

## ROUND 13 MONZA ITALY



FRIDAY 09 SEPTEMBER

ALL TIMES LOCAL GMT +2

**10:25** Free Practice



**20:80** Press Conference SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

**18:00** Sprint Race

**21 Laps** 45 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by reversing Top 10 of Qualifying Results

**19:10** Press Conference



10:05 Feature Race

**30 Laps** 60 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by Qualifying Results

**11:80** Press Conference

## THE STORY SO FAR

As Formula 2 made its debut around the twisty Circuit Zandvoort, MP Motorsport made sure to give their home crowd something to cheer about in both races, whilst Felipe Drugovich put one hand on the Championship trophy during Round 12.

Fresh off his first Feature Race victory in Spa-Francorchamps, Jack Doohan looked untroubled out front as he went quickest in a Red Flag-impacted Free Practice. Setting a 1:22.967 put him over three tenths faster than Ayumu Iwasa and Drugovich.

Qualifying saw Drugovich and Doohan locked in a fierce fight for pole position, but it was the orange MP car that jumped to the top of the timing sheets for the second consecutive weekend with a 1:20.713, 0.226s clear of the Virtuosi Racing driver. When the session restarted following a second Red Flag appearance, the



Brazilian was already out of the car, confident he had claimed P1, whilst his nearest title rival Théo Pourchaire found the barriers early on. Lastly, Logan Sargeant



put on another impressive one-lap performance to take third.

Marcus Armstrong took his third Sprint Race of the year right off the line, snatching the lead off reverse pole-sitter Clément Novalak and overcoming a late Safety Car restart. It wasn't all lost for Novalak as the Frenchman fought hard to bring home his maiden F2 podium in second, while Dennis Hauger returned to the third step of the rostrum for the first time since Round 6 in Baku. Drugovich survived everything thrown at him to add a fifth win to his 2022 report card – his first since the Monte Carlo Feature Race. Covering off Doohan at the start, he navigated his way through an early Red Flag and two further Safety Car restarts to put himself on the cusp of claiming the title. Contact on the second Safety Car restart ruled Doohan out of the running, allowing home hero Richard Verschoor to use the overcut to full effect and stand on the podium ahead of Ayumu Iwasa.



## THE CHALLENGERS

Felipe Drugovich could be crowned the 2022 FIA Formula 2 Champion this weekend, as long as he holds a 66-point lead over Théo Pourchaire by the conclusion of the Sprint Race. To achieve this, all the Brazilian needs to do is score eight more points than the ART Grand Prix driver by Saturday and the title is his with one round to go.

Meanwhile, the fight for third in the Championship has brought five drivers into the mix. Logan Sargeant leads the way on 130 points, nine points clear of fellow rookie Jack Doohan. However, both drivers and fifth-placed Liam Lawson failed to score points during the Zandvoort Feature Race, allowing Ayumu Iwasa and Enzo Fittipaldi to close within 19 points of the American driver.

A victory and a podium at home has allowed MP Motorsport to regain

their place at the top of the Teams' Championship on 269 points, but ART Grand Prix and Carlin are still in touching distance and with just 14 and 20-point deficits respectively.

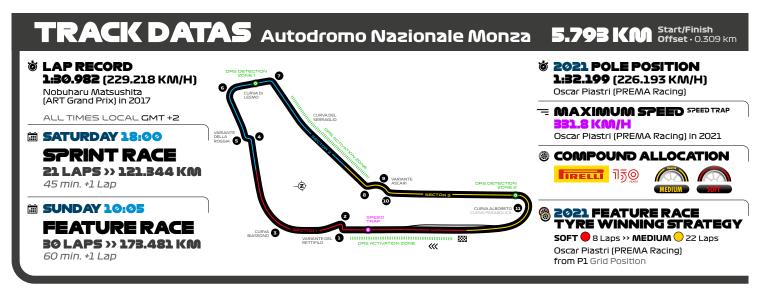
Luca Ghiotto will make a return to the F2 grid, filling in for DAMS' Roy Nissany for Round 13 at Monza.

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## FROM THE GRID



## Richard VERSCHOOR

"It's a home race for the team, so I'm sure that they look forward to it even more than I do. Last year, I didn't have such a good race, but this year we're looking to be a bit stronger in Qualifying. I always like to be at Monza, also the fans are very nice so I'm looking forward to it!

"It obviously does not have that many corners, but that makes it more difficult for the drivers in Qualifying because everything has to be perfect. The slipstream will be very important and playing a bit with downforce, less or more. It's always a bit of a game. The track is very special with two big chicanes, good overtaking there usually so it's one of the better racing tracks.

"There are not so many places where you can overtake, it's Turn 1, Turn 2 and into Ascari. Those are the main places I think everyone will be aiming for. Tyre management should be fine. Usually, we don't have to save the tyres that much because you have a lot of time to cool down on the straights, so it's fine to push."

## **TYRE TALK**

Mario ISOLA Pirelli Motorsport Director

"For our home race weekend at Monza we have nominated the P Zero Yellow medium and P Zero Red soft tyres. This is the same combination as in previous years and is well-suited to the unique demands of the Temple of Speed. Teams usually favour a low-downforce configuration to maximise straight-line speed down the long straights, and this increases the reliance on mechanical grip from the tyres. The greatest demands around Monza come under braking and traction, although lateral loads are also significant through corners such as Curva Grande and Parabolica. Dealing with these different demands is therefore important to manage the tyres as well as possible during the races."

## STAT PACK



Felipe Drugovich currently has eight race wins to his name and is just one victory away from besting the current record, which he jointly holds with Artem Markelov and Nyck de Vries.



Amaury Cordeel picked up 8 points last time out in Zandvoort, making him the 23rd points scorer of the season – more than any season previously.



Drugovich will be the first driver to claim the Championship at the Temple of Speed, if he clinches the title this weekend.



Campos Racing's Ralph Boschung and DAMS' Luca Ghiotto are both just two starts short of breaking the all-time record for Formula 2 race starts, the current record, 92, is held by Louis Deletraz.



The race lap record at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza is 1:30.982, held by Nobuharu Matsushita, set with ART Grand Prix in 2017.

The historic 5.793 km circuit has featured on every calendar in the modern era of FIA Formula 2.





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# 2022 STANDINGS

### **DRIVER STANDINGS**

OS. DRIVER	SPRINTΨ	FEATURE₽	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. Felipe Drugovich		4¥	233	=
2. [] Théo Pourchaire		3₹	164	=
3. Logan Sargeant ROOKIE		<b>2</b> ¥	130	
4. Jack Doohan R		1¥	121	=
5. Liam Lawson			119	=
6. Ayumu Iwasa R				+1
7. Enzo Fittipaldi				1
8. Jüri Vips			99	+2
9. Jehan Daruvala			95	1
10. Marcus Armstrong			91	+1
11. 🛛 Frederik Vesti 🛯				-2
12. Dennis Hauger R		1¥	85	=
13. Richard Verschoor			85	=
14. Ralph Boschung			40	=
15. Clément Novalak R			36	=
16. Jake Hughes			26	=
17. Roy Nissany				=
18. Roberto Merhi				=
19. David Beckmann				=
20. 🛛 Olli Caldwell 🧖				=
21. Amaury Cordeel R				+3
22. Marino Sato				1
23. Calan Williams R				1
24. Cem Bölükbaşı 🛚				1
25. Tatiana Calderón				=
26. Lirim Zendeli			0	=

#### **TEAM STANDINGS**

POS. TEAM	SPRINT₽	FEATURE₽	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. MP Motorsport		4¥	269	+2
2. ART Grand Prix			255	1
3. Carlin		<b>2</b> ¥	249	1
4. Hitech Grand Prix			190	=
5. PREMA Racing			180	=
				0
6. DAMS		1¥	132	+1
7. Virtuosi Racing	<b>2</b> ¥	1¥	127	-1
8. Charouz Racing System				
9. Trident	19		90	=
10. Campos Racing			67	=
11. Van Amersfoort Racing				

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	SEAS	50N RECAP		POLE POSITION	SPRINT RACE WINNER $\Psi$	FASTEST LAP (*) FL BONUS POINT	FEATURE RACE WINNER $\Psi$	FASTEST LAP ⊕ FL BONUS POINT
l	18-20 March	Bahrain International Circuit		Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing	Richard VERSCHOOR Trident	Amaury <b>CORDEEL</b> Van Amersfoort Racing	Théo <b>POURCHAIRE</b> ART Grand Prix	Jüri VIPS Hitech Grand Prix
2	25-27 March	Jeddah SAUDI ARABIA Jeddah Corniche Circuit		Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Liam <b>LAWSON</b> Carlin	Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racing
3	22-24 April	Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari NEW VENUE	J	Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Marcus ARMSTRONG Hitech Grand Prix	Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Théo <b>POURCHAIRE</b> ART Grand Prix	Jehan <b>DARUVALA</b> • PREMA Racing
4	20-22 May	Barcelona SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya	Ċ	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racing
5	26-29 May	Circuit de Monaco	P	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Dennis <b>HAUGER</b> PREMA Racing	Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racing	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Richard VERSCHOOR Trident
6	10-12 June	Baku AZERBAIJAN Baku City Circuit	0-1	Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Frederik <b>VESTI</b> ART Grand Prix	Dennis <b>HAUGER</b> PREMA Racing	Dennis HAUGER PREMA Racing	Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix
7	01-03 July	Silverstone GREAT BRITAIN Silverstone Circuit	R)	Logan <b>SARGEANT</b> Carlin	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing	Ayumu IWASA DAMS	Logan <b>SARGEANT</b> Carlin	David <b>BECKMANN</b> Van Amersfoort Racing
8	08-10 July	Red Bull Ring	B	Frederik VESTI ART Grand Prix	Marcus <b>ARMSTRONG</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Logan <b>SARGEANT</b> Carlin	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing
9	22-24 July	Le Castellet FRANCE Circuit Paul Ricard	and the second s	Logan <b>SARGEANT</b> Carlin	Liam <b>LAWSON</b> Carlin	Liam LAWSON Carlin	Ayumu <b>IWASA</b> DAMS	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> (+) MP Motorsport
10	29-31 July	Budapest HUNGARY Hungaroring	Ľ	Ayumu <b>IWASA</b> DAMS	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing	Richard VERSCHOOR Trident	Théo <b>POURCHAIRE</b> ART Grand Prix	Dennis <b>HAUGER</b> PREMA Racing
ıı	26-28 August	Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	R	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Liam <b>LAWSON</b> Carlin	Liam LAWSON Carlin	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing	Jehan <b>DARUVALA</b> PREMA Racing
12	02-04 September	Circuit Zandvoort NETHERLANDS	h	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Marcus <b>ARMSTRONG</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Frederik <b>VESTI</b> ART Grand Prix
13	09-11 September	Autodromo Nazionale Monza		· ·	:	:	:	:
14	18-20 November	Yas Island ABU DHABI, UAE Yas Marina Circuit	AV -	· · ·	:	:	•	:

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