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Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España **Mixed weather and inconsistent grip for a weekend of spectacle and records in MotoGP™**

- The Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España 2024 was spiced up by mixed weather and varying grip levels depending on the humidity and temperature of the track.
- During Friday's Practice session, Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team) improved his own all time circuit lap record by completing the 4.423 km of the Andalusian track in 1'36.025. Maverick Viñales (Aprilia Racing) and Marc Marquez (Gresini Racing MotoGP) were also faster than the 2022 record.
- On Saturday, Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing) won an incredible Sprint race, contested on a dry track, but still damp in places. While on Sunday, under clear skies and 38°C track temperatures, Francesco Bagnaia won a thrilling Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España 2024, setting a new lap record on lap 23 (1'37.449).

Unexpectedly for Jerez de la Frontera, a city renowned for the mildness of its climate, the weather was cold and variable throughout the weekend of the Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España 2024. The grip varied greatly depending on the humidity and temperature of the track, sometimes giving unpleasant surprises for the riders. However, the MICHELIN Power Slick and Power Rain tyres gave the entire field the performance, consistency and confidence needed to tackle these difficult conditions.

The action kicked off in Jerez on Friday under partly overcast skies, with the alternation between sun and clouds combined with the cold wind, causing significant fluctuations in air and track temperatures. On a completely dry track, the riders took advantage of the exceptional grip of the new MICHELIN Power Slick 2024 range, which allowed them to break the all-time circuit lap record. Francesco Bagnaia thus improved his own reference from 2022 (1'36.170) by stopping the clock at 1'36.035. Maverick Vinales and Marc Marquez were also faster than the previous record.

The bad weather set in in Jerez during Friday night, and on Saturday morning the paddock woke up to pouring rain, while the mercury column stagnated below 15°C. Free Practice 2 and Qualifying took place without incident on a cold and wet track, with motorcycles equipped with MICHELIN Power Rain tyres.



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As the day progressed, the dark clouds dispersed in favour of the sun and the start of the Sprint race (12 laps) took place according to the program at 3:00 p.m., with 23°C in the air and 35°C on the ground.

On a track washed by rain but dried on its surface by the sun, all riders selected Medium MICHELIN Power Slick tyres at the front and Soft tyres at the rear. But appearances are sometimes deceiving... because damp patches, particularly at turns 5, 8 and 10, caught out many riders. With the race pace slowed by one second per lap due to the varying grip levels, and on a track swept by gusts of cold wind, the riders had difficulties generating temperature in their tyres. At the end of the Sprint race, some riders even received a penalty for running front tyre pressures that were too low. Jorge Martin won the Sprint race, ahead of Pedro Acosta (Red Bull GAS GAS Tech3) and Dani Pedrosa (Red Bull KTM Factory Racing).

For Sunday's Grand Prix (25 laps), the weather was milder, although a light but constant cold wind didn't allow the thermometer to exceed 23°C, and the asphalt heated by the resplendent sun had risen to 38°C by the start. After an initial battle with Jorge Martin, Francesco Bagnaia took control of the race by taking advantage of his opponent's fall. However, the adrenaline kicked in again eight laps from the end when Marc Marquez put together a series of fast laps and caught up with the leader. This duel lasted until the end, with victory going to the resilient Francesco Bagnaia. In the process, the Italian rider set a new race lap record of 1'37.449 with two laps remaining and also established the race duration record by completing the 25 laps of the Jerez circuit in 40'58.053. Marco Bezzecchi (Petramina Enduro VR46 Racing Team) completed the podium of the Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España 2024.

*"What a great weekend of sport and entertainment! Although we were expecting warmer weather." Declared **Piero Taramasso**, manager of Michelin Two-Wheel competition. "I would first like to highlight the very good performance of the MICHELIN Power Rain tyres in the rain on Saturday morning. Once again, our rubber compounds proved to be very effective when grip is limited, and this great performance is due to both the grip of the tyres and the confidence they inspire in the riders. As for the 2024 MICHELIN Power Slick tyres, our partners welcomed the significant increase in grip in Jerez, compared to the 2023 range. To be fully exploited, this additional grip required fine-tuning work on the motorcycle, and this set-up could not be finalised on Saturday in time for the Sprint race due to the rain that fell during the morning. On the other hand, the short Warm Up session on Sunday was very useful for the teams in preparing for the Grand Prix. The Medium MICHELIN Power Slick tyres provided very good support at the front and good traction at the rear during the 25 laps of the Spanish Grand Prix. Their consistency was exceptional, allowing Francesco Bagnaia and Marc Marquez to battle while setting fast laps right until the end of the race."*



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Michelin offered a MICHELIN Power Slick range in Jerez made up of three symmetrical specifications for the front (Soft, Medium, Hard), and two asymmetrical tyres for the rear (Soft and Medium), with a harder right side to cope with the increased number of turns in this direction.

For the rain, the MICHELIN Power Rain range was offered in Soft and Medium compounds for the front and rear. The latter were also asymmetrical, with a harder right side, like the slick ranges.

The next race is the Michelin Grand Prix de France, which will take place at the Bugatti Circuit in Le Mans between 10 and 12 May.

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