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Motul TT Assen **Versatility of MICHELIN Power Slick tyres highlighted with significant temperature variations**

- The eighth round of the FIM MotoGP™ World Championship took place on the TT Circuit of Assen, with significant temperature variations.
- The MICHELIN Power Slick tyres performed well and consistently across a wide temperature range throughout the weekend.
- Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team) wins the race and sets all new records.
- Intense sporting battles in the 9th and 10th rounds of the FIM ENEL MotoE™ World Championship.

This weekend, the MotoGP and MotoE paddocks arrived in the north of the Netherlands to return to the TT Circuit Assen. Close to the beaches of the North Sea, this circuit which has been on the calendar since 1949, can be subject to variable weather conditions and strong thermal variations, with a cold breeze from the sea that can sweep the track, even in the middle of summer.

The 2024 edition of the Motul TT Assen once again confirmed this trend as clouds alternated with the sun on Friday and Sunday, while qualifying and the Tissot Sprint on Saturday took place under clear skies, without wind and with track temperatures of 49°C during the afternoon.

On Friday, due to the wide thermal variations, the riders were able to test all tyre specifications and prepare well for the weekend ahead. On Saturday the second qualifying session (Q2) highlighted a significant increase in performance compared to 2023. While taking pole position, Francesco Bagnaia set the new all-time circuit lap record of 1'30.540. A strong indication of the progression of the lap times was illustrated by the first 10 riders all being faster than the 2023 record.

The Tissot Sprint took place on Saturday from 3:00 p.m., when the heat was particularly intense, with track temperatures between 45°C and 49°C. The majority of riders chose the Soft rear tyre, while for the front wheel the field was divided between Hard and Medium. On this very demanding circuit heated by the sun, the versatility of the Michelin tyres allowed the riders to maintain a fast race pace during all 13 laps.



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Francesco Bagnaia won the Tissot Sprint and set an overall race time 11 seconds faster than last year. At the chequered flag, Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing) and Maverick Vinales (Aprilia Racing) took the second and third steps of the podium respectively.

On Sunday the riders awoke to weather conditions that were very different from that of the previous day, with cloudy skies and 16°C, while an intense cool breeze swept the track. The wind always presents a double difficulty for the riders. Firstly it affects steering by exerting external forces on the motorcycle, and secondly it accelerates the cooling of the tyres between corner exits and straights, thus producing variations in grip and tyre pressure.

Fortunately during the day, the clouds gradually dissipated and by the start of the Grand Prix at 2:00 p.m., the track temperature had risen to 38°C. Leading from start to finish, Francesco Bagnaia won the Motul TT Assen 2024, while setting a new race duration record of 40'07.214 in the process - 18s faster than his previous reference dating from 2022. This remarkable result is directly due to the consistency of his MICHELIN Power Slick tyres - Hard front and Medium rear. Jorge Martin - who opted for the Soft rear, and Enea Bastianini (Ducati Lenovo Team) completed the podium places.

*"The Assen TT Circuit is a very technical track, with sequences that generate a lot of stress on the tyres. Even if the surface is not among the most abrasive of the season, we nevertheless decided to intervene on the front tyres by repositioning the Hard compound MICHELIN Power Slick. It was also a question of responding to the evolution of the motorcycles, which are ever more efficient and loaded with aerodynamics", explains **Piero Taramasso**, manager of Michelin two-wheel competition. "The decision proved to be judicious and the riders who selected this option expressed their satisfaction to us. I would also like to highlight the great versatility of the rear MICHELIN Power Slick tyres. The Soft, which gave complete satisfaction on Saturday on a very hot track without showing any signs of performance degradation, and the Medium on Sunday. The latter allowing the riders to achieve lap times identical to those of the Soft, while providing great consistency throughout the whole race."*

Weekend records

All time lap record: Francesco Bagnaia in 1'30.540 (-0.9s vs 2023)

Race lap record: Francesco Bagnaia in 1'31.866 (-0.6s vs 2022)

Tissot Sprint duration: Francesco Bagnaia in 19'58.090 (-11s vs 2023)

GP race duration: Francesco Bagnaia in 40'07.214 (-18s vs 2022)



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Fifth weekend of the FIM ENEL MotoE™ World Championship

The FIM ENEL MotoE World Championship has now entered the second half of its season, and including this weekend's two rounds, 10 races have already taken place. The electric motorcycles with their increased performance, and high-performance and consistent tyres, allow the riders to regularly improve their times, and this was once again the case on the TT Circuit Assen.

Supplied by Ducati, the electric motorcycles are equipped with Michelin tyres incorporating 49% renewable and recycled materials at the front, and 53% at the rear (compared to 34% and 52% respectively in 2023). They demonstrate the innovative nature of these tyres, which are progressing in terms of respect for the planet without compromising on safety or performance. In addition, from this year, the tread of the rear MICHELIN Power Slick tyres features ephemeral velvet-like patterns called 'Road to Vision', which symbolise Michelin's technological advances on the path to an all-sustainable tyre. Michelin considers motorsport a real accelerator of innovation, and wishes to apply the innovations validated in MotoE to its MotoGP tyres, as well as its commercial tyres over the coming years.

On the Assen circuit, the two MotoE races contributed significantly to the spectacle of the day on Saturday. The first was won by Hector Garzo (Dynavolt Intact GP MotoE), ahead of Oscar Gutierrez (Axxis-MSI) and Jordi Torres (Openbank Aspar Team). Alessandro Zaccane (Tech3 E-racing) won the second race, ahead of Oscar Gutierrez and Hector Garzo.

The next stop in the FIM MotoGP World Championship will be the Liqui Moly Motorrad Grand Prix Deutschland, which will take place from 5 to 7 July at the Sachsenring circuit, Germany. At the same time, the MotoE riders will compete in the 11th and 12th rounds of the FIM ENEL World Championship for the 100% electric motorcycles.

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