**RACING FOR ANTHOINE**

The Formula 3 paddock reunites this week at Monza in Italy for the seventh round of the season. Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the F2 community, the teams and the drivers will race for Anthoine Hubert to honour the talented young Frenchman whom we all miss dearly.

PREMA Racing will welcome the opportunity to celebrate a well-earned Teams’ Championship title on home soil in Monza, after another mammoth points haul at Spa-Francorchamps. Jake Hughes of HWA RACELAB had set the pace in practice, but Jehan Daruvala bagged his first pole position of the season in the afternoon’s qualifying session. The Indian was forced to settle for third, preventing a PREMA 1 2 3, with Robert Shwartzman (152 points) leading the Drivers’ Championship with 217 points, 23 points behind in second place.

With the Teams’ title wrapped up, Shwartzman (152 points) leads the Drivers’ Championship, with Daruvala (129) 23 points behind in second place.

**WARM UP**

Pedro Piquet / Trident

“Monza is one of the classic tracks on the calendar, with the fastest average and top speeds. It’s very difficult and in terms of racing, it’s one of the best circuits because the low downforce setup allows you to slide a lot or lock the tyres under braking in high-speed corners, so you need to be really good in managing that.

“There could be lots of battles in the braking zones. There will be a lot of cars side-by-side into the corners because the advantage you have on the car in front is not that big. One of the things I like is that the DRS is not as effective. You really need to work hard for the overtake. When you open the DRS you obviously gain on the car in front but it’s not a lot. I’m really excited for it and I hope we can have a good weekend.

“Because the circuit has a lot of straights, people may think it’s easier on the tyres but it’s not really. You’re sliding a lot and, with the low downforce on the car, if you start to slide then the tyres are done, so you need to take care of them.

“We always push for a competitive weekend. You have two races and you have to perform well in both. If you have the pace and you start well, fight for Race 1, if not try to get into a decent position so you can fight for Race 2. You need to be there, in the top 6, which helps a lot in the weekend, so that’s the aim.”

**NOTEWORTHY**

> Christian Lundgaard has led more laps (44) than any other driver on the grid this season. Marcus Armstrong is second with 43 laps led.

> Between their three drivers, Teams’ Championship winners PREMA Racing have taken 3 pole positions, 6 wins, 18 podiums, 5 front row starts, 5 fastest laps, and have led for 109 laps from a possible 250.

> All six rounds so far have seen a different driver qualify for pole position; Robert Shwartzman in Barcelona, Jake Hughes in Le Castellet, Christian Lundgaard in Spielberg, Juri Vips in Silverstone, Jehan Daruvala in Budapest and Johan Daruvala in Spa-Francorchamps.

> Despite sitting fourth in the championship behind Shwartzman and Daruvala, Armstrong has as many wins, as many pole positions as his teammates, and he has set more fastest laps, taken more bonus points and has lead more laps than them.

> PREMA Racing’s points haul from Belgium last time out (74) was their highest since Round 2 (82).

> Trident’s Devlin DeFrancesco and Carlin Buzz Racing’s Logan Sargeant will both serve five-place grid penalties in Monza, after both drivers were involved in separate collisions in Belgium.

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2019 ENTRY LIST

ART Grand Prix
1. David Beckmann
2. Max Fewtrell
3. Christian Lundgaard
MP Motorsport
4. Liam Lawson
5. Simo Laaksonen
6. Richard Verschoor
Sauber Junior Team by Charouz
7. Lirim Zendeli
8. Fabio Scherer
9. Raoul Hyman
HWA RACELAB
10. Bent Viscaal
11. Jake Hughes
12. Keyvan Andres
13. Yuki Tsunoda
14. Giorgio Carrara
15. Andreas Estner
Trident
17. Dennis DeFrancesco
18. Pedro Piquet
19. Niko Kari
Hitech Grand Prix
20. Leonardo Pulcini
21. Jüri Vips
22. Ye Yifei
Campos Racing
23. Alexander Peroni
24. Alessio Deledda
25. Sebastián Fernández
PREMA Racing
26. Marcus Armstrong
27. Jehan Daruvala
28. Robert Shwartzman
Carlin Buzz Racing
29. Teppei Natori
30. Felipe Drugovich
31. Logan Sargeant

2019 SEASON RECAP

POLE POSITION
1. Robert Shwartzman
2. Jehan Daruvala
3. Jüri Vips

FASTEST LAP
1. Christian Lundgaard
2. Marcus Armstrong
3. Jüri Vips

2019 CLASSIFICATIONS AFTER 12/16 RACES

DRIVERS' STANDINGS
1. Robert Shwartzman
2. Jehan Daruvala
3. Jüri Vips

TEAMS' STANDINGS
1. PREMA Racing
2. Hitech Grand Prix
3. Trident

PREMA Racing are champions! The Italian outfit clinched the FIA Formula 3 championship after Race 2 at Spa-Francorchamps.

PREMA have 400 points, 217 more than second-placed Hitech Grand Prix with only 206 points available.

The gap between championship leader Robert Shwartzman and second-placed Jehan Daruvala at the top of the Drivers’ Championship.

Trident’s Pedro Piquet was the eighth different driver to have stood on the top step of the podium this season.

MOST IMPROVED

TEPPEI NATORI
Carlin Buzz Racing
+7 PLACES

gained in the drivers’ standings between Round 5 (Budapest) and Round 6 (Spa-Francorchamps).

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