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## Lorenzo overwhelms 4 pilots and helping Marquez fight for the World Championship

### Marquez wins the GP of Catalonia

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**GDN** - Marc Marquez wins GP Catalunya 2019. The Spaniard, thanks to his garage partner who fell and involved four other drivers, extended his lead in the championship

Would soon find himself leading his home Grand Prix with a comfortable advantage due to incidents behind.

Consistently lapping in the mid to low 1"40s during the early stages of the race, Marquez maintained his advantage to cross the line 2.660s clear of second place. This is the reigning MotoGP World Champion's second premier class win in Barcelona and his fourth of the 2019 season.

The victory is Marquez's 48th in the premier class and helps to extend his championship lead to 37 points over Dovizioso.

The French rookie finishes second in an exciting Catalan GP. PETRONAS Yamaha Sepang Racing Team claimed a remarkable first podium in only its seventh MotoGP after a fabulous performance from Fabio Quartararo in the Catalan GP. Quartararo made his debut appearance on the premier class rostrum with a sensational second place at the Barcelona-Catalunya Circuit, just twelve days after surgery on his right forearm to alleviate arm pump. Team-mate Franco Morbidelli was running in the top ten when he crashed out of the race with eight laps remaining.

Quartararo, who started from pole, dropped seven positions at the start but was soon to work back up the order. The French rider showed his great race pace and composure to regain the lost ground and prevail in a thrilling battle for second place. The 20-year-old claimed his first podium in MotoGP in only his - and the team's - seventh race in the class, and is now 7th in the overall standings with 51 points.

The Grand Prix of Catalunya, seventh round in the 2019 MotoGP World Championship, turned into a bittersweet affair for the Mission Winnow Ducati team. On the one hand, Danilo Petrucci conquered his third consecutive podium after finishing an intense, hard-fought race in third position under the checkered flag, while Andrea Dovizioso was involved in a crash during the second lap that forced him to retire while he was in second position.

After a blistering start from P5 on the grid, Dovizioso took the lead entering turn 1 to set the pace at the front within a group of six riders. Unfortunately, the Italian was hit by Lorenzo's bike during the second lap while entering turn 10, an accident that involved four riders in total and forced them all to retire. Petrucci, who was just a few meters behind his teammate in that moment, thus gained second position and he then engaged in a close battle, first with Rins then with Quartararo, for a place on the podium. Petrucci, coming off a third-place finish at Le Mans and a fantastic win at Mugello, confirmed his positive momentum to take third place.

Marc Marquez #93 Team Honda Repsol HRC 1st

"I chose the soft rear to try and push in the beginning and to try to not overheat the tyre but to try to be constant and fast. All of the Repsol Honda Team did a really good job this weekend; we worked hard and prepared well for the race. The team told me something had happened to Dovi, so I just kept pushing and focusing on my own race. We had the perfect strategy regardless and I want to thank all the fans who came out. Gracias! It's always special when you can celebrate winning together with your brother, Alex rode well this weekend!"

Fabio Quartararo #20 Team Yamaha Petronas 2nd

"I'm very happy with what we've achieved today especially as it was a very hard race. We made our best start this year, since I

only dropped two positions. Then I made a mistake at Turn 4, losing another four positions, and I was a little further back! Nevertheless, I found myself in the fight for the podium and a few laps from the end I managed to get into second and push. Thanks to adrenalin of fighting for the podium - and the medicine - my arm didn't trouble me so much in the race. In the final laps my arm started to hurt a lot, but the reward of being on the podium is much greater than that. Twelve days ago I was undergoing an operation, and now I'm on the podium.

Since the European races have begun, we have been very fast; this weekend the worst result in a session was second. The pace we have is very good, but we have to continue working as we have done so far. I want to thank the team for the opportunity they have given me and all the work they do. I am very happy to have achieved the first podium for PETRONAS Yamaha SRT."

Danilo Petrucci #9 Mission Winnow Ducati 3rd

"I'm very happy with this podium. For sure, without the incident during the second lap it would have been harder to seize this result and I'm very sorry for Andrea, who lost a great chance to shine today. I tried to stay with Márquez but it wasn't possible, and Rins and Quartararo were also very fast. With Alex, we passed each other many times and once he even hit me on the right side but I was able to reclaim the position quite quickly. Then, when Fabio passed me, I just tried to stay with him and pull away from the pack. We scored the best possible result today. After three podiums in a row, we're close to third position in the championship: we need to keep the momentum going at Assen."

GP of Catalunya - Race Classification:

1. Marc MARQUEZ Repsol Honda Team 40'31.175
2. Fabio QUARTARARO Petronas Yamaha SRT +2.660
3. Danilo PETRUCCI Mission Winnow Ducati +4.537
4. Alex RINS Team SUZUKI ECSTAR +6.602
5. Jack MILLER Pramac Racing +6.870
6. Joan MIR Team SUZUKI ECSTAR +7.040
7. Pol ESPARGARO Red Bull KTM Factory Racing +16.144
8. Takaaki NAKAGAMI LCR Honda IDEMITSU +17.969
9. Tito RABAT Reale Avintia Racing +22.661
10. Johann ZARCO Red Bull KTM Factory Racing +26.228
11. Andrea IANNONE Aprilia Racing Team Gresini +32.036
12. Miguel OLIVEIRA Red Bull KTM Tech 3 KTM +44.666

13. Sylvain GUINTOLI Team SUZUKI ECSTAR +51.363

Not Classified

- 35 Cal CRUTCHLOW LCR Honda CASTROL
- 21 Franco MORBIDELLI Petronas Yamaha SRT
- 63 Francesco BAGNAIA Pramac Racing
- 55 Hafizh SYAHRIN Red Bull KTM Tech 3
- 46 Valentino ROSSI Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP
- 4 Andrea DOVIZIOSO Mission Winnow Ducati
- 12 Maverick VIÑALES Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP
- 99 Jorge LORENZO Repsol Honda Team
- 41 Aleix ESPARGARO Aprilia Racing Team Gresini
- 17 Karel ABRAHAM Reale Avintia Racing
- 38 Bradley SMITH Aprilia Racing Team

MotoGP Championship Standings:

1. Marc MARQUEZ Honda 140
2. Andrea DOVIZIOSO Ducati 103
3. Alex RINS Suzuki 101

4. Danilo PETRUCCI Ducati 98  
5. Valentino ROSSI Yamaha 72  
6. Jack MILLER Ducati 53  
7. Fabio QUARTARARO Yamaha 51  
8. Takaaki NAKAGAMI Honda 48  
9. Pol ESPARGARO KTM 47  
10. Cal CRUTCHLOW Honda 42  
11. Maverick VIÑALES Yamaha 40  
12. Franco MORBIDELLI Yamaha 34

13. Aleix ESPARGARO Aprilia 27  
14. Joan MIR Suzuki 22  
15. Jorge LORENZO Honda 19  
16. Johann ZARCO KTM 16  
17. Miguel OLIVEIRA KTM 12  
18. Andrea IANNONE Aprilia 7  
19. Michele PIRRO Ducati 9  
20. Francesco BAGNAIA Ducati 9  
21. Tito RABAT Ducati 9  
22. Stefan BRADL Honda 6  
23. Sylvain GUINTOLI Suzuki 3  
24. Karel ABRAHAM Ducati 2  
25. Hafizh SYAHRIN KTM 2  
26. Bradley SMITH Aprilia

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