

LEWIS HAMILTON WINS FOR MERCEDES USING A ONE-STOP ULTRASOFT-SOFT STRATEGY WITH TRACK TEMPERATURES IN EXCESS OF 50 DEGREES

ALTERNATIVE SOFT-ULTRASOFT STRATEGY USED BY FERRARI'S SEBASTIAN VETTEL TO FINISH SECOND FROM FOURTH ON THE GRID

SECOND IN-SEASON TEST OF THE YEAR TAKES PLACE ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, WITH TORO ROSSO TESTING FOR PIRELLI

Budapest, July 29, 2018 – Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won the Hungarian Grand Prix from pole using a one-stop ultrasoft-soft strategy.

The Ferrari of Sebastian Vettel used an alternative one-stop soft-ultrasoft strategy to finish second from fourth on the grid. A similar strategy was used by Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo to climb from 12th to fourth. The other Ferrari of Kimi Raikkonen went for a two-stopper, finishing on the podium.

Track temperatures were extremely high throughout the grand prix, having peaked at 60 degrees centigrade just before the race start.

All the teams apart from Haas will now remain in Hungary for the second in-season test on Tuesday and Wednesday, with Toro Rosso running a second car for two days to assess Pirelli's 2019 prototype tyres.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"With a wet qualifying session yesterday, the teams had a free choice of slick tyres to start the race, which led to some split strategies. In particular, Vettel went in a different direction from his key rivals, which enabled him to make progress from his grid position, as was the case with Ricciardo as well. The data that the teams collected from Friday was reliable enough to formulate their race strategies, with the track having effectively reset itself after the rain. Consequently, we saw a few different tactics throughout the field, with the teams making good use of all three compounds, which stood up well to track temperatures that were close to the highest we have ever seen".

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
Alonso 1m22.090s	Raikkonen 1m20.292s	Ricciardo 1m20.012s
Hartley 1m22.612s	Hamilton 1m21.107s	Vettel 1m20.056s
Sainz 1m22.774s	Magnussen 1m21.302s	Hulkenberg 1m21.261s

LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
ULTRASOFT	Gasly	32
SOFT	Bottas	55
MEDIUM	Ericsson	62

TRUTHOMETER

Lewis Hamilton won the race using the optimal one-stop strategy as we predicted, swapping the ultrasoft for the soft at the end of lap 25. His Mercedes team mate Valtteri Bottas, who eventually finished fifth, used a similar strategy, but with a much longer final stint on soft.

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2
44	HAM	USn	Sn (25)	
5	VET	Sn	USn (39)	
7	RAI	USn	Sn (14)	Su (38)
3	RIC	Sn	USn (44)	
77	BOT	USn	Sn (15)	
10	GAS	USn	Sn (32)	
20	MAG	USn	Sn (31)	
14	ALO	Sn	Mn (39)	
55	SAI	Sn	Mn (25)	
8	GRO	USn	Sn (29)	
28	HAR	USn	Mn (24)	
27	HUL	Sn	Mn (23)	USn (50)
31	OCO	Sn	USn (39)	
11	PER	USn	Sn (22)	
9	ERI	USn	Mn (6)	
35	SIR	Sn	Mn (31)	
18	STR	Mn	USn (47)	
2	VAN	Sn	Mn (40)	
33	VER	USn		
16	LEC	Sn		

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