



Second stop for Antonelli and Bendsneyder: Argentina

Red Bull KTM Ajo Moto3 riders move on to Termas de Rio Hondo this weekend for sole South American challenge of 2017.

04/05/2017 - Termas de Rio Hondo Circuit, Argentina

Niccolo Antonelli and Bo Bendsneyder will be back onboard their KTM bikes this weekend at the Argentinian Termas de Rio Hondo track, a fortnight on from the season opener in Qatar. This will be the fourth time the series has visited the 4.8km South American circuit, and in the three previous editions the Red Bull KTM Ajo team have held a monopoly on the Moto3 pole position. Jack Miller, Miguel Oliveira and Brad Binder have all headed the grid in the lower cylinder class in that time. In addition, on two occasions -2014 and 2016- the team have occupied a place on the podium.

A tenth place finisher at last season's round in Argentina. Niccolo Antonelli aims to take a further step

forward with his adaptation to the KTM, and after fighting in the top group in Qatar he aspires to a podium finish this weekend. For Bendsneyder, this will be an opportunity to put the first race of the year –in which he was fast in practice but experienced disappointment on raceday– behind him. Last year, on his first visit to Termas de Rio Hondo, he placed 22nd.

The Moto3 race will take place on Sunday at 1pm local time. The probability of rainfall over the weekend is high.

Circuit information - Autodromo Termas de Rio Hondo

Length: 4.806 m / 2.986 miles

Width: 16 metres

Left corners: 5

Right corners: 9

Longest straight: 1.076 m / 0.669 miles

Constructed: 2008

Modified: 2012



23 NICCOLO ANTONELLI

"The Termas de Rio Hondo circuit in Argentina is one that I really like. I can't wait to get there and start riding this weekend. As I am riding with a new bike, the KTM, I will likely have to change something with my riding style for this track. I'm sure it will not be a problem because with every day that goes by I feel more comfortable and faster. It's a track that has a good grip level and I'm sure if we work like we did at the first GP, we can take another step forward."

64 BO BENDSNEYDER

"Despite the disappointment of the result of the first race, we remain optimistic, because the work throughout the weekend was very good. We were strong, so we just have to forget about the race. In Argentina we have to continue this good line of work we have, and if we do that I think we can be in the top positions. This will be the second occasion that I ride at Termas de Rio Hondo and although last year we weren't lucky with the weather, it is a track that I like. We'll see what happens this weekend, and I hope everything works out well for us!"



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"The main objective this weekend will be to work even harder in the Free Practice sessions. I have to adapt to the Moto2 riding style and I have to work even harder to go faster. It is a very close class and every detail counts. I have to get more prepared for Sunday's race. The Termas Rio Hondo circuit is one that in recent seasons has been quite good for me. In 2015 I was fifth and last year I achieved a podium after getting my first World Championship pole position. We will see what this second round of the year holds for us."

44 MIGUEL OLIVEIRA

"After the great results we got in Qatar, I think the team's goal for this weekend should be to place at least in the Top 5. That's our goal for the whole weekend. The circuit is one of the most spectacular on the entire calendar. It's also a circuit that is pretty good for me, and I still hold the lap record there in Moto3 that has been in place since 2015. I like it a lot. We just have to work just as well as we did in the first race and preseason. I'm focused on improving small aspects of my riding and try to be as precise as possible to have a good weekend."



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