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## **MICHELIN POWER SLICKS TAME REVISED CATALUNYA LAYOUT**

- Miguel Oliveira (Red Bull KTM Factory Racing) takes the win in Catalunya
- Miquel Pons (LCR E-Team) wins the MotoE™ race
- New circuit records in both classes following Turn 10 safety changes in 2020
- Première of Michelin Sustainable Materials Demonstration Module

Miguel Oliveira took the honours in an exciting Catalunya MotoGP™ race in front of more than 20,000 spectators – giving hope that racing is finally starting to return to normal – ahead of Johann Zarco (Pramac Racing) in second place and Jack Miller (Ducati Lenovo Team) in third.

A delayed and reduced distance six lap FIM Enel MotoE™ World Cup race saw Miquel Pons cross the finish line in first place, with Dominique Aegerter (Dynavolt Intact GP) and Jordi Torres (Pons Racing 40) taking second and third places on the podium respectively.

In the MotoGP race, Johann Zarco set the new race lap record of 1'39.939 on Medium front and Hard rear MICHELIN Power Slicks, while on Saturday in Q2 Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) took his fifth pole position in a row and in the process set the new all-time circuit lap record of 1'38.853 on a Medium front and Soft rear MICHELIN Power Slick combination.

Fermín Alderguer (OpenBank Aspar Team) set the new MotoE all-time lap record of 1'50.399 during FP3 on Saturday, while Eric Granado (One Energy Racing) set the benchmark race lap record of 1'50.769 after starting from pitlane due to a minor technical issue.

The 'green' track surface on Friday and the generally low-grip characteristics of the circuit throughout the whole weekend, along with changing temperatures, made tyre choice more difficult than normal for the teams and riders. As a result, all MICHELIN Power Slick options were tried during the Free Practice sessions in the search for the optimum set-up, and even on the grid riders were still changing tyres in the search for the best option.

In the MotoE paddock, Michelin's interactive demonstration module proved popular with those who were able to visit, highlighting the innovative steps Michelin is taking to increase the percentage of sustainable materials in its tyres. In this respect, MotoE is leading the way with 33 and 40 per cent of bio-sourced and recycled materials in the front and rear tyres respectively. The module shows which bio-sourced materials are used in tyres (orange and lemon peel, sunflower oil, natural rubber...) and how other materials are recycled (carbon black, steel, food containers...).

Speaking after the race, Piero Taramasso, Michelin Two-Wheel Motorsport Manager, said: "Before we came to Catalunya, we knew very well the characteristics of the track surface and



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its lack of grip. As a result, we ensured that the tyre allocation would give the riders the best opportunity to set fast and consistent lap times – as was clearly demonstrated by Miguel’s performance – and in the end they helped to produce an exciting and close race. We are very happy with this performance on this particular and difficult track, where the rear tyres spin a lot and wear rates are particularly high.

“Coinciding with the annual World Environment Day on Saturday, this was also the very first time that our interactive sustainable materials demonstration module was seen in public, and we were happy to be able to talk about the Michelin Group’s ‘All Sustainable’ strategy in the context of MotoE, and how the sport is leading the way in the development of tyres which offer excellent performance levels while being more environmentally friendly.”

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