



# Azerbaijan Grand Prix

## BAKU CITY CIRCUIT



## Race

### CHARLES LECLERC

Pos	Time	Gap	Laps	Fastest	Lap
4	2.13'40"238	3"828	51	1'45"382	on lap 46
	---	Tyres at start	---	Soft	---
1st stop	---	Lap 9	---	Hard	---
2nd stop	---	Lap 48	---	Soft	---

### CARLOS SAINZ

Pos	Time	Gap	Laps	Fastest	Lap
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8	2.13'44"119	7"709	51	1'45"700	on lap 42
	---	Tyres at start	---	Soft	---
1st stop	---	Lap 10	---	Hard	---
2nd stop	---	Lap 48	---	Soft	---

*Weather: sunny, dry. Temperatures: air 24/19°, track 37/34°*

## A weekend of highs and lows ends with third place in the Constructors' championship

Baku, 6 June 2021 – While yesterday's qualifying result far exceeded the team's expectations going into the race weekend, the outcome of the race, which as usual here was action-packed from start to finish, with Charles finishing fourth and Carlos eighth, is somewhat disappointing. In Friday's free practice it was evident the two teams fighting for the championship had a clearly quicker pace. But given the opportunities that the race could throw up, it seemed it might be a great chance to make the most of the advantage we had secured over them on Saturday.

**Positive aspects.** The team leaves Azerbaijan having proved to be very competitive in qualifying and with the satisfaction of moving up one place in the Constructors' classification into third. However, the gap to those now behind is very small and definitely does not reflect the level of competitiveness of the team seen in the past two races.

**France next.** All the Baku weekend data will now be analysed back in Maranello in order to maximise the potential of the SF21, especially in the races, starting with the next one, the seventh round of the season, the French Grand Prix, which takes place on Sunday 20 June at Le Castellet.

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*Before arriving in Baku, P4 was more or less where we could expect to finish the race. The first surprise of the weekend was our pole position. A second surprise was that some of our competitors in the midfield were extremely quick*



today.

*Despite starting at the front, we knew we could well be overtaken by the cars of the two front running teams, which is what happened. After the first stop, I tried to do the best job possible. I had a lockup after the restart following the first safety car. Continuing with two flat spots was the most difficult part of the race. I really thought I wouldn't make it to the end.*

*Then we had the red flag, and I thought about the podium. But unfortunately, we didn't make it. Seb did an incredible job - congratulations to him. The same goes for Pierre, it was a hard fight with him at the end!*

*We will keep working and pushing in the right direction.*

### Charles Leclerc #16



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*Not the race I was hoping for today. I didn't have the same feeling with the car that I had had all weekend. Every time I was on cold tyres - at both starts, at the restart and after the pit stop - I struggled a lot with front locking and with the brakes. That led to a costly mistake which compromised my whole race.*

*In the end, I managed to get back in the points but I'm not happy with the result. We need to understand the reasons behind those issues and try to improve for the upcoming races. We've got some time now to go to Maranello and work on it, so I'm sure we'll come back stronger in France.*

### Carlos Sainz #55

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*It was a difficult race that didn't live up to our expectations, given how qualifying went yesterday. We know that, in order to reach our goals, we not only have to improve our car, we must also do everything perfectly in every area and that wasn't the case today.*

*On the plus side this weekend, we took our second pole position of the season and we have moved up to third in the Constructors' classification. The gap to those behind is small and definitely smaller than it could have been.*

*However, we have to move on from this and see it as further motivation to improve in every aspect of our work.*

Mattia Binotto  
Team Principal

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