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Pertamina Grand Prix of Indonesia **500th victory for Michelin with Bagnaia and a shower of records under the Mandalika sun**

- Francesco 'Pecco' Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team) wins the 2023 Pertamina Grand Prix of Indonesia and gives Michelin its 500th victory in the FIM world championship.
- All 2022 records were broken in 2023: all time circuit lap record (L. Marini: 1'29.978), race lap record (E. Bastianini: 1'30.906), highest maximum speed (J. Martin: 316.7 km/h) and the shortest race duration (P. Bagnaia: 41'20.293).
- The MICHELIN Power Slick range tamed the daunting conditions of Mandalika: track temperatures of more than 60°C, new and abrasive asphalt, a winding layout constantly generating strong acceleration and violent braking.

Scheduled this year for October – it appeared on the 2022 calendar in March – the Pertamina Grand Prix of Indonesia 2023 has just ended today on the Pertamina Mandalika International Street Circuit. Included on the FIM MotoGP™ world championship calendar for the first-time last year, the Indonesian round was successfully repeated on a track that was resurfaced and improved in terms of its facilities and access routes.

Located on the island of Lombok, in the south of the Indonesian archipelago, the Mandalika International Street Circuit stretches over 4.3 kilometres. Its layout is fast, and the level of grip evolved throughout the weekend. The new surface was liked by the riders for its grip potential and its consistency, but the start of testing on Friday was particularly tricky because of the dirty surface. The lack of use of the circuit, combined with its proximity to the beach, remain the weak points of this venue.

The sun was shining brightly during the race weekend, which led to a sharp rise in temperatures, and the track surface regularly exceeded 60°C both on Saturday during the Tissot Sprint and on Sunday at the start of the Grand Prix. The riders therefore based their tyre strategy on the distance to be covered: they generally preferred Soft tyres front and rear for the Tissot Sprint (13 laps), and switched to Medium, and even Hard options, for the 27-lap race.

Despite being used outside their optimum temperature window, the Soft MICHELIN Power Slick tyres nevertheless worked well as they withstood the heavy loads, just showing some signs of fatigue in a few cases and with two laps remaining.



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On Saturday, for the Tissot Sprint, with Soft MICHELIN Power Slicks, Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing) climbed from sixth position to victory by stringing together very fast laps to the finish line. The Tissot Sprint podium was completed by the Mooney VR46 Racing Team duo of Luca Marini and Marco Bezzecchi.

*"This year, the Pertamina Grand Prix of Indonesia was quite a challenge for the tyres!", underlines **Piero Taramasso**, manager of Michelin two-wheel competition. "With track temperatures above 60°C and the demands of the asphalt, the Mandalika track pushed the tyres to their limits, particularly the Soft specifications, which were used successfully by the riders on Saturday. Despite being well outside their optimum operating window, the Soft MICHELIN Power Slicks impressed with their consistency and their resistance to the phenomenon called 'blistering' which normally occurs in the event of very high temperatures. Even though our range demonstrated great versatility, on Sunday we recommended riders to use the Medium rear option, to avoid gambling on the initial extra grip provided by the Soft tyres. The majority of riders followed our advice, and the race was very competitive, as seen in the great battle during the final laps between three motorcycles from different brands, Ducati, Aprilia and Yamaha, which made up the podium. Finally, I would like to congratulate Pecco Bagnaia for his great victory, the 500th for Michelin in the FIM world championship, as well as Ducati who wins the title of 2023 Manufacturers' World Champion."*

Francesco "Pecco" Bagnaia won the 2023 Pertamina Grand Prix of Indonesia and leaves Indonesia at the top of the standings. The Ducati rider finished the race ahead of Maverick Vinales (Aprilia Racing) and Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP). All three riders selected the Medium rear option, but each used a different front tyre: Bagnaia: Hard, Vinales: Medium and Quartararo: Soft.

The next round of the FIM MotoGP World Championship will take place from 20 to 22 October at Phillip Island, Australia, and for the most asymmetrical circuit of the season, Michelin will provide an allocation of specially designed tyres.

Michelin statistics in the FIM world championship since 1973:

500 wins

60 different winners

12 different nationalities

8 different manufacturers

56 different circuits

72% of championship victories open to competition between tyre manufacturers

28% in single-brand

277 victories in the 500cc category

223 victories in MotoGP



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The most victorious riders with Bibendum:

Valentino Rossi: 65 victories
Mick Doohan: 54 victories
Marc Marquez: 35 victories
Eddie Lawson: 26 victories
Freddie Spencer / Kevin Schwantz: 20 victories
Barry Sheene: 19 victories
Wayne Gardner: 18 victories
Francesco Bagnaia: 17 victories
Alex Crivillé: 15 victories

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