Verstappen wins the Miami Sprint

Leclerc second and pérez third

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USPA NEWS - In the Miami Grand Prix Sprint race, Max Verstappen demonstrated his dominance by converting pole position into an impressive victory. The Red Bull driver led the race from start to finish, keeping local Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc and teammate Sergio Perez at bay.

Verstappen defended his position at the start and overcame a Safety Car period before building a comfortable lead over his pursuers. Leclerc had to settle for second place, while Pérez fought against Daniel Ricciardo for third place.

The battle on the track was intense, with Ricciardo skillfully fending off attacks from Carlos Sainz and Oscar Piastri. Lando Norris was forced to retire on the first lap, leaving his teammate McLaren as the team's only representative in the race.

"There was a gap on the inside, so I went for it," Hamilton said on the radio afterwards, with Alonso arguing that the seven-time world champion "came like a bull", only for stewards to investigate the incident and decide not to. take more action.

Friday's sprint qualifying session set the grid for the 19-lap, 100-kilometre race, with Verstappen securing pole position in a difficult phase. Most drivers opted to start the race on medium tires, with only a few, such as Yuki Tsunoda and Logan Sargeant, opting for the soft tires.

At the start, Verstappen defended his position against Leclerc, while Pérez and Ricciardo engaged in an exciting battle for third place. Further back, there was drama with Norris spinning and suffering terminal damage due to an incident in the first corner.

Throughout the race, Verstappen maintained his lead over Leclerc, despite having balance and grip issues. Pérez remained in third place, while Ricciardo had to defend himself from the attacks of his rivals.

In the final laps, there were intense battles on the track, with Hamilton fighting for positions and facing penalties. Verstappen managed to stay calm and cross the finish line in first place, followed by Leclerc and Pérez on the podium.

In short, it was a race full of excitement and action in which Verstappen demonstrated his skill and determination to take victory in the Miami Grand Prix.

CLASSIFICATION

1, Max Verstappen, RED BULL RACING HONDA RBPT 31:31.383 8 Points
2, Charles Leclerc, FERRARI +3.371 7 "
3 Sergio Perez RED BULL RACING HONDA RBPT +5.095 6 "
4 Daniel Ricciardo RB HONDA RBPT +14.971 5 "
5 Carlos Sainz FERRARI +15.222 4 "
6 Oscar Piastri MCLAREN MERCEDES +15.750 3 "
7 Nico Hulkenberg HAAS FERRARI +22.054 2 "
8 Yuki Tsunoda RB HONDA RBPT +29.816 1 "
9 Pierre Gasly ALPINE RENAULT
10 Logan Sargeant WILLIAMS MERCEDES
11 Zhou Guanyu KICK SAUBER FERRARI

12 George Russell MERCEDES
13 Alexander Albon WILLIAMS MERCEDES
14 Valtteri Bottas KICK SAUBER FERRARI
15 Esteban Ocon ALPINE RENAULT
16 Lewis Hamilton MERCEDES
17 Fernando Alonso ASTON MARTIN ARAMCO MERCEDES
18 Kevin Magnussen HAAS FERRARI

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