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Sachsenring, Sunday July 18th, 2010

Ongetta Team  
Race report

# 5 Alexis Masbou (42'49"953, 13<sup>th</sup>)  
#94 Jonas Folger (42'20"190, 16<sup>th</sup>)  
#87 Luca Marconi (dnf)

The tyres made the difference, today. Two among the Ongetta Team's riders opted for slicks, and one for rain Dunlops. It was a tricky choice because while the riders were preparing them on grid, the tarmac was still wet, but drying up quickly, while watching the sky you could not rule out further rain.

Alexis Masbou: "I opted for slicks. I did it at the last moment, right on the grid. In the first laps, with a track still wet, I did a few mistakes while trying to pass. At each of them, I lost many positions. Later, when the track was drying up, I pushed to catch up with the riders in front, but it was not easy - this is not a track I love. Anyway, after three races without points, I'm again within the top fifteen, and this is good. Now a few days of relax - probably in France or Spain, at the seaside - then back to work to prepare the next race, in Brno".

Jonas Folger: "I opted for rain tyres, and it was a big mistake. Next time, in a situation like this, I'm going to watch what others do, and follow the majority... In the race, I began to struggle after a few laps. I understood that there was nothing to do, for the top positions, and I tried to get at least some points. The tyres were really bad, from a point. Add to it that I went out twice, and later on I made a mistake. Let's try again in Brno, next time".

Luca Marconi: "Rain tyres. But my race was ruined by a crash in the warm-up. I injured my right shoulder. At the Clinica Mobbile they put some sticking plasters to help me, but during the race I could not move it. So I decided to pull out".

Fiorenzo Caponera (Tem Principal): "A changeable weather had a big say in today's race. We always let our riders chose what tyres to use by themselves because you cannot force them to adopt something they do not trust. Folger tried a gamble - rain tyres. He was convinced that around mid-race another shower could wet the track. Unfortunately, it was not like

that. Masbou had a problem in finding his rhythm in the first part of the race. Luca was really unlucky, as the consequences of a crash in the morning meant that he had to retire before mid-race".

