

## WET QUALIFYING SESSION FEATURES SLICKS, INTERMEDIATES AND FULL WET TYRES – BUT A DRY RACE IS EXPECTED TOMORROW

### LEWIS HAMILTON CLAIMS POLE POSITION FOR MERCEDES ON THE FULL WET TYRE IN HEAVY RAIN

#### ONE PIT STOP THE MOST LIKELY STRATEGY FOR THE RACE TOMORROW: TEAMS WILL HAVE FREE CHOICE OF STARTING SLICK TYRES

*Budapest, July 28, 2018* – Some rain that began to fall around half an hour before qualifying began and then progressively intensified meant that the session depended on a combination of judgment, opportunism and luck.

In Q1 a mixture of slick and intermediate tyres were used, while in Q2 it was a mixture of intermediate and full wet. For Q3, all the drivers used only the full wet tyres, with Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton setting pole position in the closing seconds. He was presented with his fifth Pirelli Pole Position Award of the season (equalling Sebastian Vettel) by former driver Jean Alesi, who made his name in Formula 1 with a Pirelli-equipped Tyrrell in the 1990s.

Dry weather and high temperatures, similar to Friday, are expected for the grand prix. As the drivers all used intermediate and wet tyres for qualifying, the entire grid will have a free choice of slick tyres to start the race tomorrow. One pit stop is expected for most drivers, but this will also depend on the eventual track temperatures.

The regulations now place the cars into parc fermé until the race with no changes allowed, so it will be interesting to see which teams have focussed on a wet or dry set-up.

#### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*“The wet and dry nature of the track at the start of qualifying was reminiscent of the final phase of the Hockenheim race last weekend, causing a similar headache for the teams who had to try and second guess the conditions. As the qualifying session went on, the situation became clearer, with heavy rain. Tomorrow is expected to be dry though, so we can probably expect a one-stop race, depending on the degradation of the ultrasoft. However, as the teams will all have a free choice of starting slick tyres, the potential for different strategies has been opened up – adding another element of unpredictability.”*

#### HOW THE TYRES BEHAVED TODAY



WHITE MEDIUM

Not seen in qualifying but useful for a one-stopper tomorrow.



YELLOW SOFT

Only Daniel Ricciardo used these in one Q1 run.



PURPLE ULTRASOFT

Seen extensively in Q1 before the rain intensified.



GREEN INTERMEDIATE

Used by all the teams in Q2 as well as at the end of Q1.



BLUE WET

Used to set pole, and by all the drivers in Q3.

## FREE PRACTICE 3 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Vettel	1m16.170s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Bottas	1m16.229s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Raikkonen	1m16.373s	ULTRASOFT NEW

## QUALIFYING TOP 10

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Hamilton	1m35.658s	FULL WET
Bottas	1m35.918s	FULL WET
Raikkonen	1m36.186s	FULL WET
Vettel	1m36.210s	FULL WET
Sainz	1m36.743s	FULL WET
Gasly	1m37.591s	FULL WET
Verstappen	1m38.032s	FULL WET
Hartley	1m38.128s	FULL WET
Magnussen	1m39.858s	FULL WET
Grosjean	1m40.593s	FULL WET

## MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
ULTRASOFT	Alonso	28
SOFT	Vandoorne	35
MEDIUM	Sirotkin	31
INTERMEDIATE	Bottas, Gasly, Hamilton, Leclerc, Raikkonen, Ricciardo, Vettel	5
FULL WET	Sainz	7

## BEST TIME BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
ULTRASOFT	Vettel	1m16.170s
SOFT	Verstappen	1m17.509s
MEDIUM	Bottas	1m18.489s
INTERMEDIATE	Vettel	1m25.176s
WET	Hamilton	1m35.658s

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