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## MotoGP :Alex Rins won the British GP

### Rins beats Marquez in the GP of England

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**GDN** - MotoGP World Championship, The 2019 British GP in the Silverstone Circuit near London got underway in fantastic conditions as 50,000 fans turned out to enjoy a sizzling Silverstone for Round 12. wins Alex Rins Team Suzuki Ecstar

Hard tyres were the order of the day for the majority of the field as track temperatures reached 45c. Alex Rins got a solid start from his 5th place grid spot, slotting immediately into 3rd as a big accident happened just behind him. By the end of the first lap, Rins had put in a pass on Rossi to take 2nd place, he then proceeded to set several fast laps - running an excellent race pace and taking advantage of his corner speed and confident feeling with his GSX-RR.

With 12 laps left to go, Rins executed a move on race leader, Marquez, and the pair exchanged positions back and forth. As Marquez attempted to pull away, Rins stayed on his tail. Even a small moment at Turn 9 with 4 laps to go was not enough to distract Alex from his goal. As the laps ticked down, he looked for every opportunity to overtake his rival, finally pulling off a fantastic move in the final corner to take his second win of the season. He also regains 3rd place in the Championship standings.

Marquez took important steps towards his ultimate goal.

From the 88th pole position of his Grand Prix career, MotoGP World Championship leader Marc Marquez made a perfect start aboard his Repsol Honda Team RC213V and avoided the incident behind. With championship rival Andrea Dovizioso and potential podium contender Fabio Quartararo out of the race, Marquez was joined by Alex Rins at the front as the duo swapped fastest laps for most of the race.

Marquez leaves Silverstone with a dominating 78 point lead in the MotoGP World Championship with seven races left.

Taking the 88th podium of his premier class career, Marquez draws level on premier class podiums with the great Giacomo Agostini. The result moves Honda to 45 points clear of Ducati in the Constructor Championship and brings the Repsol Honda Team to within 36 points of the Ducati Team in the Team Championship.

Maverick Viñales pushed all the way throughout today's GoPro British Grand Prix, riding his YZR-M1 to a third-place podium finish. Valentino Rossi was chasing the front-runners but was unable to join the fight for the podium and took the chequered flag in fourth place.

Viñales had a good start and rode to fourth in the midst of a chaotic first turn. He was followed by fellow Yamaha man Franco Morbidelli and they had a bit of a tug of war between them for fourth place, but the Factory rider had the early race pace to get away. He started to follow his team-mate and caught up and swiftly passed him on lap 7.

The Spaniard was now in third place and had a 2.888s gap to close, but a scrap between leaders Alex Rins and Marc Marquez meant that the number-12 rider was able to make up time. He was inching closer and in the last two laps he was in contention. The gap was down to about half a second and Viñales was giving it his all but was unable to put in a move. He crossed the finish line in third place, 0.620s from first.

Today's third place sees Viñales take over fifth in the championship standings from Rossi again, with two points between them. Yamaha remains third in the constructor standings, and Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP also stays in third in the team classification.

Viñales and Rossi will now concentrate on the coming two-day test starting next Wednesday at Misano, before they head for the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli for the Gran Premio Octo di San Marino e della Riviera di Rimini, held from September 13-15.

Alex Rins first place

"Today has been unbelievable. I won in Austin, beating Valentino. And now I've won here, beating Marc. These guys are very fast

and are “legends” of the sport. I knew it would be difficult to beat Marc today, but I really wanted to try, and it was fantastic to do it. In a couple of the sectors he was faster than me, but I could make it up in some other areas. But towards the end of the race I felt I had better pace than him, and I told myself that I must go for it and take the chance, I saw the opportunity and I made it happen. Big thanks to everyone in the team!”

#### Marc Marquez second place

“I am happy with the result for the championship but not the result for the race as to lose out in the final moment after leading is not the best feeling. Spending the whole race in front is difficult here because you use more of everything. I tried to go slow for one lap to see if Rins would lead, but he didn’t and I knew Viñales was behind us so I kept pushing. My target wasn’t the race, it was the championship and if the Yamaha riders arrived maybe we could have finished lower. In the last turn I had a moment on the front and had to close the gas which let Rins through but we are happy because we leave with 78 points over second but I hope Dovizioso is OK after a big crash like that, I hope he can recover well and return because it is always better when you earn the points fighting.”

#### Maverick Viñales third place

“I don’t know if I would have been able to make a move if I had been closer to the front-runners, because it’s always difficult. I was closing the gap lap by lap, just a little, one or two tenths, but I couldn’t close the big gap in just one lap. I tried my best and I think we got the maximum and maybe even more from our bike today. There are long straights here and at this track it’s really about the engine, so we’re happy with third. We missed a bit of traction and top speed. In many corners I was much faster, but in others I was surviving the best I could. I think we improved the bike quite a lot during the weekend and that’s the most important. At the test in Misano we’ll work on improving the grip. We’re going to be very focused, do a good test, then we’ll race some more, and we’ll see what we can do.”

#### GP of Great Britain - Race Classification:

1. Alex RINS Team SUZUKI ECSTAR 40'12.799
2. Marc MARQUEZ Repsol Honda Team +0.013
3. Maverick VIÑALES Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP +0.620
4. Valentino ROSSI Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP +11.439
5. Franco MORBIDELLI Petronas Yamaha SRT +13.109
6. Cal CRUTCHLOW LCR Honda CASTROL +19.169
7. Danilo PETRUCCI Ducati Team +19.682
8. Jack MILLER Pramac Racing +20.318
9. Pol ESPARGARO Red Bull KTM Factory Racing +21.079
10. Andrea IANNONE Aprilia Racing Team Gresini +25.144
11. Francesco BAGNAIA Pramac Racing +40.317
12. Sylvain GUINTOLI Team SUZUKI ECSTAR +45.478
13. Hafizh SYHRIN Red Bull KTM Tech 3 +54.783

14. Jorge LORENZO Repsol Honda Team +56.651
15. Karel ABRAHAM Reale Avintia Racing +1'29.282
16. Tito RABAT Reale Avintia Racing +1'31.716
17. Takaaki NAKAGAMI LCR Honda IDEMITSU +1'40.420

Not Classified

- 41 Aleix ESPARGARO Aprilia Racing Team Gresini
  - 88 Miguel OLIVEIRA Red Bull KTM Tech 3
  - 5 Johann ZARCO Red Bull KTM Factory Racing
- Not Finished 1st Lap
- 20 Fabio QUARTARARO Petronas Yamaha SRT
  - 4 Andrea DOVIZIOSO Ducati Team

MotoGP World Championship Standings:

1. Marc MARQUEZ Honda 250
2. Andrea DOVIZIOSO Ducati 172
3. Alex RINS Suzuki 149
4. Danilo PETRUCCI Ducati 145
5. Maverick VIÑALES Yamaha 118
6. Valentino ROSSI Yamaha 116
7. Jack MILLER Ducati 94
8. Fabio QUARTARARO Yamaha 92
9. Cal CRUTCHLOW Honda 88
10. Franco MORBIDELLI Yamaha 69
11. Pol ESPARGARO KTM 68
12. Takaaki NAKAGAMI Honda 62
13. Joan MIR Suzuki 39
14. Aleix ESPARGARO Aprilia 33
15. Francesco BAGNAIA Ducati 29
16. Andrea IANNONE Aprilia 27
17. Miguel OLIVEIRA KTM 26
18. Johann ZARCO KTM 22
19. Jorge LORENZO Honda 21
20. Stefan BRADL Honda 16
21. Tito RABAT Ducati 14

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