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## **MOTO GP-LORENZO AND YAMAHA MOVISTAR DOMINATE THE RACE IN JEREZ**

### **VALENTINO ROSSI CLAIMS 200TH PODIUM**

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**USPA NEWS** - Jorge Lorenzo reclaimed the Circuito de Jerez as "Lorenzo Land" as he proved to be simply untouchable on his way to his 55th World Championship victory. The Spaniard has dominated throughout the weekend, and continued during the race as he led from start to checkered flag.

Repsol Honda's Marc Marquez rode valiantly with his broken finger and even managed to hold off a charging Valentino Rossi (+11.586s) at the end of the race to claim second. Rossi was 2 seconds behind Marquez with 10 laps to go, and the Spaniard must have had a feeling of déjà vu when his pit board said Rossi had closed the gap to a second with only seven laps left. Unlike in Argentina he managed to respond to keep the Italian at bay with Rossi eventually crossing the line in third, a further six seconds back, to claim his 200th World Championship podium.

CWM LCR Honda's Cal Crutchlow secured a rather lonely 4th place to finish as the leading satellite rider 3.8s ahead of Pol Espargaro on the Monster Yamaha Tech 3 M1. Ducati Team's Andrea Iannone won a hard fought battle for sixth against Aleix Espargaro on the Team Suzuki Ecstar GSX-RR.

Bradley Smith finished in eighth, while Andrea Dovizioso (9th) had to ride through the field after running wide a twice during the opening laps and finding himself down in 25th.

Pramac Racing's Yonny Hernandez completed the top ten with Hector Barbera finishing as the top Open class rider in 14th, just ahead of Aprilia Racing Team Gresini's Alvaro Bautista (15th) who claimed the final Championship point. Rossi (82pts) now has a 15-point advantage over Andrea Dovizioso (67pts) in the MotoGP World Championship standings whilst Jorge Lorenzo (62pts) has moved into third at the expense of Marquez (56pts).

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