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MotoGP Marc Marquez Triumphs at Austin

Marquez also wins in America

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USPA NEWS - Marquez remains unbeaten at COTA, impressive
Competing in his 93rd MotoGP race, Marc Marquez rode the RC213V to his sixth straight win of the Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas MotoGP, the Spaniard having been unbeatable at COTA since the circuit was added to the calendar in 2013. It was also Marc´s 12th consecutive victory on U.S. asphalt, an amazing statistic. Marc now stands second in the World Championship Classification with 45 points, just one point down on Andrea Dovizioso.

Marc Marquez 93 1ST
“This weekend I really gave it my all. Today I was totally focused, as I wanted to remain perfect here at Austin. I don't think that ever in my career have I had such a race, pushing so hard from the first lap. Today I felt that this was the right way and was able to do it, in part because my bike´s setup helped me a lot, so thanks to everyone in my garage as they´ve worked really well and hard. Yesterday I was a bit ill, and even today I didn´t feel I had perfect energy, but it turned out to be a good race anyway - a lonely one, but sometimes it goes like that. Last night when I was going to sleep, I thought about the strategy, and today I followed it. Even in the warm-up, I tried to simulate the first laps of the race, going out on new tyres and with a full tank. That was in the plan. I told the team that I wanted to try to lead the race from the beginning and pull a gap. So in the first three or four laps, I pushed a bit more than usual, and then I managed the advantage. Today I had special motivation. There was a lot of pressure, but I like the pressure, as it helps to keep focused.

I felt a special feeling on the last lap, when I passed in front of Nicky´s flag. So, I´m happy with the result and for recovering ground in the Championship, but now we go back to Europe, where we must be consistent, because look who´s leading the standings: Dovi, the most consistent rider! The feeling with my bike is very good, and the same has been true in Qatar and Argentina, so we´ll try and continue this way.“

MAVERICK VIÃ‘ALES 2ST
“Starting from the front row made it much easier, and I could breathe more calmly. I was able to control the first three or four riders quite well. I'm happy overall, because the team focused on the weekend in a different way, and that was so good. I think we know how to go fast with this Yamaha and today we proved it. Our bike seems to be stronger than it was here last year, I felt good during the race. Even though it was difficult to challenge Marc, and even with the difficulties we had, we still came in second. I didn't want to make the same mistake as I made in last year's race, so I gave up on trying to chase Marc and controlled the gap to Andrea even more. I feel positive, but we have to keep pushing. Every day I'm feeling better on the bike and we're going to go up and up. The feeling with the bike has changed a lot. I feel good on the bike right now and we've got to keep it like that. I can't wait for the race in Jerez. Now we'll have four or five races where I like the tracks a lot, I really enjoy riding there. We're going to go for the win, I know we are not far away, and we're going to push for it“.

Andrea Iannone 3ST
“I´m really happy about this podium, finally we have arrived here. We´ve come back after a really difficult period for me and Suzuki, but now things are better. This year we started well, but I struggled a lot during qualifying, especially in Argentina - when you start from further back it´s really hard to recover, over-take, and use your pace. But during this weekend I´ve found a good feeling with the bike, and we have found a good balance with the braking. I had been struggling with the front-end under braking but now we understand the way to go and I´m really happy about this. We´re still working to improve some areas but I´m really happy about my work and Suzuki´s work because we have always believed in our potential, and step-by-step we are getting closer, this is important. I have learned a lot and we´ll try to stay on top.“

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