



United States Grand Prix

CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS - AUSTIN



QUALIFYING

CARLOS SAINZ

CHARLES LECLERC

P1

1'34"356

P2

1'34"421

Weather: sunny, dry. Temperatures: air 30°, track 31°

Carlos conquers COTA: Ferrari's first pole in Austin

Austin, 22 October 2022 – For the first time at the Circuit of the Americas, Ferrari will start the United States Grand Prix from pole position. That is down to Carlos Sainz, who came out on top in a very closely contested session to secure his third pole position and the Scuderia's 242nd. On the list of Ferrari pole

sitters, it puts him alongside José Froilan Gonzalez, Giuseppe Farina, Chris Amon and Nigel Mansell. Charles also did very well today in Texas, setting the second fastest time, although he will start from twelfth place, because of a 10 place penalty, as he took a new internal combustion engine and turbo compressor.

Q3. For the final part of proceedings, both Ferrari drivers had two sets of Soft tyres available. They already went quickest on their first run with times of 1'34"624 and 1'34"783. They pitted for another set of tyres and both had perfect preparation laps before Carlos went quickest of all in 1'34"356, 65 thousandths quicker than Charles and almost a tenth faster than Max Verstappen.

Complicated race. Tomorrow's race looks hard to predict and rather complicated, as it looks likely to be a two-stopper with tyre degradation possibly playing a crucial role. Carlos will be looking for a straightforward race, while one with plenty of action might suit Charles better, maybe with a few Safety Cars. The 56 lap, 308.405 kilometre Grand Prix gets underway at 14 local (21 CEST).



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Qualifying went well right from Q1. I was feeling comfortable in the car and building the speed lap after lap until the last attempt in Q3. The wind was tricky today, so every lap was a bit different, but this made it an exciting qualifying as it always is here in Austin. Tomorrow we'll give our absolute best in the race to convert this pole into a win, although we can expect a good battle with our rivals. Despite taking pole, I naturally feel sad after learning of the passing of Dietrich Mateschitz. He was an exceptional man to whom the world of sports owes a lot and he will be dearly missed. My deepest condolences to his family and friends and to the entire Red Bull family.

Carlos Sainz #55

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A tricky qualifying with quite a bit of wind today. I won't be starting the race in P2 due to the penalty we have received, so my target for tomorrow is to make up as many positions as possible at the start and take any opportunity there is to fight my way to the front. I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Dietrich Mateschitz. He will be sorely missed as a person and always remembered for his incredible achievements.

Charles Leclerc #16



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The whole team did a great job in what was one of the trickiest qualifying sessions of the season. Yesterday we did less preparation work than usual, as we only really had one session to do that, because of the 2023 tyre test. On top of that, as the session got underway, strong winds made life difficult and in this situation Carlos and Charles did a very good job, dialled in to their cars to the extent that in Q2, with both of them being able to go through to Q3 on a scrubbed set of tyres. Carlos put together the perfect lap and this pole is well-deserved after he has come within a few hundreds of being quickest on more than one occasion this year. If it was not for Charles' penalty, we'd be looking at an all-Ferrari front row.

Today's result is also down to the team, at the track and in Maranello, allowing us to prepare and manage qualifying to perfection. the F1-75 is clearly very competitive here at what is one of the most complete tracks on the calendar, with its fast corners, long straights and slow speed sections, making it a really demanding test of a car.

There are many variables that can affect tomorrow's race, with tyre degradation a factor in addition to the tricky nature of the track. It looks to be a two-stop race and we know from today that the gaps are incredibly small between us and our competitors. We are gearing up for a six-car fight and it will be important for Carlos to get a good start and to manage his tyres well, while Charles will be coming through from the mid-field.

Finally, we want to offer our condolences to the Red Bull and AlphaTauri teams for the loss of Dietrich Mateschitz. His passion for racing and indeed all sports will be much missed by everyone.

Laurent Mekies

Racing Director

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