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Tonso and Gilloux take the double at WES Monaco Round

Monaco (P.ty), Sunday 24 April 2022 – The second day of racing at the Monaco Round Presented by SMEG was held today in much better weather conditions than yesterday, which made the riders look more relaxed while crossing the finish line.

On day 2, with some changes in the racecourse layout, the **Pole Position Powered by Raspini** was awarded to the French teammates under the Lapierre flag, **Justine Tonso** with a lap time of 08:55.39 and **Jérôme Gilloux**, who qualified first in 7:31.64.

In the Women's race, Reigning World Champion **Nicole Göldi (Trek)** clinched her first podium of the season with a strong 3rd place right behind another Swiss from Trek, **Nathalie Schneitter**. **Justine Tonso** took the Holeshot and her first double with another impressive win, despite being this the first race weekend on this track for her.

Estelle Charles and **Sofia Wiedenroth (Specialized)** closed the weekend in fourth and fifth place after an interesting battle with Schneitter and Göldi, and close to the top-3.

The Men's competition started with **Hugo Pigeon (Scott)** being again the fastest to cross the first turn and taking the Holeshot for the second time in a row this weekend. Behind his wheel, great start for **Joris Ryf (Bergstrom)**, **Loïc Noël (Specialized)** and **Jérôme Gilloux**, who managed to overtake the group and take the lead on lap 1.

Pigeon confirmed to love this track and finished second, with 4 podiums in 4 appearances at the Monaco Round, ahead of Ryf, much happier than yesterday as he stepped onto the podium for the first time this year. *"The Specialist"* and local hero, Reigning Champ Gilloux took his second outstanding win of the weekend, in front of his home crowd.

After Round 1, the Leader's Jersey for the overall standings went to **Justine Tonso** and **Jérôme Gilloux** with 50 points each in their respective category. Their great results bring **Lapierre Overvolt** on top of the Teams Standings with a 100-point full score.

The first Magneti **Marelli Checkstar Power Lap** of the season was awarded to the fastest riders setting the best lap time in Race 2, again the extraordinary **Tonso** and **Gilloux** recording it in 9:06.93 on lap 3 and 7:34.84 on lap 1, respectively.

Next step: **Bologna Montana Round** to take place in the Commune of Monghidoro, Italy, next 28-29 May.

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