



Autodromo Nazionale Monza
5.793 KM Start/Finish Offset
0.309 km

SPRINT RACE 1 Grid set by reversing Top 10 of Q. Results >> 21 LAPS >> 121.344 KM 45 min.
SPRINT RACE 2 Grid set by reversing Top 10 of SR1 Results >> 21 LAPS >> 121.344 KM 45 min.
FEATURE RACE Grid set by Qualifying Results >> 30 LAPS >> 173.481 KM 60 min.

WHEN TO WATCH

ALL TIMES LOCAL (GMT +2)

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

11:20 Practice Session 45 min.
16:50 Qualifying Session 30 min.
19:05 Press Conference*

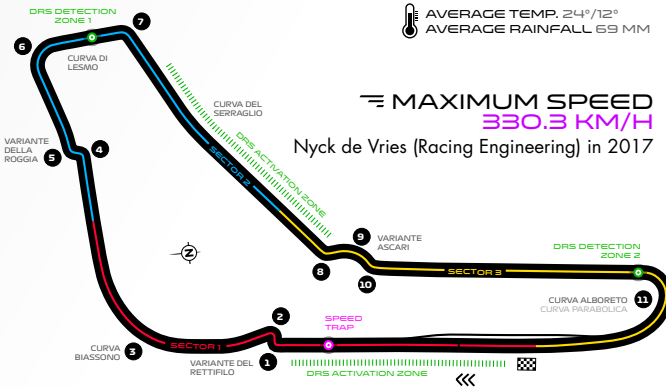
SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

08:50 Sprint Race 1 21 laps • 45 min. +1 Lap
10:00 Press Conference*
14:45 Sprint Race 2 21 laps • 45 min. +1 Lap
15:55 Press Conference*

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

10:25 Feature Race 30 laps • 60 min. +1 Lap
11:50 Press Conference*

*Note: You can join the Press Conference via Zoom upon request.



LAP RECORD

1:30.982 (229.218 KM/H)
Nobuharu Matsushita (ART Grand Prix) in 2017

2020 POLE POSITION

1:31.929 (226.857 KM/H)
Callum Irott (UNI-Virtuosi)

COMPOUND ALLOCATION



2020 FEATURE RACE TYRE WINNING STRATEGY

12 laps ● Soft >> **18 laps** ● Medium
M. Schumacher (PREMA Racing) from P7 Grid Position

THE STORY SO FAR

The second half of the FIA Formula 2 Championship gets underway at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza this weekend, with the title battle set to resume as a mere five points separate current Championship leader Oscar Piastri from second-placed Guanyu Zhou.

Another impressively consistent weekend for Piastri last time out in Silverstone saw the PREMA Racing rookie move up into the Championship lead, after securing pole, collecting points in all three races, and claiming two fastest laps to boot. The Alpine junior's weekend got off to a flying start in Friday's Qualifying session after setting the fastest lap of the afternoon to beat then Championship leader Zhou to pole by 0.221s.

Saturday morning saw Robert Schwartzman claim victory in Sprint Race 1 for the second time in as many rounds. A spectacular start from Schwartzman saw him jump from fourth to first going into Turn 1, with the Russian eventually finishing ahead of Hitech Grand Prix's Jüri Vips, and reverse polesitter Christian Lundgaard. Meanwhile, Zhou spun out of contention on Lap 1, handing a narrow Championship lead to Piastri who finished P6.

It was Richard Verschoor who saw the chequered flag first in Sprint Race 2 to claim not only a maiden Formula 2 victory but also a maiden podium in the second tier. The MP Motorsport rookie

enjoyed a lights-to-flag victory beating out DAMS' Marcus Armstrong and Carlin's Dan Ticktum who took home second and third respectively. A last-minute move earned Piastri fourth and strengthened his position in the title fight.

Saturday was a day to forget for Zhou, but the Chinese driver didn't have to wait long for redemption, reclaiming vital ground in the Championship battle with a win in Sunday's Feature Race. The Alpine junior triumphed over Ticktum, who made a second visit to the podium on home ground, and Piastri who took home his fifth rostrum of the season to maintain a hard-fought Championship lead.

Enzo Fittipaldi makes his Formula 2 debut this weekend, replacing David Beckmann at Charouz Racing System. Fittipaldi makes the step-up from the Czech outfit's Formula 3 team, after securing for them a first-ever second-place finish in the third tier at Budapest.

Beckmann moves across to Campos Racing, where the German replaces Matteo Nannini in car #20 for Round 5 in Monza.

Meanwhile, Jake Hughes steps into car #22 for HWA RACELAB, with the Briton replacing Jack Aitken for Round 5 in Monza. Hughes made his debut in the second tier at Sochi last season and enjoyed two years with HWA's Formula 3 outfit, scoring three wins and eight podiums across 2019 and 2020.

THE CHALLENGERS

After four rounds the title race remains nose to nose, with PREMA Racing's Oscar Piastri (108) just a mere five points ahead of academy-mate Guanyu Zhou (103). Robert Schwartzman (91) sits in third, just two points ahead of Carlin's Dan Ticktum (89). Hitech Grand Prix's Jüri Vips (85) is just five points back in fifth, meaning less than 25 points currently separate the top five.

PREMA Racing (199) continue to lead the Team's Championship and are 37 points ahead of second-placed UNI-Virtuosi

(162). Carlin (145) and Hitech Grand Prix (143) are neck and neck in third and fourth respectively, while ART Grand Prix (93) sit in fifth place.



FROM THE GRID

Christian Lundgaard // ART Grand Prix



"What do I like about Monza? It's the temple of speed, simple as that. It's going to take consistency and pace to be able to replicate my two podiums from last year, and a bit of intelligence too. We'll need to avoid the traffic, and I think what we did last year was pretty good: we went for the undercut to have a clear track ahead. We need to focus on ourselves, I think that paid off last year."

"The Sprint Race podium was more about luck. We saw some other drivers with issues, but we were there when it counted and we took advantage of that, so we got

the points and the podiums. That was the only race last year where we had a double podium so it's going to be hard to beat.

"Tyre management at Monza is not that difficult. It's more the thermal degradation when the tyres get too warm that's difficult. Then obviously there's the slip stream at Monza, which is a completely different side of things to manage.

"Racing around there is quite interesting because we reach some really high speeds but at the same time there's some big braking zones. The racing is quite fun because you get a chance to do something. I hope this year is going to be a bit like the Formula 3 races in Austria, with some excitement and some good moves. The overtaking zones are going to be pretty much everywhere, in all the big braking zones. Even into Ascari I think we'll be able to overtake so it's going to be interesting."

STAT PACK

- The Formula 2 race lap record at Monza is 1:30.982, set by Nobuharu Matsushita with ART Grand Prix in 2017.
- Piastri's pole for PREMA in Silverstone marked the first pole position for the Italian team since 2018 when Nyck de Vries started from P1 in Round 11 at Sochi.
- Just one driver on the current grid has previously stood on the podium at Monza, Christian Lundgaard finished on the rostrum in both the Sprint Race and the Feature Race in 2020.
- There have been four pole-sitters in as many rounds this season with Piastri, Zhou, Lawson and Pourchaire all starting from pole once.

TYRE TALK MARIO ISOLA (PIRELLI HEAD OF F1 AND CAR RACING) SAYS:

"Monza is actually the first and only time that we've nominated the P Zero Yellow medium and P Zero Red soft tyres for Formula 2 this year. This particular selection has been to cater for all the different demands of Monza. If the weather is warm in Italy, as can often be the case at this time of year, thermal degradation could become a factor as

well. So there will definitely be a few things to think about for the drivers when it comes to managing the tyres this weekend. The 2021 medium Formula 2 compound offers more performance compared to its 2020 equivalent, bringing it closer in outright performance to the soft, which is unchanged in specification from last year."



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2021 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD CAMERAS

		1		Robert Shwartzman	SHW	
		2		Oscar Piastri	PIA	
		3		Guanyu Zhou	ZHO	
		4		Felipe Drugovich	DRU	
		5		Dan Ticktum	TIC	
		6		Jehan Daruvala	DAR	
		7		Liam Lawson	LAW	
		8		Jüri Vips	VIP	
		9		Christian Lundgaard	LUN	
		10		Théo Pourchaire	POU	
		11		Richard Verschoor	VER	
		12		Lirim Zendeli	ZEN	
		14		Enzo Fittipaldi	FIT	
		15		Guilherme Samaia	SAM	
		16		Roy Nissany	NIS	
		17		Marcus Armstrong	ARM	
		20		David Beckmann	BEC	
		21		Ralph Boschung	BOS	
		22		Jake Hughes	HUG	
		23		Alessio Deledda	DEL	
		24		Bent Viscaal	VIS	
		25		Marino Sato	SAT	

SEASON STATS

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The first four rounds of the season have produced eight different races winners, and fourteen different podium sitters

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PREMA Racing have collected the most podiums so far this season, with a total of eight. UNI-Virtuosi and Carlin both have one fewer with seven each.

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Oscar Piastri, Robert Shwartzman and Dan Ticktum are tied for the most races finished in the points so far this season, with all three drivers collecting points from 10 of 12 races.

2021 CLASSIFICATIONS AFTER 12/24 RACES

DRIVERS' STANDINGS

POS.	DRIVER	FEATURE	SPRINT	PTS	SHUFFLE
1	Oscar Piastri ROOKIE	1	1	108	+1
2	Guanyu Zhou	2	1	103	-1
3	Robert Shwartzman	2	1	91	=
4	Dan Ticktum	1	1	89	+1
5	Jüri Vips	1	1	85	-1
6	Théo Pourchaire ^R	1	1	65	=
7	Felipe Drugovich	1	1	59	+2
8	Liam Lawson ^R	1	1	58	=
9	Jehan Daruvala	1	1	56	-2
10	Richard Verschoor ^R	1	1	50	+2
11	Ralph Boschung	1	1	36	-1
12	Christian Lundgaard	1	1	28	+1
13	David Beckmann ^R	1	1	25	-2
14	Marcus Armstrong	1	1	24	+1
15	Roy Nissany	1	1	12	-1
16	Bent Viscaal ^R	1	1	8	=
17	Lirim Zendeli ^R	1	1	7	=
18	Marino Sato	1	1	1	=
19	Matteo Nannini ^R	1	1	1	=
20	Jack Aitken	1	1	0	=
21	Guilherme Samaia	1	1	0	=
22	Alessio Deledda ^R	1	1	0	=
23	Gianluca Petecof ^R	1	1	0	=

TEAMS' STANDINGS

POS.	TEAM	FEATURE	SPRINT	PTS	SHUFFLE
1	PREMA Racing	3	1	199	=
2	UNI-Virtuosi	2	1	162	=
3	Carlin	1	1	145	+1
4	Hitech Grand Prix	1	2	143	-1
5	ART Grand Prix	1	1	93	=
6	MP Motorsport	1	1	57	+1
7	DAMS	1	1	36	+2
8	Campos Racing	1	1	36	-2
9	Charouz Racing System	1	1	25	-1
10	Trident	1	1	9	=
11	HWA RACELAB	1	1	1	=

MOST IMPROVED

FELIPE DRUGOVICH
UNI-Virtuosi

+2 PLACES
gained in the drivers' standings after Round 4 (Silverstone)

RICHARD VERSCHOOR
MP Motorsport

2021 SEASON RECAP

	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	RD6	RD7	RD8
	26-27-28 March	20-21-22 May	04-05-06 June	16-17-18 July	10-11-12 September	24-25-26 September	03-04-05 December	10-11-12 December
POLE POSITION	Guanyu Zhou UNI-Virtuosi	Théo Pourchaire ART Grand Prix	Liam Lawson Hitech Grand Prix	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing
SPRINT RACE 1 WINNER	Liam Lawson Hitech Grand Prix	Guanyu Zhou UNI-Virtuosi	Robert Shwartzman PREMA Racing	Robert Shwartzman PREMA Racing
FASTEST LAP	Lirim Zendeli MP Motorsport	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Théo Pourchaire ART Grand Prix	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing
FASTEST LAP BONUS POINTS	Lirim Zendeli MP Motorsport	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Théo Pourchaire ART Grand Prix	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing
SPRINT RACE 2 WINNER	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing	Dan Ticktum Carlin	Jüri Vips Hitech Grand Prix	Richard Verschoor MP Motorsport
FASTEST LAP	Ralph Boschung Campos Racing	Robert Shwartzman PREMA Racing	Robert Shwartzman PREMA Racing	Oscar Piastri PREMA Racing
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