

Marc Marquez wins Catalunya MotoGP Sprint as brother crashes

- Marc secures 14th Sprint victory this season
- Alex Marquez crashes from comfortable lead
- Quartararo finishes second, Di Giannantonio third
- Ducati wins Constructors' World Championship

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Marc Marquez continued his winning streak with a Catalunya MotoGP Sprint victory yesterday after his brother Alex Marquez crashed out in the lead.

Polesitter Alex Marquez was comfortably ahead on his Gresini Ducati but came to grief with four laps to go, allowing his older sibling to record a 14th triumph in 15 Sprint races this season. Alex claimed the other at Silverstone.

Alex Marquez flung his arms up and down in frustration in front of his home fans after picking himself up off the gravel, as six-time world champion Marc Marquez extended his overall lead to 187 points over his brother in second.

Fabio Quartararo came second in the sprint with Fabio Di Giannantonio third.

Marc Marquez's victory



Ducati Lenovo Team's Spanish MotoGP rider Marc Marquez celebrates winning the MotoGP Sprint Race of the Moto Grand Prix of Catalonia at the Circuit de Catalunya

helped ensure Ducati, ridden by three teams, won the 2025 Constructors' World Championship title.

"I am very happy for the victory and for the Ducati team, because we have won the constructors' championship," said Marc Marquez.

"When Alex went down, I had thrown in the towel because he was going faster, but maybe at that moment he relaxed and the fall happened.

"He is still the favourite for tomorrow because he has the best pace."

Pedro Acosta on a KTM leapt into second in the first lap but Marc Marquez overtook at the start of the second

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Marc Marquez has now won 14 of 15 sprint races this season - his only loss coming when brother Alex won at Silverstone

to stay behind his brother, who seemed untouchable until crashing on turn 10 of the ninth lap.

That allowed Yamaha rider Quartararo to come in second, 1.299s behind Marc Marquez.

Quartararo said that finishing second "means a lot for us, above all to be here fighting with the Marquez brothers.

"This result makes me feel very happy because we came from two very difficult races and I'm really pleased."

Last year's champion Jorge Martin, still looking for his best form after injury troubles, crashed out of the race in a collision with Franco Morbidelli in lap seven.

Francesco Bagnaia started in 21st on the grid, after his worst qualifying performance since 2022, and finished 14th.

AYG Executive panel partners with Hassan & Partners Law Firm



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The Executive Committee of the Third Asian Youth Games, set to be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain from October 22 to 31, 2025, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hassan & Partners Law Firm. The agreement was signed by Mr. Yousef Duaij, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Mr. Hasan Ali Al Shatti, Founder and Partner of the law firm, at the committee's headquarters Seef district.

Under this memorandum, Hasan & Partners will provide comprehensive legal support and consultations to the Executive Committee, establishing legal cooperation between both parties.

On this occasion, Duaij stated, "In light of our national role in successfully hosting the Games and showcasing the culture of Bahrain as a leading

platform for continental sporting events, we are pleased to sign this memorandum with Hassan & Partners to provide legal advice for the committee's operations. This collaboration will help establish the legal frameworks necessary to ensure our success and the execution of all agreements and contracts in accordance with approved legal guidelines."

In turn, Hassan Ali Al Shatti expressed his pride in signing the memorandum with the Executive Committee of the Games. He emphasized the importance of monitoring and protecting the legal and commercial rights associated with the Games according to established standards, and highlighted the joint efforts to review contracts and agreements related to the organization of the event. This collaboration aims to present the Games in the best possible way from all aspects.

Bahrain U23 demolish Brunei in Asian Cup qualifiers

Ten-goal Bahrain bounce back in style

- 5 goals in each half
 - Bahrain face group leaders next
- Hussain Almaskati
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Bahrain's under-23 Olympic football team reignited their AFC U23 Asian Cup 2026 qualifying campaign with a ruthless 10-0 win over Brunei Darussalam in Doha yesterday.

After a disappointing 0-2 defeat to India in their opening match, the young Bahrainis produced a relentless attacking display at Suheim Bin Hamad Stadium to claim their first points in Group H and keep their qualification hopes alive.

Five goals came in a sensational first half. Abdulla Obaidli struck twice, opening the scoring in just the third minute before adding a second midway through the half. Saud Mohsin, Abdulrahman Al Khayyat, and captain Mubarak Mohammed also found the net before the break to put Bahrain firmly in

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Bahrain made their U23 Asian Cup debut in 2020, reaching the finals in Bangkok for the first time in their history

control.

The scoring didn't stop there. Mohammed added his second goal in the 48th minute, Sayed Mahmood AlMoosawi made it seven in the 61st, Khalid Khalaf struck in the 71st, and Abdulla AlSubaiei rounded off the rout with goals in the 87th and 96th minutes.

The win was a welcome response for head coach Ali Abdulmajeed and his side, who had been under pressure to deliver following the setback against India. It also gave them a huge boost in goal difference, which is a factor that could prove decisive



Bahrain's players celebrate with the traveling fans

in the race for qualification.

Group H is now finely poised. Hosts Qatar lead the standings with two wins from two, after they beat India yesterday. Bahrain

sit second with three points, level with India but ahead on goal difference thanks to their 10-0 thrashing of Brunei. Brunei are bottom of the group with no



AlSubaiei crowns the night with Bahrain's double digits

runners-up from the 11 qualifying pools — the pathway to next year's AFC U23 Asian Cup in Saudi Arabia.

The night was a positive step for a squad aiming to reach the continental tournament for only the second time in their history, having made their debut at the 2020 edition in Bangkok. The Bahrainis will now turn their attention to their final group fixture against Qatar on Tuesday at 8pm.