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# The countdown is on: Just four days to go until the 2021 LIQUI MOLY Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany

- Can Marc Marquez continue his winning run?
- Marcel Schrötter travels to the Sachsenring as Germany's big hope in Moto2
- Big stage for the youngsters

Munich. The 2021 LIQUI MOLY Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany gets underway at the iconic Sachsenring in just a few days. From 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June, the stars of the MotoGP scene, including Valentino Rossi and Fabio Quartararo, will line up at the 3.671-kilometre circuit in Hohenstein-Ernstthal. Up to now, the undisputed "King of the Sachsenring" is Marc Marquez. The Spaniard has won his last ten races in Saxony, whatever class he has been racing in. However, the opposition is hungry to end that winning run and dethrone Marquez. The chances of them doing so this year are better than they have been for a long time: the six-time MotoGP world champion has failed to rediscover his old form since returning from injury. TV partner ServusTV will show all the free practice sessions, qualifying and the race live from the LIQUI MOLY Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany.

Championship leader is Frenchman Quartararo, who has won three of this season's seven MotoGP races. The 22-year-old is particularly strong when it comes to qualifying and recently secured five pole positions in a row on his Yamaha M1. As such, he is once again one of the big favourites to do well at the Sachsenring.

The Ducati trio of Jack Miller, Johann Zarco and Francesco Bagnaia is hot on the heels of Quartararo in the title race. Miller, in particular, has looked very strong recently. Two wins and one third place in the last four races speak for themselves. French Pramac Racing rider Zarco, on the other hand, has impressed through his consistency. He has ended four races as runner-up this year, including the most recent outing in Barcelona. Also under the spotlight is world champion Joan Mir. The Spaniard is currently lurking in fifth place overall.

## Moto2: Can Marcel do it again?

This year's Moto2 class is shaping up to be a shootout between the two riders from the Red Bull KTM Ajo team. Australia's Remy Gardner, son of Wayne Gardner, the 500cc world champion from 1987, and his young Spanish team-mate Raul Fernandez have battled it out for the race wins in the middle category of late. Their fascinating duel enters the next round at the Sachsenring.

Local favourite Marcel Schrötter, from the Liqui Moly Intact GP team, arrives in Saxony in good form. He has finished in the top ten in six of the seven races so far in the 2021 season. The man from near Landsberg am Lech, in Upper Bavaria, is currently seventh in the overall standings. He is hoping for a

































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repeat of the success he enjoyed in 2019 at this year's LIQUI MOLY Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany. Two years ago, he gave the fans plenty to cheer about with third place in the race.

In 17-year-old Pedro Acosta (Red Bull KTM Ajo), a rising star of the world championship stage has arrived in the Moto3 class. The Spaniard won three of the first four races and finished runner-up in the other, and now holds a substantial lead in the world championship after a further three top-ten results. Behind him, it is a familiar close affair in the smallest motorcycle category. The hopes of the German-speaking fans rest on Austria's Maximilian Kofler (CIP - Green Power).

#### Young guns on the international stage

The youngsters are also once again being offered their chance to shine on the big stage at the LIQUI MOLY Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany. After the two Northern Talent Cup events in Le Mans and Oschersleben, Czech rider Jakub Gurecky tops the overall standings. He has won three of four races and finished second in the season-opener. In Noel Willemsen, Dustin Schneider, Korbinian Brandl, Julius Cesar Rörig and Valentino Herrlich, five young Germans will also be battling for points in the two races at the Sachsenring.

The Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup also accompanies the Motorcycle World Championship caravan to Saxony for the fourth event of the current season. Spaniard David Munoz currently leads the championship, followed by his compatriots David Alonso and Daniel Helgado. Three German-speaking talents will also be in the thick of the action: Noah Dettwiler (Switzerland), Freddie Heinrich (Germany) and Jakob Rosenthaler (Austria). All three have already finished in the points in 2021.

The 2021LIQUI MOLY Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany is taking place in extraordinary conditions: due to the coronavirus pandemic, no spectators are permitted at the circuit. However, for those not wanting to miss a second of the action, TV partner ServusTV is the first port of call. ServusTV is extending its live coverage for the race at the Sachsenring and will also show every free practice session live at the LIQUI MOLY Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany.

Tickets already purchased remain valid for 2022. As such, ticket holders are ensured of their desired seats for 2022. Alternatively, tickets already purchased may be returned. Remaining tickets for the 2022 LIQUI MOLY Motorcycle Grand Prix can still be purchased.

More information on the 2022 LIQUI MOLY Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany and tickets can be found at adac.de/motogp. The Sachsenring team will answer any questions regarding tickets by E-mail at info@sachsenring-event.de or over the phone on 03723/8099111.

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