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FUN IN STORE AFTER QUALIFYING UNFOLDS

How good is it to hear drivers talk about having fun? Mexico and the AHR provide it, as qualifying showed. This is how some key players saw it:

Max Verstappen, Red Bull, qualified 3rd:

“I am very pleased with the way qualifying went, we have put ourselves on the second row again which means we are in an ideal position to fight from the start. It’s still a hard lap out there, everyone is in the same position and has to adapt to the slippery conditions. It’s fun, but a different kind of fun. At some tracks you can have a perfect lap but here it is so hard.”

Lewis Hamilton, Mercedes, pole position:

“It’s a long, long run down to turn one so the start will be important. But our long run pace has looked really strong and we’re on the better tyre, so the signs are good... The car has been great this weekend, so I hope that continues through tomorrow. This is a race I haven’t won yet and I’d love to tick it off the list in front of this amazing crowd, who have been really spectacular all weekend.”

Nico Rosberg, Mercedes, qualified 2nd:

“I’m not happy to have missed out on the pole position. But, on the other hand, starting from second place here is not that bad. It will be a challenging race and we need to have an eye on the Red Bull. I think the Mexican fans will have an exciting Sunday. It was so great to see so many of them out there today. They are so full of passion and it feels really great to see that when you’re out there on track.”

Carlos Sainz, Toro Rosso, qualified 10th:

“Here we are, P10 again for the second consecutive time in one week! It’s a massive achievement for me and the team! I’m feeling very confident in the car lately and I think this is part of the reason why we are achieving these positive results. I’m going through a good moment and both the team and I can be extremely proud about this – what we’ve been achieving during these two couple of races is not easy! I’m very happy. We need to be cautious but we will for sure have some fun!”

Valtteri Bottas, Williams, qualified 8th:

“It was a very good qualifying session and we finished more or less where we should have done today. We need to make sure we get everything right tomorrow. It’s a good starting point for the race. We’ve split the Force India’s, so the main thing is we try and be ahead of both of them. We can beat them.”

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