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## **MICHELIN Power Slicks Warm-up a Chilly Silverstone**

- Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) takes the victory at Silverstone
- New circuit top speed record of 339.6 km/h for Jack Miller (Ducati Lenovo Team)

Fabio Quartararo exploited the grip of his Soft front and Medium rear MICHELIN Power Slicks, in front of around 60,000 fans at Silverstone, to win the 12<sup>th</sup> round of the 2021 MotoGP™ World Championship and finish ahead of Alex Rins (Team Suzuki Ecstar) and Aleix Espargaro (Aprilia Racing Team Gresini), who took the second and third steps on the podium respectively with their Medium compound front and rear tyres.

The race took place under cloudy skies, which kept track temperatures low and meant that three-quarters of the grid opted for the Medium compound Michelin slicks front and rear.

During Friday's Free Practice sessions, again with low track temperatures, the Soft and Medium slick options were the tyres of choice for all riders. Using these tyres, a new circuit top speed record of 335.4 km/h (208.4 mph) was set by Jack Miller in FP2, and this speed was bettered again by Miller in FP3 on Saturday morning when he clocked 339.6 km/h (211 mph).

Saturday saw similar track temperatures in the morning to the Friday, but these increased for the afternoon's all-important FP4 and Qualifying sessions to around 27°C, allowing some riders to test the Hard rear slicks as a possible race option for Sunday. Pol Espargaro (Repsol Honda Team) finally took pole position for the race on Soft front and Soft rear slicks, with Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team) and Fabio Quartararo joining him on the front row of the grid.

Speaking after the race, Piero Taramasso, Michelin Motorsport Two-Wheel Manager, said: "After the unpredictability of the weather at the last race in Austria, we were all hoping for more consistent conditions here to make it easier for the teams in terms of set-up. And even though the track temperatures were a little lower than we expected, at least it remained dry throughout the weekend.



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“In terms of tyre performance, we were happy with how the MICHELIN Power Slicks performed in terms of grip, versatility and consistency. In FP3 the top 11 riders were separated by less than 0.5 seconds, we saw six different constructors in the top six places in the race, and we had both Soft and Medium front slicks used by the riders on the podium.”

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