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The scene is set at Assen for the first round of the ADAC Northern Europe Cup of 2017

- Season opener of the Moto3 series in the Netherlands
- Race weekend under banner of Superbike world championship
- Strong field of entrants in both Standard and GP categories

Munich/Assen: The ADAC Northern Europe Cup will get its second season under way this weekend, 28th - 30th April. The Moto3 series will be staged under the banner of the Superbike World Championship in Assen, the Netherlands. As in its inaugural year, the ADAC NEC will again be split into a Standard and a Grand Prix class for 2017. Riders will line up together, but points will be allocated separately. After their first joint training session at Misano in Italy, riders are itching to get the season started.

The ADAC NEC will kick off for riders at 12:55 pm on Friday with an initial 20-minute practice session at the 4.555-kilometre GP circuit in the Netherlands. The first qualifying of the year, also taking place on Friday, will be at 17:40. A second race against the clock lasting 35 minutes will be held on Saturday at 16:25 with the combined times from both qualifying sessions deciding positions on the grid for the first race over 13 laps which starts on Sunday at 16:10.

Interesting new entrants in Standard class

The Standard class, in which identical Honda NSF250 machines are used, will again feature an interesting field with a varied mix of experienced riders and newcomers for 2017. Marvin Siebdrath (13, GER) is one of the 13 rookies. "Fortunately, I already know the track at Assen quite well, as we've often practised there and have even contested two races at the circuit. I only have good memories of Assen," said the German teenager.

Siebdrath has trained a lot, both on different motorcycles and in the gym to prepare for the start of the season. "I feel really well prepared, and practice in Misano helped a lot, because we were able to do some more work on fine-tuning setup." The goal in the first race for the 13-year-old is a place in the Top Five. "But the competition will be tough," he added.

Leon Orgis (15, GER), on the other hand, has already had a year's experience. "I've been to Assen five or six times. I like the track and feel quite confident there even if it rains. I'm sure I can achieve a good result at Assen," said the Kiefer Racing rider. "I think we're well prepared as far as fitness goes. We'll have to get the racing lines sorted right from the start in first practice, and then if everything goes well, I can feel very confident about the season's first race."

Changes in the GP class

The field of entrants in the Grand Prix class looks just as varied with a number of new entrants are joining the more experienced riders in the field. Jan-Ole Jähnig (16, GER) is moving up from the ADAC Junior Cup powered by KTM to the next higher category. "Of course, I know the Assen circuit really well. It's one of my favourite tracks," said the ADAC Sports Foundation protégé.

"I've even raced in the rain on the TT circuit, but if the weather gets bad, we'll have to see first how the wet weather tyres behave in the ADAC NEC. They're new to me. I would definitely feel more comfortable in the dry," admitted Jähnig. The rookie has no definite aims as yet. "We'll just have to see how strong the competition is."

The 2017 ADAC Northern Europe Cup schedule

28/04/17 - 30/04/17	Assen, NL	World Superbike
19/05/17 - 21/05/17	Oschersleben	Endurance World Championship (2 races)
26/05/17 - 28/05/17	Donington Park	World Superbike (2 races)



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30/06/17 - 02/07/17	Sachsenring	MotoGP
04/08/17 - 06/08/17	Brünn, CZE	MotoGP
08/09/17 - 10/09/17	Silverstone	British Superbike Championship (2 races)
29/09/17 - 01/10/17	Assen, NL	British Superbike Championship (2 races)

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