



CHINESE GRAND PRIX RACE

DRYING WEATHER CONDITIONS AND EARLY SAFETY CARS MIX UP THE STRATEGIES IN SHANGHAI

LEWIS HAMILTON WINS FROM POLE ON A TWO-STOP STRATEGY, USING THE SOFT TYRE FOR MOST OF THE RACE

MAX VERSTAPPEN FIGHTS HIS WAY UP FROM 16TH ON THE GRID TO THIRD USING A DIFFERENT TWO-STOP STRATEGY BASED ON THE SUPERSOFT

Shanghai, April 9, 2017 – Lewis Hamilton won on a drying track where pit stop strategy was influenced by an early virtual safety car followed by a real safety car in the opening laps. Toro Rosso driver Carlos Sainz was the only driver to begin the race on slick tyres, when all the other drivers started on intermediates and then moved onto slicks within the first 10 laps, using a variety of different strategies with the soft and supersoft compounds. Verstappen used a more aggressive strategy based on the supersoft to make up 13 places from his grid slot at a strategically complex race with plenty of action. After a damp start, the weather remained dry, with the fastest race lap more than four seconds quicker than last year's one. This was a bigger margin of lap time improvement compared to 2016 than that seen in Australia, despite the tricky conditions.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"The teams had limited information coming into the grand prix, which presented another totally new set of conditions for the third consecutive day. So they had to react to changing circumstances. Despite the runs through the pit lane under the safety car, most of the frontrunners effectively stopped twice showing a limited degree of degradation".

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
Hamilton 2m 17.879s	Hamilton 1m 35.378s	Raikkonen 1m 36.003s
Bottas 2m 19.113s	Vettel 1m 35.423s	Massa 1m 36.511s
Ricciardo 2m 19.944s	Bottas 1m 35.849s	Perez 1m 36.531s

LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
INTERMEDIATE	Ric/Rai/Ver/Ham/Bot	4
SOFT	Ocon	40
SUPERSOFT	Palmer	30



SHANGHAI PIT STOP SUMMARY

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2	Pit 3	Pit 4	Pit 5	Pit6
44	HAM	In	Sn (4)*	Su (5)	Su (6)	Sn (36)		
5	VET	In	Sn (2)	Su (4)	Su (5)	Su (6)	Su (34)	
33	VER	In	SSn (4)	SSu (5)	SSu (6)	SSn (29)		
3	RIC	In	SSn (4)	SSu (5)	SSu (6)	SSu (33)		
7	RAI	In	Sn (4)	Su (5)	Su (6)	SSu (39)		
77	BOT	In	Sn (4)	Su (5)	Su (6)	Sn (35)		
55	SAI	SSn	SSu (4)	SSu (5)	SSu (6)	Sn (28)		
20	MAG	In	SSn (2)	SSu (4)	SSu (5)	SSu (6)	SSu (32)	
11	PER	In	SSu (2)	SSu (4)	SSu (5)	SSu (6)	SSu (20)	SSu (49)
31	OCO	In	Sn (2)	Su (4)	Su (5)	Su (6)	SSn (42)	
8	GRO	In	SSn (2)	SSu (4)	Sn (5)	Su (6)	SSn (35)	
27	HUL	In	Sn (1)	Su (4)	Su (5)	Su (6)	SSu (33)	
30	PAL	SSn	SSu (4)	SSu (5)	SSu (6)	Sn (30)		
19	MAS	In	Sn (2)	Su (4)	Su (5)	Su (6)	SSu (24)	SSu (48)
9	ERI	In	Sn (2)	Su (4)	Su (5)	Su (6)		
14	ALO	In	Sn (2)	Su (4)	Su (5)	Su (6)		
26	KVY	In	Sn (2)	Su (4)	Su (5)	Su (6)		
2	VAN	In	Sn (2)	Su (4)	Su (5)	Su (6)		
36	GIO	In	Sn (2)					
18	STR							

S= Soft SS= Supersoft I=Intermediate n= new u= used

*The data related to laps 4, 5 and 6 with used tyres are meaning drive through, not tyre changes



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