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MotoGP: Fantastic Victory by Andrea Dovizioso in the San Marino Grand Prix.

Andrea Dovizioso Wins the S. Marino GP

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GDN - Andrea Dovizioso dominated the San Marino GP, round 13 of the MotoGP World Championship, which was held today at the Misano circuit in Italy. At his home race, the rider from Forlì started from row 2, then overtook his team-mate Jorge Lorenzo to move into the lead on the sixth lap.

He held the position right until the end of the race, taking the chequered flag 2.8 seconds ahead of Marquez.

Thanks to today's win, Andrea Dovizioso moves up to second place in the Riders' standings with 154 points, 67 from Marquez, while Lorenzo drops to fourth with 130 points. Ducati remain second in the Manufacturers' standings with 233 points, cutting the gap to Honda to 23 points.

Andrea Dovizioso "First" #04 Ducati Factory Racing

"I wanted this win so badly, because here at Misano Ducati and I have always struggled in recent years. In the test in August however we realized that we had made an important step forward and we could be competitive in the race. We worked really well during the weekend, in very different conditions, but both Jorge and Marc are very strong here so to win I had to do a perfect race. I started off in the right frame of mind, fully focussed on the race strategy, and when I took the lead, I pulled out a small advantage and then managed the situation until the finish. I'm really pleased, because winning here at Misano was very important for Ducati but also for me. Years ago it seemed like an impossible dream, but now we've done it and it fills me with so much satisfaction."

Marc Marquez "Second" #93 Honda Repsol HRC

"We're very happy with this podium because we knew that at this track Ducati would be very fast and actually they were! They tested here and we hadn't, but we fought hard and we got very close. I had a good start and then it took some time to bring the tyres up to temperature. I closed the little gap to the front but then I saw that Dovi was so strong today, so I set second place as the target. I was behind Jorge but he was faster than me. I kept pushing and pushing to see if I was able to make a move in the last lap and then he crashed. We took second meaning that we leave here with a 67-point advantage in the Championship which is very important. I'm happy, I feel comfortable on the bike, and I'm ready to prepare for Aragon, which is a track that I like very much."

Cal Crutchlow "Third" #35 Honda Castrol LCR

"The Team did a fantastic job this weekend, this is a very important round for them, I was disappointed not to race at mine two weeks ago, so we put everything into this one. We tried our best, sure we got lucky with the crash of Lorenzo at the end, but as I said, I don't really care because we did a good job. I'm proud of my Team and we now go to Aragon in good shape."

"I lost one second (behind Maverick Vinales and Alex Rins) and that just stopped me being there with Marc (Marquez) and Jorge (Lorenzo), but that's the way it goes. I wasn't willing to push at the start of the race as much as I could and I got passed by Rins. But overall we have to be very pleased for the Team and we head into the rest of the year in good shape."

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