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Slick performance from Bagnaia in Austrian GP

- Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team) victorious in the Austrian Grand Prix
- Enea Bastianini (Gresini Racing MotoGP) sets the new all-time circuit lap record of 1'28.772
- Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing) sets the new race lap record of 1'29.854
- New MotoGP™ race duration record of 42'14.886

Francesco Bagnaia led his rivals across the finish line in Spielberg to take a well-earned victory in the CryptoDATA Motorrad Grand Prix von Österreich at the Red Bull Ring. Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) came home in second place after making a thrilling passing move on Jack Miller (Ducati Lenovo Team) at the new chicane, who took the final place on the podium.

In the FIM Enel MotoE™ World Cup, Eric Granado (LCR E-Team) was victorious in Race 1 on Saturday, and he reinforced this win with a repeat performance in Race 2 on Sunday.

As this was the first race using the new chicane at the former Turn 2, the race lap record, all-time lap record and race duration record were all established this weekend.

Race tyre choice for MotoGP saw 18 riders going for the Hard front option, 5 for the Soft and 2 for the Medium MICHELIN Power Slicks. At the rear, the Medium compound was chosen, again by 18 riders, with the remainder opting for the Soft specification.

MotoGP Free Practice 1 on Friday began in wet conditions and all riders were using MICHELIN Power Rain tyres, but with a dry line developing, the switch to slicks with around 15 minutes of the session remaining – led by Marco Bezzecchi (Mooney VR46 Racing Team) – soon brought about faster lap times. The uncertain weather forecast for the weekend created a sense of urgency in the pit lane as the teams tried to make the most of their time on MICHELIN Power Slicks, and to set some fast lap times which might see them through to Q2 in the event of rain during the other sessions.

Fortunately, the rain held off and FP2 was completely dry. This led to a huge time attack effort in the latter stages, and Johann Zarco (Prima Pramac Racing) set the fastest time of 1'29.837 running Soft MICHELIN Power Slicks front and rear.



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Saturday was a dry day and in FP3 the lap times continued to fall as the riders fought for places in Q2. Zarco led the way yet again, with a new all-time circuit lap record of 1'28.964, and in the process he was the only rider to get into the 1'28s. In Q2 the competition for pole position was as intense as ever and the pace increased to another level, with Enea Bastianini (Gresini Racing MotoGP) finally coming out on top of the pile with a lap time of 1'28.772 – breaking the all-time lap record set earlier in the day by fellow Ducati rider Zarco and taking his first ever MotoGP pole position in the process.

Speaking following the race, Piero Taramasso, Michelin Two Wheel Motorsport Manager, said: "Despite the mixed weather forecast, it stayed relatively dry, and this was good as this gave the riders plenty of time to work on bike settings during the weekend. It also meant that we were able to see how our slicks worked with the new track layout. I was very happy with how they worked, and the times were very close, with less than 0.9 seconds separating the top 19 riders in FP2.

"There was some uncertainty over the conditions for the race, with the possibility of rain, but fortunately it remained dry. This allowed our slick tyres to be used and their depth of performance was shown by the fact that all three front specifications were used, plus two of the rears. At the flag, we had both the Soft and Hard front tyre-shod riders on the podium, so it's clear that they both had race-winning potential."

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