



BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX QUALIFYING

MERCEDES DRIVER VALTTERI BOTTAS TAKES POLE POSITION IN INTERLAGOS ON SUPERSOFT, LOWERING THE CIRCUIT RECORD AGAIN

RED BULL'S DANIEL RICCIARDO RUNS THE SOFT COMPOUND IN Q2: FERRARI THE ONLY TEAM TO GET THROUGH Q1 ON JUST THE SOFT TYRE

ONE PIT STOP MOST LIKELY TOMORROW IN THE EXPECTED DRY CONDITIONS, DEPENDING ON DEGRADATION RATES

Interlagos, November 11, 2017 – Despite predictions of rain during qualifying, the session remained mainly dry, although with track temperatures that were 20 degrees cooler compared to yesterday.

Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas claimed pole position using the supersoft tyre, while Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo was the sole competitor to use the soft tyre in Q2, meaning that he will start the race on this compound tomorrow. With a grid penalty in prospect, the Australian hopes to gain track position by running a longer first stint than usual. Another driver facing grid penalties is Toro Rosso's Brendon Hartley: he tactically chose not to set a time in Q2, despite going through to the session.

Newly-crowned champion Lewis Hamilton crashed his Mercedes in Q1 and will start at the back, meaning that he has a free choice of tyres for the race tomorrow.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"Up until qualifying the fastest lap seen so far this weekend was Hamilton's lap from FP1 yesterday. Conditions were much cooler today, which helped the performance of the supersoft: we saw the fastest-ever lap of Interlagos in Q3 courtesy of Bottas. One stop is the most likely option tomorrow but two are possible as well, depending on wear and degradation rates. Conditions tomorrow are forecast to be dry and warmer than today, and this will be one of the factors influencing whether we see one or two pit stops in the race. With a few drivers starting out of position, closely-matched race pace, and a very short lap here at Interlagos, we should be in for an action-packed grand prix."

HOW THE TYRES BEHAVED TODAY



RED **SUPERSOFT**

Used throughout most of qualifying, around 0.6 seconds faster than soft.



YELLOW **SOFT**

Ferrari ran them in Q1 while Ricciardo used them in Q2.



WHITE **MEDIUM**

Seen only for installation laps today and unlikely to feature in the race.



FREE PRACTICE 3 – TOP 3 TIMES

| DRIVER | TIME | COMPOUND |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Bottas | 1m09.281s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Hamilton | 1m09.284s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Raikkonen | 1m09.326s | SUPERSOFT NEW |

QUALIFYING TOP 10

| DRIVER | TIME | COMPOUND |
|------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Bottas | 1m08.322s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Vettel | 1m08.360s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Raikkonen | 1m08.538s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Verstappen | 1m08.925s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Ricciardo | 1m09.330s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Perez | 1m09.598s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Alonso | 1m09.617s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Hulkenberg | 1m09.703s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Sainz | 1m09.805s | SUPERSOFT NEW |
| Massa | 1m09.841s | SUPERSOFT NEW |

MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

| COMPOUND | DRIVER | LAPS |
|------------------|----------------|------|
| MEDIUM | Vandoorne | 5 |
| SOFT | Massa | 32 |
| SUPERSOFT | Stroll, Vettel | 32 |



BEST TIME BY COMPOUND SO FAR

| COMPOUND | DRIVER | TIME |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| MEDIUM | Alonso | 1m12.829s |
| SOFT | Raikkonen | 1m09.405s |
| SUPERSOFT | Bottas | 1m08.322s |

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