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TAKA CLAIMS CAREER-BEST RESULT AT JEREZ

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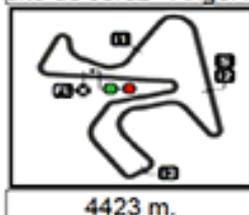
Takaaki Nakagami posted his best-ever result in the MotoGP class as he claimed fourth position in the Andalusian Grand Prix on Sunday. Following his top-10 at the same venue last weekend, the LCR Honda IDEMITSU rider backed up his impressive form over the past couple of days with a superb ride in today's race in Jerez and only narrowly missed out on a first podium finish in the premier category.

The Japanese star had served notice of his potential at the Jerez Circuit this week by going fastest in both FP2 and FP4. Starting from eighth on the grid, Taka was always battling towards the front of the field and, after Pecco Bagnaia's late retirement, was chasing down Valentino Rossi for the final podium place on the last few laps. In the end he had to settle for fourth but finished as the top Honda rider and is now full of confidence ahead of the next round in Czech Republic.

Takaaki Nakagami – 4th

"We were so close to the podium, I think to Valentino (Rossi) and the podium it was just five tenths, but I'm still pretty happy. For all 25 laps of the race I gave my full potential, the bike felt really good and for all the race we were fighting close to the podium. It was difficult and I really struggled to find grip, but it was the same for everyone. The team did a really great job all weekend and the bike improved a lot from last weekend. I hope we can keep going in this direction, we have a few days to rest and then we go on to Brno and hopefully we can get a podium as soon as possible."





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Race

Classification after 25 laps = 110.575 km

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Pos	Rider	Nation	Team	Motorcycle	Total Time	Km/h	Gap
1	20 Fabio QUARTARARO	FRA	Petronas Yamaha SRT	YAMAHA	41'22.666	160.3	
2	20 12 Maverick VIÑALES	SPA	Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP	YAMAHA	41'27.161	160.0	4.495
3	16 46 Valentino ROSSI	ITA	Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP	YAMAHA	41'28.212	159.9	5.546
4	13 30 Takaaki NAKAGAMI	JPN	LCR Honda IDEMITSU	HONDA	41'28.779	159.9	6.113
5	11 36 Joan MIR	SPA	Team SUZUKI ECSTAR	SUZUKI	41'30.359	159.8	7.693
6	10 4 Andrea DOVIZIOSO	ITA	Ducati Team	DUCATI	41'35.220	159.5	12.554
7	9 44 Pol ESPARGARO	SPA	Red Bull KTM Factory Racing	KTM	41'40.154	159.2	17.488
8	8 73 Alex MARQUEZ	SPA	Repsol Honda Team	HONDA	41'42.023	159.0	19.357
9	7 5 Johann ZARCO	FRA	Hublot Reale Avintia	DUCATI	41'46.189	158.8	23.523
10	6 42 Alex RINS	SPA	Team SUZUKI ECSTAR	SUZUKI	41'49.757	158.6	27.091
11	5 53 Tito RABAT	SPA	Hublot Reale Avintia	DUCATI	41'56.294	158.1	33.628
12	4 38 Bradley SMITH	GBR	Aprilia Racing Team Gresini	APRILIA	41'58.972	158.0	36.306
13	3 35 Cal CRUTCHLOW	GBR	LCR Honda CASTROL	HONDA	42'08.349	151.1	1 lap
Not classified							
	63 Francesco BAGNAIA	ITA	Pramac Racing	DUCATI	31'28.905	160.1	6 laps
	21 Franco MORBIDELLI	ITA	Petronas Yamaha SRT	YAMAHA	26'32.951	159.9	9 laps
	33 Brad BINDER	RSA	Red Bull KTM Factory Racing	KTM	20'08.345	158.1	13 laps
	9 Danilo PETRUCCI	ITA	Ducati Team	DUCATI	18'20.066	159.2	14 laps
	43 Jack MILLER	AUS	Pramac Racing	DUCATI	16'37.234	159.6	15 laps
	41 Aleix ESPARGARO	SPA	Aprilia Racing Team Gresini	APRILIA	13'23.222	158.5	17 laps
	27 Iker LECUONA	SPA	Red Bull KTM Tech 3	KTM	8'28.029	156.7	20 laps
Not finished first lap							
	88 Miguel OLIVEIRA	POR	Red Bull KTM Tech 3	KTM			



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