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Michelin tyres make for a gripping race at The Cathedral of Speed

- Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) takes the MotoGP honours at Assen
- Eric Granado (One Energy Racing) wins the MotoE race
- Maverick Viñales (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) sets new all-time circuit lap record of 1'31.814
- Quartararo sets the new race lap record with a time of 1'32.869
- New fastest race duration of 40'35.031 – 19 seconds faster than the previous best time

At the first MotoGP™ race at Assen since the new asphalt was laid, Fabio Quartararo used his Medium front and Hard rear MICHELIN Power Slick tyres to give a dominant display and emerge victorious, with team mate Maverick Viñales and Joan Mir (Team Suzuki Ecstar) taking the chequered flag in second and third places respectively.

The top three riders all used the grip and consistent performance of their MICHELIN Power Slick tyres to put in a great performance on the recently resurfaced TT Assen Circuit. The new asphalt offered good grip from the start, and gradually got better as more rubber was laid down on the track during the weekend.

In the Q2 session on Saturday, Maverick Viñales took pole position and in the process broke the circuit all-time lap record, which Fabio Quartararo set in 2019, with a lap time of 1'31.814 using Soft front and Soft rear MICHELIN Power Slicks.

During the race, Quartararo set a new race lap record of 1'32.814, beating the previous record set by Marc Marquez back in 2015.

In the FIM Enel MotoE™ World Cup race, the fourth round of the 2021 championship, Eric Granado took the spoils ahead of Jordi Torres (Pons Racing 40) in second and Alessandro Zaccane (Octo Pramac MotoE) in third, all riding on MICHELIN MotoE Power Slick tyres.

Designed specifically to cope with the short race distance, the Michelin MotoE tyres warm-up quickly to offer grip from the start, yet remain consistent throughout the duration of the race, effectively transferring the instant torque of the Energica Ego Corsa electric race bikes when driving out of corners.



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Due to this being the first MotoE race here at Assen, all records are new with a best all-time circuit lap record of 1'42.676 set by Zaccane in FP3, and a best race lap of 1'43.184 set by Granado on lap three of the race.

During the Free Practice sessions, all options of the Michelin tyre allocation were tested by the riders with very good feedback on all the available compounds. This made tyre choice a little difficult for the race but on the grid the majority chose the Hard rear option, with the Medium being the next most popular choice. For the front tyres, everyone chose the Medium except for Maverick Viñales who went with the Soft.

Speaking after the race, Piero Taramasso, Michelin Motorsport Two Wheel Manager, said: "This was our first time at Assen with the new track surface, and although we brought a fourth slick option for MotoGP with a slightly harder compound to take into account any unexpected conditions, this additional tyre was not needed due to the excellent performance of all of the options in the standard three tyre allocation. The consistency was very good, as was the stability needed for the various direction changes. We were also very pleased with the performance of our MotoE tyres on this new asphalt. The fast lap times and race time were in-line with our expectations and the tyres suited all manufacturers, with four different constructors in the top five places in the race to prove the point.

"This very positive weekend was a good way for us to end the almost halfway point of the season just before the summer break. Following the holidays, we will be back as strong as ever and I am very much looking forward to the next round in Austria – the MICHELIN Grand Prix of Styria."

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