

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## BARCELONA TEST 04 – DAY 1

Circuit de Catalunya (4.655 km)  
Driver: **Daniil Kvyat** - Car: **STR14-01**  
Best time: **1:17.679** - Laps: **121**

### **Daniil Kvyat (Car 26):**

"It was a productive first day of testing as we covered all of our programme and test items we had planned for today. The team worked flawlessly, and we had really reliable and consistent running which is what we wanted. We can put a big tick in the box for this test and hopefully we will learn a lot from it, so we can bring some new ideas to races in the near future."

### **Guillaume Dezoteux (Head of Vehicle Performance):**

"We had a very good first day of testing here in Barcelona. The good weather and faultless running from the car and Daniil allowed us to complete our programme. We were focused on aero data gathering in the morning, following the introduction of a new package during the race weekend just passed. We then worked on different setup directions on the C3 tyre compound to optimize and further understand our car and Daniil's requirements. In the afternoon, we continued our setup work on the C3 and performed some long runs for tyre optimization using the harder C2 tyre compound. We completed the day with a couple of short runs on the C4 tyre compound, which is one step softer than the soft tyre we used here during Qualifying."

"It is great to be back testing as it offers more opportunities to learn and secure clear answers about the car. Race weekends are often more difficult with limited running, variable tyre allocation, track evolution, and sometimes drivers learning a new track layout. It is always more difficult to be brave and try significantly different configurations. Now we will review all the data with our colleagues in Faenza and Bicester, and prepare the car for Alex's run plan for the final day of 2019 in-season testing tomorrow."

### **Masamitsu Motohashi (Honda F1 Deputy Technical Director):**

"It has been a productive first day of testing here in Barcelona. Using a testing PU fitted on Monday, Kvyat completed a high mileage, allowing us to acquire plenty of data. This is particularly useful as we have the figures from only a few days ago over the Spanish Grand Prix weekend to use as a benchmark. Some of our work was aimed at tuning the PU elements for the next race in Monaco. We also carried out routine tests as well as doing some long-term development work and we went through our programme as scheduled."

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