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## All Interviews After the first 7 Races at Valentino Rossi #46

### All the interviews with The Doctor #46

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Valentino Rossi, nine times World Champion, reviews and comments on his races.

MotoGP 2019 Round N° 1

Valentino Rossi GP Qatar Losail Circuit

"We worked hard from yesterday to today, we modified the setting of the bike, also for the race we made some other adjustments. We worked well and I'm happy, it was a good race. I felt good with the bike today and I also enjoyed coming from the back, so it's not so bad. I arrived in fifth, that's good, especially because I'm 0.6s from the victory, but at this track we are always good. We have to keep working because in some other places maybe we'll have more problems, but we'll take this result. I tried to get on the podium, but I was not strong enough."

MotoGP 2019 Round N° 2

Valentino Rossi GP Argentina Termas de Rio Hondo Circuit

"It's been a long time - since Sachsenring last year - that I've been on the podium. This second place is especially satisfying, because at the last two races last year, Malaysia and Valencia, I was lying in first and second place, but I made some mistakes. Finishing the championship like that was very difficult to accept, so also for this reason this result is so important for me, my team, and Yamaha, after a difficult period. I'm so happy! I tried to stay in front, because I expected to be faster, but today with the increased temperatures I struggled a bit more. Dovizioso stayed in front of me and rode a very good race with a good pace. We were able to break away from the guys behind us and be on our own. In that moment I knew I had to be very precise on braking to take second place, without making any mistake of even 1cm, else Dovizioso would pass me again. At that moment I was riding good, I entered very fast. I'm happy because, first of all, overtaking on the last lap is always special, and also because I did very good on braking."

MotoGP 2019 Round N° 3

Valentino Rossi GP Americas Cota Circuit

"I'm very sorry for missing out on the victory, because when I saw Márquez crash I said to myself 'Maybe I can do it', but after that Rins arrived. Sincerely, I pushed to the maximum, the race was very fast, I did one good lap after another, but in the end he was better than I was. I was riding very well, and I wasn't able to overtake him. It's a shame because I haven't won for a long time, but we are strong, and we will try again next time. On a positive note, I tried everything today, I rode a very good race and stayed in front for a long time. Riding on the limit, unfortunately I made some mistakes. Maybe if had done everything perfectly I could have tried to attack on the last lap again. So, mixed feelings: on the one side, I'm sorry about the victory, and on the other side it's a great result after a great weekend. I was strong and I rode a very good last lap, but I didn't want to do anything too crazy because 20 points are very important for the championship, which is still very open. It looks like we are strong this year and that the bike has improved, and these are the most important things, because maybe we can fight at the front many times this season."

MotoGP 2019 Round N° 4

Valentino Rossi GP Spain Jerez Circuit

"We made the choice of the tyre at the very last moment. I wanted to race with the medium, but later the temperature rose a lot and we thought "Medium or hard? Medium or hard? Medium or hard?". In the end we put in the hard, and I think this is the big thing we could have changed. I'm very curious to try the race with the medium, because at the end Maverick was good. I did a good start, but at the beginning I didn't have enough pace to overtake, but on the second half of the race I was good. I was stronger and my pace wasn't too

bad, good enough to overtake, go, and take some points, which are good for the championship. I think that if I had started more towards the front I could have stayed with the front group, around where Maverick was. The pace of today's race was very, very fast. I was like 25 seconds faster than my race last year, the gap to first position is less, I felt more comfortable on the bike, and especially on the last lap I was fast. Now we have to concentrate on the next few races."

#### MotoGP 2019 Round N°5

Valentino Rossi GP France Le Mans Circuit

"I was hoping to be able to get on the podium today. Still, it was a positive weekend, better than in Jerez. We started the race well and the pace was good. In fact, I arrived at the finish very closely behind our main rivals. Unfortunately, we lost out on acceleration, and because of that it was very difficult to stay with the front-runners, out of the corners they're very fast. But during the weekend we worked well, and our bike was fast. In the parts where you have to really ride hard, I was strong. At the end of the race I felt better, and I managed to stay together with Dovizioso, Petrucci, and Miller. I was hoping to overtake Miller, but I needed to be a bit faster to attack. Now, we immediately start thinking about Mugello. Let's see if we can be a bit more competitive there."

#### MotoGP 2019 Round N°6

Valentino Rossi GP Italy Mugello Circuit

"It was a very difficult weekend, because I was always very slow. We expected to be more competitive, so it was difficult to manage. We also made some mistakes in the practice: I made a mistake in FP3 and because of it I started very far towards the back of the grid. In the race, my pace wasn't fantastic. I tried to overtake Mir, but he tried to defend his position, and unfortunately we touched. Luckily, we didn't crash, but we went onto the gravel. After that I tried to push to recover and I lost the front and crashed, so it's a bad end to a difficult weekend, especially since it's in Mugello. But that's the way it is. We will try to do better."

#### MotoGP 2019 Round N°7

Valentino Rossi GP Catalunya Montmelò Circuit

"È un vero peccato, perché abbiamo fatto un buon weekend, abbiamo lavorato bene durante le sessioni di prove e abbiamo anche fatto una buona scelta di gomme, mi sono sentito davvero a mio agio sulla moto e stamattina ho avuto un buon passo, ma sembrava come questo pomeriggio è stato anche meglio, ero molto ottimista, ma sfortunatamente in quell'angolo ho cercato di superare Petrucci e sono già arrivato un po' veloce, nello stesso momento è successo lo schianto davanti a me, quindi non ho potuto evitare il la moto di Jorge ed io siamo caduti in rovina ed è un peccato, perché avrei potuto fare una buona gara, mi sentivo forte, il lato positivo è stato un weekend migliore rispetto al Mugello, ero competitivo e mi piaceva molto di più, quindi ricominceremo da questo punto".

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