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Marc Marquez also wins the grand prix of Germany

Marquez Wins the Sachsenring GP

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GDN - Marc Marquez perfectly mastered a tactical race to take a stellar ninth straight win at the Sachsenring, after starting from pole position.
The reigning World Champion saved his tyres while following Danilo Petrucci and Jorge Lorenzo

in the early phases, took the lead on lap 13 when he decided it was time to try and pull a gap and“”in the latter stages of the race, when tyre consumption increased“”managed his advantage.
Looking strictly at the numbers, today Marc took a second consecutive win from pole, his fifth victory this season, his 40th MotoGP success, and his 66th across three classes, extending his Championship lead over Valentino Rossi to 46 points with 10 races remaining. In addition, his ninth win at Sachsenring came after nine consecutive poles here, and in his 99th MotoGP race, at the season“™s ninth round.

Today Valentino Rossi and Maverick Viñales celebrated on the Sachsenring rostrum together after a stellar performance from the two Movistar Yamaha MotoGP men. They secured second and third place respectively in this afternoon“™s Motorrad Grand Prix Deutschland, the team“™s first double podium of the season.
Rossi had a great start from sixth on the grid, as he slipped past his teammate and Andrea Dovizioso to slot into fourth position after the first corner. He got down to business right from the early stages of the race. Not wanting to let the two front-runners escape, he was putting continuous pressure on Danilo Petrucci in third place. At the start of lap 9 the Doctor made a classic Sachsenring overtake going into turn 1.
With a margin of less than a second to Jorge Lorenzo and Marc Marquez, the nine-time World Champion put his head down. As the two front men got into a battle, the Yamaha rider closed the gap with 17 laps to go.
Three laps later he stormed past Lorenzo when the Spaniard made a mistake in turn 10. Lorenzo tried to retaliate, but was unsuccessful, giving Rossi a chance to break away. He set a provisional fastest race lap of 1“™21.776s and was closing up on Marquez, but the fight with Lorenzo had cost him too much valuable time. He finished the race in second place, 2.196s from first.

Viñales got off to a good start at the Sachsenring circuit, but his teammate had a better one and pushed him back to fifth place. It took the youngster a while to get into the groove and he had to let Cal Crutchlow and Dovizioso pass him in the opening five laps. He lost another place to Álvaro Bautista, but soon moved back up to seventh as Crutchlow crashed out of the race with 20 laps to go.
Three laps later the Spaniard started dropping into the 1“™21s and it took him little time to latch onto the back of the three riders fighting for fourth place. He was looking for a way through on Dovizioso and with eight laps to go he made his move. Shortly after, also Bautista had to relinquish his position, followed by Lorenzo.

Viñales was now in fourth and setting personal best sectors as he chased Petrucci and a place on the podium. He was on a charge and made the overtake for third place look effortless, two laps before the end. He kept pushing and took the chequered flag 2.776s behind the leader.

Marc Marquez 93 Winner
“Of course I“™m very happy, as nine wins in a row here is incredible! But every year the pressure increases, because beginning on Thursday, everyone starts asking about winning on Sunday! Anyway, we have the experience to handle that as well. Today I expected the race to have different phases, with the first tyre drop happening after around nine laps and a final one seven to five laps from the end. I was prepared to manage the different situations, but in the beginning it wasn“™t easy because my start wasn“™t perfect. I expected that Lorenzo might pass me but not Petrucci. I lost two positions and then overtaking them wasn“™t easy. When I did it, I started to push in order to pull a gap but without being “˜crazy“™ so that I could manage the tyre consumption until the end of the race. But then they signalled me that Valentino was closing in very fast, and when I saw 0.6 in the board I understood that I had to push again and completely use my tyres for two or three laps, so I did my fastest lap of the race. I was able to open a gap again and then

manage it. Then, when I was celebrating I saw a marshal with a No. 26 cap, so I took it and went to celebrate in front of the fans because I think this weekend Dani was the protagonist, and we“™ll miss him. We and Honda are working very well and we need to continue like this in the second part of the Championship with the same feeling we“™ve had so far.“

VALENTINO ROSSI 46 Second

Usually Sachsenring is a difficult track for the M1, but today we were able to get a double podium, so we're very happy, also about the work of the team. I“˜m so happy because I did a fantastic race from the beginning, I never made a mistake. Last week, I rewatched the race from last year and I said to myself “Folger was good with the Yamaha, so we have to do the same!“ In the end I got the same position as he did, so I“˜m happy and it“˜s a great way to start the holiday.

MAVERICK VIÑALES 25 Third
It was a tough race, honestly, but I feel happy because I think we worked well throughout the whole weekend and I think we did a good job. With the team we worked hard on the last ten laps of the race, which were the most important. I think we were one of the strongest at the end of the race, but there are still things for us to improve, also on myself. It's good to have a break right now, to give us some time to work hard and try to improve the bike. It was almost impossible to overtake today. I tried, but I was going wide everywhere. Outside, inside, I tried everything! When the tyres started to drop I was overtaking everyone in corner 8, closing my eyes, going downhill, full gas. I gave everything, and the bike was working well. I was doing some 1'21.8s or 1'21.9s and this was the race pace that I was expecting. Honestly, congratulations to the team. We're making the steps little by little and we just have to keep working.

Race Classification

Pos. Rider Num Nation Points Team Constructor Time/Gap
1 MARQUEZ Marc 93 SPA 25 Repsol Honda Team Honda 41'05.019
2 ROSSI Valentino 46 ITA 20 Movistar Yamaha MotoGP Yamaha 2.196
3 VINALES Maverick 25 SPA 16 Movistar Yamaha MotoGP Yamaha 2.776
4 PETRUCCI Danilo 9 ITA 13 Alma Pramac Racing Ducati 3.376
5 BAUTISTA Alvaro 19 SPA 11 Angel Nieto Team Ducati 5.183
6 LORENZO Jorge 99 SPA 10 Ducati Team Ducati 5.780
7 DOVIZIOSO Andrea 4 ITA 9 Ducati Team Ducati 7.941
8 PEDROSA Dani 26 SPA 8 Repsol Honda Team Honda 12.711
9 ZARCO Johann 5 FRA 7 Monster Yamaha Tech 3 Yamaha 14.428
10 SMITH Bradley 38 GBR 6 Red Bull KTM Factory Racing KTM 21.474
11 SYAHRIN Hafizh 55 MAL 5 Monster Yamaha Tech 3 Yamaha 25.809

13 RABAT Tito 53 SPA 3 Reale Avintia Racing Ducati 29.040
14 MILLER Jack 43 AUS 2 Alma Pramac Racing Ducati 29.325
15 REDDING Scott 45 GBR 1 Aprilia Racing Team Gresini Aprilia 34.123
16 BRADL Stefan 6 GER 0 Aprilia Racing Team Gresini Aprilia 38.207
17 LUTHI Tom 12 SWI 0 EG 0,0 Marc VDS Honda 49.369
18 ABRAHAM Karel 17 CZE 0 Angel Nieto Team Ducati 1'01.022
19 SIMEON Xavier 10 BEL 0 Reale Avintia Racing Ducati 1'16.692
20 CRUTCHLOW Cal 35 GBR 0 LCR Honda Honda 21 laps
21 NAKAGAMI Takaaki 30 JPN 0 LCR Honda Honda 26 laps
22 RINS Alex 42 SPA 0 Team Suzuki Ecstar Suzuki -
23 ESPARGARO Pol 44 SPA 0 Red Bull KTM Factory Racing KTM -

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1 MARQUEZ Marc 93 SPA 165 Repsol Honda Team Honda

2 ROSSI Valentino 46 ITA 119 Movistar Yamaha MotoGP Yamaha
3 VINALES Maverick 25 SPA 109 Movistar Yamaha MotoGP Yamaha
4 DOVIZIOSO Andrea 4 ITA 88 Ducati Team Ducati
5 ZARCO Johann 5 FRA 88 Monster Yamaha Tech 3 Yamaha
6 LORENZO Jorge 99 SPA 85 Ducati Team Ducati
7 PETRUCCI Danilo 9 ITA 84 Alma Pramac Racing Ducati
8 CRUTCHLOW Cal 35 GBR 79 LCR Honda Honda
9 IANNONE Andrea 29 ITA 75 Team Suzuki Ecstar Suzuki
10 MILLER Jack 43 AUS 57 Alma Pramac Racing Ducati
11 RINS Alex 42 SPA 53 Team Suzuki Ecstar Suzuki
12 PEDROSA Dani 26 SPA 49 Repsol Honda Team Honda

13 BAUTISTA Alvaro 19 SPA 44 Angel Nieto Team Ducati
14 ESPARGARO Pol 44 SPA 32 Red Bull KTM Factory Racing KTM
15 RABAT Tito 53 SPA 30 Reale Avintia Racing Ducati
16 SYAHRIN Hafizh 55 MAL 22 Monster Yamaha Tech 3 Yamaha
17 MORBIDELLI Franco 21 ITA 19 EG 0,0 Marc VDS Honda
18 ESPARGARO Aleix 41 SPA 16 Aprilia Racing Team Gresini Aprilia
19 SMITH Bradley 38 GBR 13 Red Bull KTM Factory Racing KTM
20 REDDING Scott 45 GBR 12 Aprilia Racing Team Gresini Aprilia
21 NAKAGAMI Takaaki 30 JPN 10 LCR Honda Honda
22 KALLIO Mika 36 FIN 6 Red Bull KTM Factory Racing KTM
23 ABRAHAM Karel 17 CZE 4 Angel Nieto Team Ducati

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