



AUTÓDROMO HERMANOS RODRÍGUEZ

MEXICO CITY GRAND PRIX



Qualifying

CHARLES LECLERC #16

P2

	POS	TIME	TYRES	LAPS
FP3	P4	1'17"199	Medium, Soft	26
Q1	P7	1'17"024	Soft	8
Q2	P6	1'16"658	Soft	6
Q3	P2	1'15"848	Soft, Soft	6

LEWIS HAMILTON #44

P3

	POS	TIME	TYRES	LAPS
FP3	P2	1'16"978	Medium, Soft	29
Q1	P2	1'16"736	Soft, Soft	9
Q2	P2	1'16"458	Soft	6
Q3	P3	1'15"938	Soft, Soft	6

Weather: sunny, dry. Temperatures: air 25°C, track 33°C

First and second row for Charles and Lewis

In a very close fought qualifying, Charles Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton finished second and third fastest respectively, behind polesitter Lando Norris in the McLaren.

FP3

- It was a productive final hour of practice for the Scuderia drivers who worked on race pace, doing long runs in the first part of the session.
- This allowed the team to carry out checks on cooling, which will be a key factor tomorrow.
- Track conditions improved throughout the session as the surface continued to rubber-in. Lewis and Charles fitted Soft tyres in the last 10 minutes for qualifying simulation runs.

Q1

- With higher temperatures than in the morning track evolution was very strong, with grip improving throughout. Charles managed to go through only using one set of new tyres, while Lewis used two.

Q2

- Lewis and Charles comfortably made it through to Q3.

Q3

- On his first run Charles was the first driver to get below the 1'16" barrier. His time was eventually good enough for second. Lewis' third place is his best qualifying position with Scuderia.



The car has been really good today and over the course of this weekend. On a track like this with such low grip, even the smallest of mistakes is costly though. I'm happy with both of my laps in Q3. The temperatures dropped slightly, which helped to improve the grip and the car reacted well.

The race start will be our opportunity to try and get alongside Lando and take the lead. It would

mean a lot to the whole team to secure a victory,
so I will do everything to bring it home.

Charles Leclerc

#16



I'm really happy to be up here in the top three alongside Charles, it's a great result for the team and one they truly deserve. We haven't brought any upgrades this weekend, so the focus has been on improving our processes and extracting everything we can from the car. That approach is what made the difference today. Qualifying in third has put me in a good position to really fight tomorrow and I'll be giving it everything I can to build on the good momentum we've had so far this weekend. Grazie a tutti: the tifosi, the team here at the track and everyone back at home.

Lewis Hamilton

#44



It's our best qualifying since the early part of the season and this one is particularly good as we were there right from Q1 and it's very important to have Charles on the front row tomorrow. It is also important that Lewis is near the front as it gives us more possibilities in terms of strategy. Our pace was decent in the last couple of races but we struggled to put everything together, while this weekend we have done a good job from the start on Friday. When you start off on the right foot, it is far easier to fine tune everything as the weekend goes on. In qualifying, with Charles we only ran one set of new tyres in Q1 and again one in Q2, while except for Lando, the others used two. It was always our plan to save one set of Softs for tomorrow.

Can we win tomorrow? A lot will depend on the start and it's a long run off the grid to Turn 1. The key will be the ability to run in clean air.

Fred Vasseur

Team Principal

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