

## #12 Red Bull Indianapolis Grand Prix

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### MotoGP facts & figures

■ **Valentino Rossi** arrives at the Indianapolis Grand Prix in tremendous form having finished on the podium 18 times in the last 20 races including eleven victories. The only races during this period where he has not finished on the podium are the wet races in France and Britain; in both races he crashed and re-started. The victory last year at Indianapolis by Rossi was his 69th in the premier-class which gave him the record of most GP wins in the premier-class with one more than Giacomo Agostini who had held the record for 32 years.



■ **Jorge Lorenzo's** third place finish last year at Indianapolis was his first wet weather podium in any Grand Prix class.



■ **Dani Pedrosa** finished eighth last year at Indianapolis having his first ride on Bridgestone tyres. Indianapolis is one of just three circuits where Pedrosa has not had a MotoGP podium; the others are Misano and Phillip Island.



### Valentino Rossi becomes all-time top podium finisher

With his victory at Brno, Valentino Rossi becomes the rider with most Grand Prix podium finishes in the 61 years of the motorcycling world championships. His Czech Grand Prix win was the 160th occasion that he has stood on the podium across all classes, one more than the previous holder of the record Giacomo Agostini, whose last podium finish was in the 500cc race at the Czech GP in 1977, held on the old road circuit.

Other facts about Rossi's 160 podium finishes:

His first podium was third in the 125cc race at the Austrian GP in 1996 at the A1-Ring.

He has finished on the podium on six different motorcycles: 125cc Aprilia (15 podium finishes), 250cc Aprilia (21 podium finishes), 500cc 2-stroke Honda (23 podium finishes), 990cc 4-stroke Honda (31 podium finishes), 990cc 4-stroke Yamaha (37 podium finishes), 800cc 4-stroke Yamaha (33 podium finishes)

His 160 podium finishes have come from 221 GP starts which means he has finished on the podium in 72.4% of his races.

He has finished on the podium at 29 different circuits during his Grand Prix career.

The circuit at which he has had most podium finishes is Catalunya where he has finished in the top three every year since he won the 125cc race there in 1997, giving him a total of thirteen podium finishes at the circuit.

He finished on the podium at 23 successive races, a sequence that started at the Portuguese Grand Prix in 2002 and ended at the Spanish GP in 2004. This is a record for the longest sequence of successive podiums in Grand Prix racing.

Below is a list showing the top ten riders of all-time in terms of podium finishes in Grand Prix racing:

#### NUMBER OF PODIUM FINISHES IN ALL SOLO CLASSES OF GRAND PRIX RACING

Rider	Total podium finishes	Wins	Seconds	Thirds
1 Valentino Rossi	160	102	39	19
2 Giacomo Agostini	159	122	35	2
3 Angel Nieto	139	90	35	14
4 Phil Read	121	52	44	25
5 Mike Hailwood	112	76	25	11
6 Max Biaggi	111	42	41	28
7 Loris Capirossi	99	29	34	36
8 Jim Redman	98	45	33	20
9 Mick Doohan	95	54	31	10
10 Luigi Taveri	89	30	33	26



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■ If **Colin Edwards** finishes in the top fifteen at Indianapolis it will be his 20th successive points scoring finish. The last race at which he failed to score points was in Germany last year when he crashed.



■ **Andrea Dovizioso** finished fifth last year at Indianapolis but was leading the race at the end of the first lap – the first time he had ever led a MotoGP race.



■ **Marco Melandri's** crash at Brno after colliding with **Mika Kallio** was his first non-scoring race of the year.

■ **Alex de Angelis** has scored 68 points following the Czech Grand Prix which is five more than he attained in the whole of last season.

■ **Toni Elias's** third place finish at Brno was his first podium since third at Misano last year.

■ **Nicky Hayden's** second place finish last year at Indianapolis is the best result he has achieved since his world championship winning year of 2006.



## Thirteen year winning career for Valentino Rossi

**V**alentino Rossi's latest victory came at the Brno circuit where he took his very first Grand Prix win in the 125cc class thirteen years previously. To be exact, the time between Rossi's first win and his latest victory is 2 days short of 13 years, as shown in the following table. Currently his winning career is the fifth longest of all-time, however a victory in Indianapolis will place him fourth equal with fellow Italian Loris Reggiani in the list which is topped by Loris Capirossi.

LONGEST WINNING CAREERS IN GRAND PRIX RACING- ALL SOLO CLASSES			
Rider	First GP win	Last GP win	Length of winning GP career
1 Loris Capirossi	125cc/GB/1990	MotoGP/Japan/2007	17 years 49 days
2 Angel Nieto	50cc/E. Germany/1969	80cc/France/1985	16 years 8 days
3 Phil Read	350cc/GB/1961	500cc/Czech/1975	14 years 71 days
4 Loris Reggiani	125cc/GB/1980	250cc/Czech/1993	13 years 12 days
5 Valentino Rossi	125cc/Czech/1996	MotoGP/Czech/2009	12 years 363 days
6 Max Biaggi	250cc/South Africa/1992	MotoGP/Germany/2004	11 years 316 days
7 Toni Mang	125cc/W. Germany/1976	250cc/Japan/1988	11 years 211 days
8 Alex Barros	500cc/FIM/1993	MotoGP/Portugal/2005	11 years 203 days
9 Luigi Taveri	125cc/Spain/1955	125cc/Italy/1966	11 years 133 days
10 Giacomo Agostini	350cc/W. Germany/1965	500cc/W. Germany/1976	11 years 126 days



## Valentino Rossi set to reach another milestone

**F**ollowing his victory at the Czech Grand Prix, Valentino Rossi needs to score just ten more points to become the first rider ever to pass the milestone of 3000 career points in the premier-class of Grand Prix racing. The following table shows the ten riders who have accumulated the highest points' totals during their premier-class careers. The only other current rider appearing in this list is Loris Capirossi in fourth place.

RIDER	CAREER POINTS IN PREMIER-CLASS
1 Valentino Rossi	2990
2 Mick Doohan	2298
3 Alex Barros	2079
4 Loris Capirossi	1720
5 Max Biaggi	1624
6 Alex Criville	1610
7 Carlos Checa	1484
8 Eddie Lawson	1429
9 Sete Gibernau	1326
10 Wayne Rainey	1248.5

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■ **Aleix Espargaro** is riding as replacement rider for **Mika Kallio** in the Pramac Ducati team and will become the youngest Spanish rider ever to compete in the MotoGP class.

### 250cc facts & figures

■ As the 250cc race last year at Indianapolis was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions the winner of this year's race will go into the record books as the only rider to win a 250cc GP at Indianapolis before the move to Moto2 class for 2010.

■ **Marco Simoncelli** qualified on pole for the cancelled 250cc race at Indianapolis last year. Simoncelli has finished on the podium eighteen times in the last twenty-one races he has finished in the points, starting at the Portuguese Grand Prix last year.



■ Having won at the Czech Grand Prix, **Marco Simoncelli** will be aiming to be the first rider this year to take back-to-back wins in the 250cc class.

■ **Hiroshi Aoyama, Hector Barbera** and **Raffaele de Rosa** have all scored points in every race so far in 2009.



■ Honda have already scored 184 points in the 250cc constructors championship this year which is ten more points than they scored in the whole of last season.

### USA riders in MotoGP

The two American riders in MotoGP, Nicky Hayden and Colin Edwards, are continuing a strong tradition of riders from the USA in the premier-class of Grand Prix racing. In total the USA has had a total of 153 Grand Prix victories and only Italy, with 216 victories as a nation, has had more success in the premier-class. The first rider from the USA to finish on a Grand Prix podium was Budd Parriott, in 1965 at the USA GP held at Daytona. There was then a gap of 11 years before the next rider from the USA enjoyed podium success, the rider being Pat Hennen who also became the first US rider to win a Grand Prix. The following table shows career details of all 17 riders from the USA who have appeared on the podium in the premier-class:

RIDER	500CC/ MOTOGP WORLD TITLES	STARTS	WINS	PODIUM FINISHES	POLES
Eddie Lawson	4	127	31	78	18
Wayne Rainey	3	83	24	64	15
Kenny Roberts	3	58	22	39	18
Freddie Spencer	2	62	20	31	27
Kevin Schwantz	1	104	25	51	29
Kenny Roberts Jnr.	1	167	8	22	10
Nicky Hayden	1	110	3	25	5
Randy Mamola	0	144	13	54	5
John Kocinski	0	71	4	19	9
Pat Hennen	0	24	3	12	0
Colin Edwards	0	113	0	11	3
Steve Baker	0	20	0	7	1
Mike Baldwin	0	39	0	6	1
Doug Chandler	0	54	0	6	2
John Hopkins	0	111	0	4	1
Scott Russell	0	19	0	2	0
Buddy Parriott	0	2	0	1	0



### Aprilia extend winning streak in 125cc class

Nicolas Terol's victory at Brno was the 12th successive win for Aprilia in the 125cc class. This is the longest sequence of successive wins achieved by Aprilia in the 125cc class as shown in the following list. A win for an Aprilia rider at the Indianapolis Grand Prix will extend the streak to 13 successive wins equalling the longest ever sequence in the 125cc class by an Italian manufacturer.

#### NUMBER OF SUCCESSIVE WINS BY MANUFACTURER IN THE 125CC CLASS

- ..... 19 - Honda – 1990/91
- ..... 17 - Honda – 1992/93
- ..... 13 - Minarelli – 1978/79
- ..... 12 - Honda – 1961/62
- ..... Aprilia – 2008/09

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■ **Nicolas Terol's** victory at the Czech Grand Prix was the second win of his GP career – his first was at the Indianapolis Grand Prix last year.



■ **Andrea Iannone's** third place at the Czech Grand Prix was the fifth time he has appeared on a Grand Prix podium; however it is the first time he has been on a podium and not stood on the top step.



■ If any Aprilia rider finishes either first or second at the Indianapolis Grand Prix, it will give Aprilia their ninth constructors title in the 125cc class.



### Grand Prix racing numbers

**150** – Loris Capirossi's 5th at Brno was the 150th time he has finished in a point scoring position in the premier-class. Only one rider has had more premier-class points scoring finishes – Alex Barros with 195.

**56** – Valentino Rossi's pole at Brno was the 56th time that he has started from pole across all classes of Grand Prix racing. This is exactly the same number of Grand Prix poles as his great rival Max Biaggi achieved during his Grand Prix career. Since 1973, when full pole position records are available, only one rider has started from pole on more occasions and that is Mick Doohan who started from pole on 58 occasions during his Grand Prix career.

**33 years** – The day of qualifying at Indianapolis will be the 33rd anniversary of Giacomo Agostini taking his last 500cc victory at the German Grand Prix in 1976 at the Nurburgring riding an MV Agusta. This was also the very last 500cc win by a four-stroke motorcycle.

**31 seconds** – The pace of development of the 800cc MotoGP machines is illustrated by the race time at the Czech GP being 31 seconds faster than the fastest ever race time achieved by a 990cc MotoGP machine which was by Loris Capirossi on a Ducati in 2006.

**22 years** – Race day at Indianapolis will be the 22nd anniversary of Aprilia taking their first GP win in the 250cc class at the San Marino GP in 1987 with Loris Reggiani.

**15** – This will be the 15th occasion that there has been a motorcycle Grand Prix held in the USA. The first two events in 1964 and 1965 were held at the famous Daytona circuit. Eleven GP events have taken place at the Laguna Seca circuit and this is the second to be held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

**7** – Yamaha riders have been on pole at the last seven MotoGP races. This is the longest sequence of successive poles for Yamaha in the premier-class since 1986.

**3** – Indianapolis is one of just three circuits on this year's calendar where Ducati have not had a MotoGP win. The others are Estoril and Le Mans.

**3** – Following the Czech GP, where Casey Stoner failed to start and Marco Melandri crashed out; there are now just three riders in the MotoGP class to have scored points at every race this year: Colin Edwards, Chris Vermeulen and Alex de Angelis.

**3** – Valentino Rossi has started from pole at the last three MotoGP races. This equals his longest sequence of successive poles on a Yamaha which achieved in the last two races of 2006 and first race of 2007.

