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Ducati One-Two Thriller at Jerez

- Fabio Quartararo sets new race lap record of 1'37.770
- New fastest race time of 41'05.602
- Johann Zarco sets a new circuit top speed record of 300.8 km/h during the race
- Eric Granado sets new MotoE™ race lap record of 1'47.473

The fourth round of the MotoGP™ World Championship and the first round of the FIM Enel MotoE™ World Cup, at Circuito de Jerez – Ángel Nieto, again highlighted the consistency and performance credentials of the 2021 Michelin Power Slicks.

Jack Miller (Ducati Lenovo Team) took the top spot ahead of his team-mate Francesco Bagnaia, with Franco Morbidelli (Petronas Yamaha SRT) rounding out the podium places.

Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) set a new all-time race lap record of 1'37.770 while leading the early part of the race, before arm-pump cruelly robbed the Frenchman of a chance of victory.

In addition, a new record race time of 41'05.602 beat the previous benchmark, set in 2019, by more than three seconds.

In the MotoE race, the single specification slicks showed their versatility and consistent performance by helping to produce a close and exciting race in which Alessandro Zaccane (Octo Pramac MotoE) took the spoils by crossing the line ahead of second placed Dominique Aegerter (Dynavolt Intact GP), and Jordi Torres (Pons Racing 40) in third.

Eric Granado (One Energy Racing) led early in the race, setting a new MotoE race lap record of 1'47.473 before crashing out while pushing to try and gap his rivals.

In this, the first round of the FIM Enel MotoE™ World Cup, Michelin's new 2021 tyre range, with an increased level of sustainable materials, proved that having more environmentally friendly tyres does not mean having to reduce performance, as seen by the new race lap record.

In the MotoGP race, the Medium front and Medium rear MICHELIN Power Slicks were chosen by most of the grid due to the high levels of grip and race-distance consistency shown during the weekend's free practice sessions, although Enea Bastianini (Esponsorama Racing), Joan Mir (Team Suzuki Ecstar) and Maverick Viñales (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) decided to go with the Soft front option.



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The race also saw Johann Zarco (Pramac Racing) break the circuit speed record, hitting 300.8 km/h onboard his Ducati Desmosedici and beating the previous record held by Andrea Dovizioso.

Speaking after the two races, Piero Taramasso, Michelin Two Wheel Motorsport Manager, said: “This has been a very good weekend for us with all of the tyres working well for all of the riders during the FP and Qualifying sessions. This performance, in terms of grip and consistency meant that the race pace was very fast and with five manufacturers in the top six positions it shows the broad performance window and versatility of our tyres, and the icing on the cake was that during the race a circuit speed record was broken!

“In MotoE, we were also very happy with the performance of our new 2021 range of tyres, and this is especially important because it shows that having environmentally friendly tyres is not a barrier to high performance. Plus, they align with the Michelin Group’s ‘All Sustainable’ strategy and are now manufactured using an even higher percentage of sustainable materials than before, with 33 per cent in the front tyres and 40 per cent in the rears.”

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