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European Moto2 and Talent Cup at Albacete (Spain) - Day1



Sunday's FIM CEV Repsol round looks like being decisive with Jesko Raffin (Swiss Innovative Investors Junior) poised to take the Moto2™ European Championship title against poleman Edgar Pons (AGR Team, photo1).

Alex Millán (Aro Racing, photo2) in the European Talent Cup will head off his race in this penultimate round of the championship at the Circuit de Albacete this weekend.

In Moto2™, Edgar Pons dominated his rivals in the two qualifying sessions, posting an unmatched time of 1:31.945 in the morning session. The AGR Team rider will lead the grid for the third time in a row, this time accompanied by Héctor Garzó (Team Wimur CNS) and Jesko Raffin. Raffin only needs four points more than the poleman in the first of Sunday's two races to take the Moto2™ ECh title for the second time. If he doesn't make it in the first race, he could still become champion in the second race of the day. In Superstock 600 Alejandro Ruiz (Reale Avintia Academy) was the quickest rider.

Alex Millán (Aro Racing) took his first pole in the ETC with the fastest time of 1:37.044 achieved in the morning session. Interestingly, in the six rounds of this category this season no rider has been poleman twice. Next to him will start Xavier Artigas (Honda Impala) and José Antonio Rueda (Talent Team Estrella Galicia 0.0). The Honda Impala rider also has a chance to take the ETC title in Albacete as he leads the category with a 21-point advantage over Víctor Rodríguez (Ikono Motorbike Laglisse), who will set off fifth, with 50 points still in play. Xavier Artigas will be champion if he wins the race -



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which would be his first victory of the season - regardless of the result of his rivals, though in fact six riders are currently still in the running for the title.

The program for this weekend in Albacete is two races in the Moto2™ category and one each in Moto3™ and the ETC.



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