FERRARI DRIVER SEBASTIAN VETTEL WINS FROM POLE IN CANADA WITH A ONE-STOP ULTRASOFT-SUPERSOFT STRATEGY

ONE PIT STOP FOR NEARLY ALL DRIVERS, WITH LOW WEAR AND DEGRADATION HELPED BY AN EARLY SAFETY CAR PERIOD

ALL THREE COMPOUNDS USED DURING THE RACE, HELD IN WARM AND DRY CONDITIONS

Montréal, June 10, 2018 – There was a mix of tyre strategies in play at Montreal, with three different teams on the podium and two different philosophies on strategy.

Ferrari's race winner Sebastian Vettel and Mercedes runner-up Valtteri Bottas both started on the ultrasoft and then switched to the supersoft at around the same time.

The two Red Bull drivers in third and fourth went the opposite route, carrying out a shorter first stint on the hypersoft and then switching to the supersoft for the run to the flag.Throughout the frontrunners' battles with their direct rivals, the timing of the pit stops was also an important consideration, with many drivers attempting an 'undercut' in a close strategic duel. Haas driver Romain Grosjean, who dropped to the back of the grid after a problem in qualifying, completed an extremely long first stint on the ultrasoft before finishing just outside the points on the supersoft.

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"The strategy was really dictated by qualifying yesterday, with the early safety car period here also ensuring that a one-stopper became the way to go, on top of the low wear and degradation seen on this track generally. All three nominated compounds were used extensively during the race, with different thinking on strategy all the way down the grid. A number of drivers, notably Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo and Haas driver Romain Grosjean were able to use strategy to boost their grid positions. The championship has now taken another twist, which makes it even more interesting as we head next to a completely new venue at Paul Ricard in France."

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND*

Ricciardo 1m13.835s	Vettel 1m15.059s	Vandoorne 1m15.765s
Verstappen 1m13.864s	Bottas 1m15.258s	Ricciardo 1m15.807s
Vettel 1m13.964s	Raikkonen 1m15.408s	Hulkenberg 1m15.914s

LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE*

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SUPERSOFT	Ericsson	67
ULTRASOFT	Grosjean	48
HYPERSOFT	Gasly	23

* FINAL OFFICIAL RESULT CALCULATED AT THE END OF LAP 68; 70 LAPS EFFECTIVELY COVERED

TRUTHOMETER

We predicted a one-stopper to be the theoretically quickest way to complete the race and this turned out to be exactly the case. Vettel made his sole pit stop on lap 37 from ultrasoft to supersoft, having built up enough of a margin not to lose the lead of the race.

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2
5	VET	USu	SSn (37)	
77	BOT	USu	SSn (36)	
33	VER	HSu	SSn (16)	
3	RIC	HSu	SSn (17)	
44	HAM	USu	SSn (16)	
7	RAI	USu	SSn (32)	
27	HUL	HSu	SSn (13)	
55	SAI	HSu	SSn (14)	
31	OCO	HSu	SSn (11)	
16	LEC	USn	SSn (19)	
10	GAS	HSn	SSn (23)	
8	GRO	USn	SSn (48)	
20	MAG	USn	SSn (22)	
11	PER	HSu	SSn (9)	SSn (44)
9	ERI	USn	SSn (1)	
2	VAN	USn	SSn (1)	HSn (48)
35	SIR	SSn	USn (26)	
14	ALO	USn	SSn (18)	
18	STR	USn		
28	HAR	HSn		

HS= Hypersoft   US= Ultrasoft   SS= Supersoft

n= new   u= used

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