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Grand Prix racing returns to Europe for season finale at Valencia

MAPFRE Team Mahindra riders ready to fight for positive finish to 2015 campaign















As it has done every season since 2002, Valencia plays host to the final round of the MotoGP World Championship this weekend, the last of eighteen meetings in 2015. The Gran Premio de Comunidad Valenciana is a sellout, with titles to be decided in both the MotoGP and Moto3 classes. In the smallest category Danny Kent has had opportunities to wrap up the title since the Aragón round but he is still waiting - thanks largely to the late season form of Miguel Oliveira, winner of three of the last

five races. Kent needs just a single point to be crowned Moto3 World Champion on Sunday, in what promises to be a GP de la Comunidad Valenciana to remember.

It is a home round for MAPFRE Team Mahindra, who arrive at Valencia with all three riders determined to sign off from the season in style. Pecco Bagnaia has been fighting at the front in recent races and only bad luck has denied him glory. With just one race remaining of 2015 he is more determined than ever to turn his fortunes around this weekend. Jorge Martín has shown great potential throughout his rookie campaign at this level and he is also desperate to finish it with a strong performance, whilst Juanfran Guevara is hoping to pay a fond farewell to MAPFRE Team Mahindra after two years together.



Pecco Bagnaia: "Valencia is a very important race for everybody. It is the last one of the season and we all want to finish on a high. Our goal is to finish better than we have in the last two races, when we have been very competitive but not made it to the line. We have to keep working in the same positive way we have done recently but obviously aim for a different outcome. We have been fighting at the front in the last couple of races but luck has not been on our side so hopefully that changes at Valencia. I am sure that we will start strongly from Friday, we know what

we have to do. This is also the team's home race so I am desperate for a good result. I love Valencia, we were very fast there in the test last November, so I am sure we can be running at the front again from the start this weekend."

Jorge Martín: "We arrive in Valencia feeling excited, as always. This season has flown by, the first race only seems like yesterday but here we are at the last one. I am looking forward to finishing the season and starting work on the next one and I think we can sign off with a good result at Valencia. We have our set-up from preseason and that should make things easier. The objective is to push hard from Friday to fight for a good result and finish the year on a high. I usually struggle a little with the right-handers, coming after so many lefts, and I actually had a couple



of crashes in testing. We will try to work on controlling tyre temperature and wear and make sure it doesn't happen this weekend. Valencia is a pretty wide circuit with fast corners, so it suits my style and it should suit the Mahindra."

<u>Juanfran Guevara:</u> "Next weekend will be my last race with MAPFRE Team Mahindra after two years together. Valencia will be an emotional weekend and I am determined to do well. We will try to start off on the right foot on Friday, get on the



pace from the start of the weekend and above all finish off with a good result on Sunday. At the moment the weather forecast is predicting a dry race and we have a lot of information from the tests at Valencia that should help us find a set-up quickly. Hopefully in qualifying we can get a good, clean lap in that puts us high up on the grid. The track is usually good for me so hopefully we can be fighting for the best possible result."

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