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Incredible weekend for Andrea Dovizioso

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USPA NEWS - Another victory in the Catalan GP, Andrea Dovizioso (Team Ducati Factory Racing) became the first rider for the Borgo Panigale factory to win back-to-back races in red since Casey Stoner - and moved himself up even closer to Championship leader Maverick Viñales (Movistar Yamaha MotoGP) in the points table.

Andrea Dovizioso - says the secret behind the win in Barcelona was the 'perfect' strategy. The Desmodovi also won the last MotoGP race in Italy

The Dovi , was ahead of Repsol's Spanish pair Marc Marquez, in second, and Dani Pedrosa in third.

The victory moves second-placed Dovizioso within seven points of Yamaha's Vinales, who finished 10th.

Reigning champion Marquez, who crashed four times in qualifying on Saturday as most of the field struggled with grip on a slippery circuit, celebrated his podium finish by falling on the rostrum.

"It was a strange weekend for everybody to manage the track, the grip, the temperature, it was very difficult," said Dovizioso.

"It was a strange race, we couldn't push any lap because the rear tyre drops a lot, but I had the speed so I was able to manage and stay on the front without pushing."

Andrea Dovizioso, P1: "We realised the grip was so bad and the rear tyre consumption so high, that we shouldn't just focus on the speed. And when we started the race, no one could push because everyone had to save the tyre a lot. I overtook a few riders and was behind Dani, and decided to stay there. He saved the rear tyre well, and I did, but I was able to conserve the front. I didn't know what was going on behind or if someone was able to catch us because our pace wasn't very high. Ten laps to the end I tried to push but when I got to the front I realised my tyre was finished! But it was the same for them, too. It's a strange feeling because I've never won by not pushing 100%!

"No one can understand the future, especially this year. Every weekend is a different story. So I'm not focused on the Championship, and I'm very focused on developing the bike. This weekend was strange for everyone but we managed it in the best way, and had a perfect strategy. I didn't expect to be competitive here and I won!" I just want to relax in my position. I know very well the positives and negatives of the bike and want to get the most from the bike every race. But I'm realistic - I don't think we can fight for the Championship, we are still missing something."

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