

MERCEDES DRIVER LEWIS HAMILTON WINS THE ITALIAN GRAND PRIX WITH A ONE-STOP SUPERSOFT-SOFT STRATEGY

ONE STOP FOR THE MAJORITY OF COMPETITORS. VETTEL ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS, WITH TWO STOPS FOLLOWING AN EARLY CONTACT

Monza, September 2, 2018 – Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won the Italian Grand Prix from third on the grid, using a one-stop strategy and good tyre management. Hamilton started on the supersoft tyre – which on Saturday had been used to set the fastest lap in Formula 1 history, courtesy of Ferrari driver Kimi Raikkonen – before switching to the soft on lap 28.




After a contact with Vettel's Ferrari half a minute into the race, Hamilton got up to second on the first lap behind Raikkonen and was able to extend his first stint after his rival pitted for the soft tyres on lap 20. Even though he rejoined still behind Raikkonen, he could use his fresher tyres to close the gap and then managed them well before making a late overtake to claim victory, after the Ferrari driver experienced blistering on one of his well-used tyres. Vettel, in last position after lap 1 due to the collision with Hamilton, was able to recover to fourth place by the flag thanks to a supersoft-soft-supersoft two-stop strategy.

Following intermittent rain on Friday and Saturday, today's race was dry and warm – adding another unknown element to the strategy, in the absence of prolonged dry running up to this point.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"Today's conditions presented a marked contrast to what had come before, which gave the teams another challenge as they had not run in similar conditions so far this weekend. Consequently they had to keep a flexible approach towards strategy, in the absence of solid data, but as it turned out the tyres were capable of a one-stop strategy when correctly managed – despite the intense demands of Monza, which resulted in the fastest lap in Formula 1 history yesterday. Lewis Hamilton managed his tyres perfectly and made the most of his later pit stop to make a great overtake near the end of the race."

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
Magnussen 1m25.692s	Hamilton 1m22.497s	Vettel 1m22.505s
-	Bottas 1m22.907s	Hamilton 1m23.611s
-	Raikkonen 1m23.515s	Ericsson 1m23.768s

LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SUPERSOFT	Ericsson	41
SOFT	Hulkenberg	40
MEDIUM	Magnussen	48

TRUTHOMETER

Lewis Hamilton won the race using one stop as we expected, going from supersoft to soft on lap 28.

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2
44	HAM	SSu	Sn (28)	
7	RAI	SSu	Sn (20)	
77	BOT	SSu	Sn (36)	
5	VET	SSu	Sn (1)	SSu (29)
33	VER	SSu	Sn (26)	
8	GRO	SSu	Sn (23)	
31	OCO	SSu	Sn (38)	
11	PER	SSn	Sn (39)	
55	SAI	SSu	Sn (39)	
18	STR	SSu	Sn (35)	
35	SIR	SSn	Sn (37)	
16	LEC	Sn	SSn (34)	
2	VAN	SSn	Sn (24)	
27	HUL	SSn	Sn (1)	SSn (41)
10	GAS	SSu	Sn (34)	
9	ERI	Sn	SSn (1)	SSn (42)
20	MAG	Sn	Mu (4)	
3	RIC	Sn	SSn (1)	
14	ALO	SSn		
28	HAR	SSn		

SS = Supersoft

S = Soft

M = Medium

n = new

u = used

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