



THE “FIRST” MOTO GUZZI FAST ENDURANCE TROPHY A SUCCESS

GREAT BALANCE AND LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL THE RIDERS ON MOTO GUZZI V7 III BIKES

THE HOUR-LONG “MINI-ENDURANCE” RACE WAS WON BY THE ALIVERTI-GUARESCHI DUO

ALSO ON THE PODIUM WERE GERMANS MÜNCHINGER-PFAUTSCH AND MANCINI-MACCAFERRO, LEADER IN THE STANDINGS

NEXT ROUND IN VALLELUNGA ON 18 AND 19 MAY

Varano de' Melegari (Parma), 14 April 2019 - Moto Guzzi began an important new chapter in its sports history: on the Varano circuit (Parma), the opening race of the long-awaited Moto Guzzi Fast Endurance championship was held, the single-brand series that offers every rider the chance to race on a track in an atmosphere of great friendship and fun, with an easy and intuitive bike like the Moto Guzzi V7 III.

It was in total “guzzista” style, sharing passion with friends, that the 34 riders on the starting grid, 17 teams, took on the weekend: on Saturday, the timed practice sessions were held that determined the starting grid order and, held on dry asphalt, the Federico Aliverti - Vittoriano Guareschi duo prevailed, on the grid as special guests at this first round, ahead of Team Circuito Internazionale d’Abruzzo, riders Riccardo Mancini and Nicola Maccaferro, and Biker’s Island (Oreste Zaccarelli, Samuele Sardi).

Already from the first timed practice laps, all the participants, from novices all the way to the most seasoned riders, were able to discover (with no little astonishment) the racing features of the V7 III: the teams' outstanding lap times demonstrate as much. The time of 1’18”346 took pole position, but most of the teams also had excellent times, between 1’20” and 1’24” (average of the two riders).

The race, held in the rain, had a spectacular “Le Mans” style start, another Moto Guzzi Fast Endurance characteristic: bikes lined up on one side of the track at the start and the riders having to run across the strip of asphalt to jump in the saddle and take off down the track.

Despite a less than exceptional start, Guareschi moved into the lead in just a few laps, a position that the team held onto even after the first rider change and all the way to the finish. Behind them were Tobias Münchinger and Sascha Pfautsch, also wild cards in this first round and therefore not in the championship standings, riding a nice comeback from fifth to second place. Nicola Maccaferro and Riccardo Mancini were on the third step of the podium: the Team Circuito Internazionale d’Abruzzo pair, competitive from the beginning of the weekend, leaves Varano as leader in the overall standings.

In spite of the fact that the track was made very slippery by the rain, the Moto Guzzi V7 III, fitted with the GCorse Racing Kit and Pirelli Phantom Sportscomp RS tyres, proved to be fun and manageable for all: there were very few crashes, occurring in the early stages of the race



for teams ChiMoto, Aquile Millenarie, Virgin Radio and Luporacing, forced to retire because for this reason.

Race standings

- 1 - (29) Aliverti-Guareschi (wild card)
- 2 - (37) Münchinger-Pfautsch (wild card)
- 3 - (76) Circuito Internazionale d'Abruzzo
- 4 - (850) Moto Guzzi World Club
- 5 - (93) Biker's Island
- 6 - (127) Guaracing Factory
- 7 - (71) 598 Corse
- 8 - (45) Spirit of 4.5 – PMR Moto
- 9 - (12) Team Zard
- 10 - (69) Fab Four Racing
- 11 - (48) Team Proraso
- 12 - (21) Canottieri Moto Guzzi
- 13 - (57) The Clan

A format for all: classic atmosphere, young spirit

The brand new format of the Moto Guzzi Fast Endurance Trophy is perfect for everyone to have fun, from track novices to the most seasoned enthusiast. Every race weekend includes two timed practice sessions on Saturday, 20 minutes long each for every rider. The average of the best times achieved by the two riders on the team will determine the starting position of each team on the grid for the Sunday race. A clear throwback to the legendary endurance races of old is represented by the race start, which takes place in “Le Mans” style, in other words, with the bikes lined up on one side of the track and the riders having to cross the asphalt at the start to jump in the saddle and begin the race.

In the race, each rider will ride for a maximum of 15 minutes + 2 consecutive laps. This means that the race - which lasts 60 minutes - will include at least three rider changes, done in pit lane. At the end of the race, points are awarded to the top 15 teams.

The next rounds are scheduled at Vallenga (19 May), Magione (23 June) and Adria (1 September), followed by the grand finale in Misano on 13 October.

Registration for each round of the Trophy is open up to two weeks prior to the race, at a cost of €350 per team.

Moto Guzzi V7 III with Racing Kit developed by the Guareschis, dedicated Pirelli tyres

The Moto Guzzi V7 III Stone, a bike that has found popularity with an extremely diverse public thanks to its easy handling and ride, is the perfect starting base to create an absolutely fun bike that can be used on the track even by those who have no prior racing experience.