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ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING WEEKEND FOR MICHELIN IN QATAR

- Fabio Quartararo heads up a fabulous French one-two ahead of fellow countryman Johann Zarco
- Francesco Bagnaia clocks a 1'54.491 to set the new fastest ever race lap time of Losail
- This was the fastest ever Losail race time at 42'23.997
- The closest ever top 15 finish in history

Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) exploited the consistent race-long grip of his Soft MICHELIN Power Slicks to win the second round of the 2021 MotoGP™ world championship, the Tissot Grand Prix of Doha, leading a stunning French one-two ahead of second placed Johann Zarco (Pramac Racing).

While last weekend's race produced close and exciting racing, with the top ten riders across the finish line separated by just 9.288 seconds, this weekend's thrilling race was even closer with the top 15 riders separated by just 8.928 seconds, which is the closest finish ever!

Following his stunning all-time fastest ever Losail lap time last weekend, Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team) continued by setting the fastest ever race lap time, with a stunning time of 1'54.491.

Despite the difficult conditions during the weekend, rookie Jorge Martin (Pramac Racing) astounded everyone with a stunning third place in the race and a qualifying lap time of 1'53.106 on Saturday evening to take pole position in only his second ever MotoGP race.

Strong winds throughout the weekend and ever-changing track conditions at the Losail International Circuit made it very difficult for the riders, and hindered machine set-up and tyre choice. Most of the grid went for the Soft MICHELIN Power Slick tyres front and rear, the only exception being the four KTM riders who chose to go with the Medium asymmetric front option.



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Commenting on the tyre performance during the weekend, Piero Taramasso, Michelin Motorsport Two-Wheel Manager, said: “Overall we were very happy with the consistent performance of our tyres here in Qatar, which can be seen by the numerous records that have been broken here at Losail. This weekend the conditions were very difficult, as usual here in Qatar, but the fast lap times and the extremely close and exciting racing showed the strong performance and consistent grip levels of our 2021 range, and we are now looking forward to heading back to Europe, and Portimao for the next race”.

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