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PIAGGIO GROUP: APRILIA'S FIRST DOUBLE PODIUM IN QATAR WITH MARCO BEZZECCHI ON THE TOP STEP AND RAÚL FERNÁNDEZ IN THIRD PLACE

THIS IS APRILIA RACING'S NINTH VICTORY OF THE SEASON

Jorge Martín finished seventh, having raced with a still-fractured wrist

Milan, 09 November 2026 – **Aprilia Racing, the Piaggio Group's (PIA.MI) racing team, finished the MotoGP race at the Lusail International Circuit in Qatar with a win and another double podium finish in the main race.**

Starting from pole position, Marco Bezzecchi was the undisputed star of the race, holding the lead from the first corner to the last. This is the Italian rider's sixth win of the season, following his victories at Buriram, Goiânia, Austin, Mugello and Indonesia, and his twelfth in the premier class. Bezzecchi thus becomes the first rider in history to win his first twelve Grand Prix races in the premier class at twelve different circuits. With this victory, he also reaches the milestone of 30 career podiums in the premier class and his twelfth podium of the season, equalling Sete Gibernau in 28th place on the all-time list in the premier class.

Jorge Martín finished in seventh place at the end of a race in which he showed great character, having started from the fourth row. The Spanish rider demonstrated great determination throughout the weekend, also securing third place in the sprint race and managing to remain competitive despite the pain and a physical condition that was not yet optimal following his crash in the sprint race at Phillip Island.

There was also an excellent performance from the SuperFile Trackhouse MotoGP Team riders, with Raúl Fernández – returning from injury – completing the Aprilia Racing podium in Qatar. Ai Ogura, meanwhile, finished in fourth place. Thanks to these results, Aprilia Racing secured four RS-GP26s in the top ten in the Qatar race.

Bezzecchi's victory brings Aprilia Racing's tally for the season to nine wins and its total in the top class to 17. The victory in Qatar also sees the Noale-based manufacturer reach 311 wins in the World Championship. For Aprilia Racing, this is also its best-ever result at the Lusail circuit, where it had never previously finished on the podium.

MARCO BEZZECCHI
"In the first few laps, I tried to push and get clear of the group. After that, it was all about managing the race, because with the tyre wear, front and rear, it wasn't easy. I'm very happy with this win. We've done a good job and we're enjoying it. Now we go home to rest, so we're ready for Portimão."

JORGE MARTÍN
"The fracture is improving every day, and I'm sure I'll be close to 100% at Portimão. I gave it everything in the race but starting that far back it was hard to try a comeback like Saturday's. I couldn't make the most of the bike's potential, because physically I still didn't have the strength to stop it the way I needed to. So I kept losing a few tenths. I gave it a go, and in the circumstances, I think seventh is a good result."

MASSIMO RIVOLA

"It has been a weekend of real emotion. Jorge, back at a track where last year he put his career at risk, rode heroically in the sprint, despite the fracture to his right radius. In the long race he rode through the pain once again, while Marco was simply perfect. A thoroughly deserved win, though it leaves a slightly bitter taste that he deserved to win the sprint as well. It was also good to see the SuperFile Trackhouse MotoGP Team so competitive. This is a recognition for the work at Noale, where they keep refusing to give up. Congratulations to everyone."

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