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BACK TO BUSINESS

After an unusually long summer break because of the Olympics it is business as usual this coming weekend when we return to racing at Hungaroring in Hungary. Hungaroring is one of the few Formula One circuits I have never raced on so it will be very thrilling to see how the circuit suits me and what result we can achieve in the race.

From the start of the season we have improved steadily and for each race made a step forward so even if the weekend will be hard work I am very hopeful for success. I think the key to a good result is the qualifying because this track is very difficult to pass on so if there is something we need to make our first priority it is the qualifying set up.

Another thing we will work on is the tire strategy, so far this year we have had a too big margin on the tires in the end of races, of course safe but not the fastest way to do it.

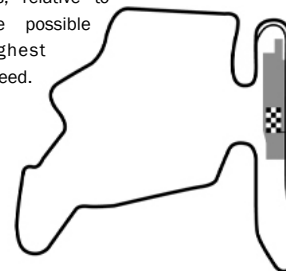
Once again it looks like we will approach a hot weekend, the weather predictions for the Budapest area the coming days promise a lot of sun and quite high temperatures.

HUNGARORING

The Hungaroring circuit is 19 km from the centre of Budapest, alongside the M3 motorway at the border of the village, Mogyoród. The track is in a natural valley, surrounded by 50 hectares of rolling hillside. With this exceptional natural advantage, almost 80 percent of the racetrack is visible from any point. This is the reason why it is called "The Shallow Plate", it is because the spectators are watching races sitting by the side of an imaginary plate.

At the Grand Opening, the total length of the Hungaroring was 4.013 metres. A minor correction was made during 1989, as a result of cutting an S-curve combination, the circuit became faster, giving an extra overtaking opportunity to the drivers; hence, the full track length was reduced to 3.968 metres. In the 2003 the start-straight has become 202 metres longer so the circuit length changed to 4.384 metres.

The smallest radius of a curve is 20 metres, while the largest is 400 metres. The full length of the start-finish line is 788 metres; the top speed here is approximately 320 km/h. The track is at its widest here: 15 metres, elsewhere the width varies between 10 and 11 metres, relative to the possible highest speed.



A moment in history

Hungaroring is known for a circuit that is quite difficult to pass on but my favourite Formula One memory on this track is from 1989 when Nigel Mansell after a bad qualifying session started in position twelve but still managed to win. Especially the magnificent pass of Ayrton Senna is a classic and our own Stefan Johansson played a part in the action even if it was unintentional. Stefan was after his success years with Ferrari and McLaren in the end of his F1 career and in 1989 driving for the under-financed Onyx team and even had to pre-qualify to get into the race. On lap 57 of the race Senna with Mansell on his tail came too close to Stefan when he was going to be lapped and Mansell took the chance with both hands and just passed the both of them in a daring move. In the end this became Mansells second victory for Ferrari and it came with some help from the former Ferrari driver Johansson, nevertheless this was one of Mansells finest drives and it shows that it is possible to overtake on Hungaroring. Check out the overtaking manoeuvre at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=6f4De3GRU9o



Good old Nigel and his Ferrari at Hungaroring