

Six-time defending champion Márquez crashes out

Quartararo wins Spanish Grand Prix as MotoGP resumes



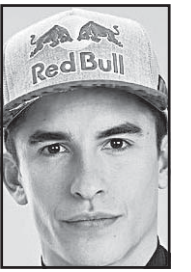
MotoGP rider Andrea Dovizioso of Italy steers his motorbike during the Spanish Motorcycle Grand Prix at the Angel Nieto racetrack in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain on July 19. (Inset): Race winner Fabio Quartararo, of France, celebrates on the podium at the end of the Spanish Motorcycle Grand Prix at the Angel Nieto racetrack in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain on July 19. (AP)

JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, Spain, July 20, (AP): Fabio Quartararo won his maiden race after Marc Márquez broke his arm in a crash at the Spanish Grand Prix as MotoGP got its season underway amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Márquez, a six-time defending MotoGP champion, crashed hard with four laps to go and had to be carried off the track on a stretcher. Team Honda said he is expected to undergo surgery on Tuesday but his recovery time is not yet known.

Márquez started third but had to come from behind after losing control of his bike and avoiding an earlier crash that put him back in the pack at the beginning of the race.

The 21-year-old Quartararo, who started from pole position after a record lap at the Circuito de Jerez-Angel Nieto, became the first Frenchman to win in MotoGP since Régis Laconi in 1999. "This is the best moment of my life for sure," Quartararo said. "It is strange, without the fans. I would love them to be here and to cheer with them. This race was for all of them, for all the people affected with COVID."



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It was the first of seven races in Spain in a reduced season that was originally scheduled to start in March. The second of the 13-races on this year's calendar will also be run at Jerez next weekend.

The MotoGP season was set to start in March in Qatar but only Moto 2 and Moto 3 races took place as the coronavirus outbreak struck.

The race in Spain was held without fans and under strict health controls. Races have been limited to a total of 1,200 people within the venue, including drivers, team members, track crew, medics and local staff. They all must adhere to strict social distancing rules and wear face masks whenever possible.

Everyone attending must pass a COVID-19 virus test five days before each event and remain in self-isolation until the race. Random tests may also be carried out at the circuit.

Teams will be kept separate in small groups to reduce the risk of contagion.

Suzuki rider Alex Rins did not race after fracturing his shoulder in a crash in qualifying.

Nats' Robles back in camp

Pandemic MLB exhibition games have 'make-it-up-as-you-go' feel

NEW YORK, July 20, (AP): A seventh-inning stretch without fans at Yankee Stadium was far from the oddest happening on the second day of summer exhibitions in the majors.

The first inning ended at Dodger Stadium without Los Angeles making a single out Sunday night, a game went to the 10th inning in Philadelphia even with the Orioles leading the Phillies 4-1, and the Yankees hit in the bottom of the ninth with a 6-0 lead over the Mets. It's not quite baseball like you're used to seeing.

Then again, we'd never seen baseball amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The most peculiar situation occurred during the first exhibition between Arizona and the Dodgers, with the game having an intrasquad feel.

Diamondbacks starter Taylor Widener got off to rough opening when he walked the first two batters and then gave up a single to Justin Turner that loaded the bases. Cody Bellinger followed with a grand slam to make it 4-0.

Corey Seager then walked and was heading to first base when he learned the inning was over. Widener had thrown 25 pitches in the first, but he stayed in the game and allowed six runs in four innings overall.

The Dodgers won the game 9-2. That wasn't the only oddity among the four exhibitions played during the day. In Philadelphia, the Orioles appeared to have wrapped up a victory



Chicago Cubs' Jason Kipnis (left), hits a solo home run during the first inning of an exhibition baseball game against the Chicago White Sox at Wrigley Field in Chicago, on July 19. (AP)

He was pleased with his at-bats on Sunday, was able to run the bases and feels it's realistic he'll be ready to play Thursday.

All-Star second baseman DJ LeMahieu was in the Yankees' lineup for the first time since recovering from COVID-19. LeMahieu hit leadoff, going 0 for 2 and playing three innings in the field.

Judge made his summer exhibition debut and homered on an 0-2 fastball from Corey Oswalt in the first inning and in the sixth off Drew Smith.

That backed five dominant and efficient innings by Jordan Montgomery, who cemented his rotation spot.

Masahiro Tanaka threw his second bullpen since getting hit in the head by Stanton's line drive in a simulated game early this month.

The session went well and Tanaka will probably face hitters Tuesday, Boone said, but it's unclear when the right-hander might be ready for his first regular-season start. Right-hander Luis Cessa returned to the Yankees after testing positive for the coronavirus.

Mets catcher Wilson Ramos is away from the team to deal with a personal matter — the club is not explaining any absences in detail. In a related move, New York added veteran backstop René Rivera to the 40-man roster. Reserve first baseman Matt Adams was released.

Jacob deGrom threw a simulated game back at Citi Field. His fastball registered 98-100 mph and he struck out nine of 14 hitters who took an at-bat, according to manager Luis Rojas.

The two-time Cy Young Award winner is on track to start the season opener Friday at home against Atlanta. He left an intrasquad game after one inning last week because of back stiffness, but an MRI came back clean.

Yoanis Céspedes started in left field for the first time and played three uneventful innings on defense, but right-handed reliever Robert Gsellman is slowed by triceps tightness.

Pirates third base prospect Ke'Bryan Hayes is out indefinitely while dealing with the novel coronavirus. Manager Derek Shelton announced Hayes' illness on Sunday after the 23-year-old Hayes — the son of former longtime MLB third baseman Charlie Hayes — gave the team clearance to do so.

Dillon wins NASCAR Cup race at Texas in 1-2 finish for RCR

Reddick settles for 2nd place, Logano finishes 3rd

FORT WORTH, Texas, July 20, (AP): Austin Dillon stayed in front after a restart with two laps to go and beat rookie teammate Tyler Reddick to the checkered flag at Texas, giving Richard Childress Racing its first 1-2 NASCAR Cup finish in nine years.

With spectators spread out in the stands on a scorching, a very dehydrated Dillon got the checkered flag and did some celebratory burnouts on the front-stretch before going to the infield care center.

"I got a couple IVs in me, feeling great. I felt great once I kind of got in air conditioner. I was wanting to come back out because it stinks to win

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the race and you're falling out," Dillon said when finally on his post-race Zoom call. "But I gave it all. I left it all out there. At least I can say that, and left it all on the track."

Dillon raced to his third career win and first since Daytona at the start of the 2018 season. It was Dillon and Reddick in the front on the final three restarts, the first after an incident with 29 laps left that shuffled the fast car of Ryan Blaney to a lap back.

"Not bad for a silver spoon kid, huh?" Dillon, the grandson of Childress, said immediately after the race. "Tyler Reddick, he raced me clean. 1-2 for RCR. This has been coming. We've had good cars all year. I've got my baby Ace back home, my wife. I'm just so happy."

It was the first 1-2 finish for RCR in the Cup Series since Clint Bowyer won at Talladega in 2011 ahead of Jeff Burton. Childress watched the race from



Texas Motor Speedway President and General Manager Eddie Gossage (right), holds a 'winner' sign as Austin Dillon (left), celebrates by firing six shooters after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas on July 19. (AP)

a command center at the team's race shop in North Carolina.

"I mean, it's great. Having Tyler right there, to work with, he's got a teammate that he's really working good with," Childress said. "And to see both of those guys racing for the win. I knew they weren't going to, I was hoping they didn't wreck each other. It was pretty cool to see RCR in the front."

On the final restart in Texas, Dillon got a good jump, holding off his rookie teammate and some veteran drivers.

Joey Logano finished third, with Kyle Busch fourth a day after he finished ahead of the field in two races — his Xfinity Series victory was taken away after his car failed a post-race inspection, and he then won the Trucks

Series race. Series points leader Kevin Harvick, the winner of the last three fall races at Texas, was fifth.

There were an estimated 15,000-20,000 spectators at the track, where it reached 97 degrees late in the first summertime Cup race at Texas — it was supposed to be a spring race nearly four months ago, before the coronavirus pandemic postponed and then shuffled NASCAR's schedule. Inside the cars, it was 130-140 degrees.

After leading six times for 150 laps, both highs for the race, Blaney finished seventh.

Blaney, who had given up the lead when he pitted on Lap 287, fell a lap down after the field got shuffled when rookie Quin Houff crashed hard out of

Turn 4.

Cole Custer, the rookie driver for Stewart-Haas Racing coming off a win last weekend at Kentucky, was one of 11 drivers involved in a chain-reaction crash on Lap 218 that brought out a red flag. His crumpled No. 41 Ford came to rest near the exit of pit road.

That pileup on the front-stretch came the lap after restart with most of the cars still jammed together as they came off the fourth turn, when Blaney appeared to be among several cars to get loose, though he was out in front of the melee when cars started crashing.

Track workers took water to drivers in their parked cars on their track during the red flag that lasted more than 11 minutes.

Premiership-winning Paul Green 'quits' as Cowboys coach in NRL

TOWNSVILLE, Australia, July 20, (AP): Paul Green is leaving the North Queensland Cowboys, becoming the third head coach to depart a National Rugby League club since the competition restarted after the coronavirus lockdown. The Cowboys slipped to 12th in the NRL standings after a 22-10 loss to Penrith on Sunday, their seventh loss in 10 rounds.

"After seven years as head coach it is with a heavy heart that I make this announcement," Green said in a statement Monday. "The board felt that the club was at a juncture where they needed to move in a different direction, and I can only respect their views." Green is the third coach to go a little more

than month after Stephen Kearney was fired by the New Zealand Warriors and Dean Pay left last-place Canterbury.

Assistant coach Josh Hannay will take charge of the Cowboys for the remaining 10 rounds of the season.

Green was appointed head coach at North Queensland in 2014 and guided the club to the playoffs for four consecutive seasons. After winning its first NRL title in 2015 — with a golden point extra-time win over the Brisbane Broncos in the grand final — North Queensland won the World Club Challenge in 2016 and reached the NRL grand final in 2017, losing to Melbourne Storm. The Cowboys didn't reach the finals series in 2018 or '19.



Kyle Busch (18) and Denny Hamlin (11) battle as they come out of Turn 4 during a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas on July 19. (AP)