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Autodromo Nazionale di Monza

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USPA NEWS - Silver Arrows storm to 8th front-row lockout of the season!. Lewis Hamilton today took his 56th career pole position "" his 5th at the Autodromo Nazionale di Monza and 7th of the 2016 season so far. Nico Rosberg completed an 8th Silver Arrows front row lockout of the season in P2.

Lewis Hamilton -

I loved that lap, it felt fantastic. It was poetry in motion "" the adrenaline was crazy. I've felt good all weekend and it all started with the initial setup from Friday. I've been working closely with my engineers and mechanics, taking small steps forward with the balance of the car, and I knew if it all came together then I could do that kind of lap time. It's a really tough circuit and you have to get everything right, especially the braking zones. The team has done another fantastic job today and I'm looking forward to the race tomorrow.

Nico Rosberg -

I've had a good weekend so far, but Lewis produced some really good laps. I couldn't match him today. But my race pace was really good in practice on Friday, so I'm very positive for tomorrow. It's a long race and you never know what can happen, I will give it everything. It's clear our car is the quickest around the Monza track and I anticipate a great duel with Lewis again. The atmosphere is great and it would mean a lot to me if I were to win here.

Toto Wolff, Head of Mercedes-Benz Motorsport -

That was a very impressive and dominant performance for the team "" and especially from Lewis as well. He has had a little advantage throughout most of the weekend and he could make really good use of it this afternoon. It was important to get both cars through Q2 on the soft tyres, so we have that strategic advantage for the first stint and then more options in the race, and both boys did that quite comfortably.

We have seen some good gaps this afternoon and during practice "" the car has been in a good sweet spot ever since we hit the track on Friday morning. But, like always, we only score the points on Sunday afternoon. So let's do our properly homework tonight and everything we can to make sure the picture looks just as good tomorrow evening.(Both drivers completed a single run in Q1 (super soft), two runs in Q2 (soft/soft) and another two runs in Q3 (super soft/super soft))

Paddy Lowe, Executive Director (Technical) -

Congratulations to Lewis on an absolutely stunning lap in Q3 for pole position and a great job by Nico to complete the front row. The car ran really well today and it's testament to the hard work and dedication of the team back at Brackley and Brixworth, as well as the team here in the garage to get the right setup in place for the drivers. We elected to run the soft tyre in Q2, considering that the better tyre to start the race on, with the knowledge it had the pace to get us safely through to Q3. Both drivers were also keen to get more practice on the soft tyre. Congratulations once again to the team on a fantastic result at this amazing historic venue.

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