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MotoGP: Valentino Rossi wins in Assen

Valentino Rossi The Best

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GDN - Today Valentino Rossi once again proves to be a fantastic champion Wins a fantastic race very difficult to handle because of the rain drops just a few laps from the end of the race
Nine-time world champion Valentino Rossi claimed victory for Yamaha in the Dutch TT at Assen as Andrea Dovizioso

took the lead in the MotoGP title race.

It was the Italian's first win since May 2016 but Ducati's Dovizioso, winner of the previous two races, was fifth to open up a four-point overall lead.

Previous leader Maverick Vinales, who began 11th on the grid, crashed his Yamaha with 14 laps remaining.

Britain's Cal Crutchlow was fourth for Honda.

Johann Zarco, in pole position for the first time, electing to pit for wet tyres (in what turned out to be a bad move), finished 14th on his Yamaha Tech3.

Rossi's 10th win at Assen - eight of which have been in MotoGP - lifted him to third in the standings, only seven points behind Dovizioso.

The 38-year-old's 115th grand prix win - and his 89th in the top class -

put him in contention for a first world title since 2009.

He passed Zarco to take the lead with 15 laps left and was unscathed when the Frenchman, winner of the Moto2 Championship for the past two years, clipped his rear wheel with an immediate attempt to regain the lead.

"This place is always special. The track is fantastic. I'm so happy for me and my team," said Rossi.

This race in Assen has again brought back all the champions in the world title struggle making the MotoGP world championship even more beautiful and spectacular.

Now Valentino will try to give the best to win the tenth world title even though it will not be simple because there are so many very good pilots as " Andrea Dovizioso, Marc Marquez, Maverik Vinales to beat.

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