



MONSTER TECH3 RIDER JOHANN ZARCO PODIUMS IN 3RD WHILE MOVISTAR YAMAHA'S MAVERICK VIÑALES FINISHES 4TH IN DRAMATIC MALAYSIAN GP

Movistar Yamaha MotoGP®'s factory rider Maverick pushed to the max during Sunday's Shell Malaysian Motorcycle Grand Prix, putting on a brave ride from 11th on the grid to 4th position over the finish line. Maverick's teammate and 9-time World champion, Valentino Rossi had a heroic run at the Sepang International Circuit, but it ended in heartbreak on lap 17 when he crashed out after 16 superbly consistent laps while leading nearly the entire race. Valentino rejoined the race and took the checkered flag in 18th place.

Sunday's results see Rossi hold on to third position in the championship standings with a 25-point gap to second. Viñales, in fourth place, reduced the gap to his teammate to 2 points.

For the satellite Yamaha Monster Tech3 Team, starting from the first place of the grid, Johann Zarco came off the line well and for 20 laps, he fought the heat to be back on the podium with an amazing third place and took over the lead in the independent riders' championship before the last round of the season in Valencia. Zarco's teammate, Hafizh Syahrin delivered a sensational start, making up 11 positions in the first corners, the local hero fought his way up to 10th place and pleased his home crowd with a breathtaking top 10 result.

