高のグリッドを得られるよう努力する。Moto2 クラスでは予選の結果が大変重要になる。レースでは今回もトップグループに混じって戦いたいし、結果はおのずとついてくる。

Terrell Thien チーム監督: Tom は Mugello を気に入っているし、2年前には表彰台に上っている。だが、Moto2 は新たなクラスで、彼自身モリワキ MD600 での Mugello は今回が初めて。今回は予選に集中する。Le Mans で不運に見舞われた Tom だったが、もう過去は忘れて次に備えたい。

Daniel Epp ライダー管理担当: Jerez で素晴らしい結果の後、Tom は Le Mans で多くの問題に見舞われた。最後まで解決できなかったチャタリング問題に始まり、レースでの転倒。残念だった。Tom もチームも、Jerez での結果に続くようベストを尽くして努力するだろう。