

## MotoGP facts & figures

■ **Valentino Rossi's** victory last year at Misano was his 68th victory in the premier-class of Grand Prix racing which saw him equal one of the most coveted and long standing records in the sport – Giacomo Agostini's total number of wins in the premier-class. In 2007 Rossi retired on lap five at Misano with mechanical problems.



■ **Jorge Lorenzo** won the 250cc GP at Misano two years ago from pole and last year was second in the MotoGP race to team-mate Rossi which was a return to form after a period in which he had suffered several painful crashes and gone seven races without a podium finish. Following his victory at Indianapolis Lorenzo will be aiming to score back-to-back MotoGP victories for the first time.



■ Misano is one of just three current circuits at which **Dani Pedrosa** has not had a MotoGP podium. The other two are Indianapolis and Phillip Island. Pedrosa did not finish the first lap at Misano in 2007 as he was knocked off by De Puniet at the first left hand bend. Last year he finished fourth when having his last race on Michelin tyres.

■ **Andrea Dovizioso** retired from the 250cc race in 2007 at Misano with mechanical problems after leading the race across the line for the first seventeen laps. Last year he qualified down in 14th place on the grid but made his way up to fifth by the middle of the race only to fade back to eighth by the end.

■ **Colin Edwards'** race performances at Misano have exactly equalled his qualifying results; in 2007 he qualified ninth and finished ninth, last year he qualified tenth and finished tenth.

## Alex de Angelis takes milestone MotoGP podium

Alex de Angelis' second place finish at the Indianapolis Grand Prix set a number of new records and milestones:

This was De Angelis' first podium finish since moving up to the MotoGP class at the start of last year.

De Angelis is the first ever rider from San Marino to finish on the podium in the premier-class.

His second place finish is the best dry weather result of the year by a rider from a satellite team in MotoGP.

This is the best result by a rider in a satellite Honda team since Marco Melandri finished second at the Malaysian GP in 2007.



## Yamaha set to take 50th win with four-stroke MotoGP bike

Jorge Lorenzo's victory at the Indianapolis Grand Prix was the 49th victory for Yamaha since the introduction of the four-stroke MotoGP class at the start of 2002. As shown in the following table, Honda are still the most successful manufacturer during the four-stroke MotoGP era, however Yamaha are closing fast with their more successful 800cc machine:

### FOUR-STROKE MOTOGP WINS BY MANUFACTURER

.....	1. Honda	54	(6 x 800cc, 48 x 990cc)
.....	2. Yamaha	49	(22 x 800cc, 27 x 990cc)
.....	3. Ducati	26	(19 x 800cc, 7 x 990cc)
.....	4. Suzuki	1	(1 x 800cc)

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Misano

■ **Alex de Angelis** finished fifth in the 250cc race at Misano two years ago and last year crashed out of the MotoGP race on the second lap.

■ **Loris Capirossi** is the only current GP rider to have raced in a Grand Prix on the previous track configuration at Misano where he finished on the podium three times: in the 125cc class in 1990 and 1991, and in the 250cc class in 1993.

■ **Randy de Puniet** has failed to finish the first lap on both previous visits to Misano after qualifying well in fourth on the grid both times; in 2007 he crashed at the first left-hand corner and last year he crashed at the final corner of the first lap.

■ **Marco Melandri** finished fourth and top Honda rider at the San Marino Grand Prix in 2007 after having a big crash in free practice and qualifying down in 12th place on the grid. Last year at Misano he had one of his better weekends of 2008 riding the factory Ducati, finishing ninth after ending the first lap down in sixteenth place.



■ **Chris Vermeulen's** second place in 2007 at Misano equalled his best ever dry weather GP result. He finished fifth last year after qualifying in seventh and then suffering a near highside on the first lap that dropped him down to thirteenth.



■ **Nicky Hayden** finished 13th at Misano two years ago after qualifying on the front row but had to run into the gravel on the first lap to avoid the De Puniet crash. Last year he missed the race due to injuries riding a Supermoto bike which were made worse by a big crash during practice. Hayden's third at the Indianapolis Grand Prix was his first podium since he joined Ducati for 2009.

## Hiroshi Aoyama scheduled to make 100th Grand Prix start

Championship leader Hiroshi Aoyama is scheduled to make his 100th Grand Prix start at the San Marino Grand Prix. Below are some facts and figures about Hiroshi Aoyama's Grand Prix career:

Aoyama finished eighth on his Grand Prix debut as a wild-card rider at the Pacific Grand Prix at Motegi in 2000. He made a total of seven appearances as a wild-card rider at Motegi and Suzuka before becoming a full-time Grand Prix rider at the start of 2004.

His first podium came in just his sixth GP start at the Japanese Grand Prix of 2003 at Suzuka when he finished second after starting from pole for the first time.

His first win came at Motegi in 2005 when he was followed home by Dani Pedrosa and Casey Stoner.

He competed on Honda machinery up to the end of 2005 and then did three seasons riding the factory KTM bikes before returning to Honda for this year.

His win in Turkey in 2006 was the very first victory for KTM in the 250cc category of Grand Prix racing.

Aoyama's victory at Jerez earlier this year took him to the top of the championship standings for the first time in his GP career.

His win at Donington resulted in him becoming just the fifth rider of all-time to pass the milestone of 1000 career points in the 250cc class.

He will be the first Japanese rider to reach the milestone of 100 Grand Prix starts in the 250cc class.

He has not missed starting a Grand Prix since making his debut as a full-time GP rider at the first race of 2004.



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■ **James Toseland's** sixth place finish at the Indianapolis Grand Prix equalled his best ever MotoGP result that he has now achieved on nine occasions.

■ **Toni Elias** has put in two good performances at Misano; in 2007 he was seventh still suffering pain from the leg he had broken at the Dutch TT and last year he was the first Ducati rider home in third.



■ **Mika Kallio** has not had a race finish in the previous two visits to Misano racing in the 250cc class. He had a high-sider with three laps to go in 2007 and last year collided with his team-mate Aoyama which ended both their races



■ **Gabor Talmacsi** set a lap record last year at Misano on his way to winning the 125cc GP having qualified on pole position.

■ **Aleix Espargaro** finished thirteenth at Indianapolis on his debut riding a MotoGP machine to become the youngest ever Spanish rider to score points in the premier-class, taking the record from Dani Pedrosa. Espargaro retired from the 250cc race last year at Misano after qualifying on the front row for the first time in his GP career.

### 250cc facts & figures

■ **Hiroshi Aoyama** finished second two years ago at Misano behind world champion Jorge Lorenzo. Last year he was knocked off by KTM team-mate Mika Kallio on the fourth lap.

■ **Alvaro Bautista** won the 250cc race last year at the San Marino GP after qualifying down in 11th place on the grid.

### Pole position jinx for Spanish riders

Once again at the Indianapolis Grand Prix the two Spanish riders who qualified on pole failed to go on to win the race. So far this year Spanish riders have dominated the pole position without converting them into wins, as shown by the following facts:

Spanish riders have taken nineteen pole positions across the three GP classes so far this year from the thirty-four races that have taken place.

On only one occasion in 2009 has a Spanish rider gone on to win the race from pole position – Julian Simon at the German Grand Prix.

This is just 5% of wins from pole for Spanish riders this year against an overall average of more than 40% of riders on pole who go on to win the race.

The last Spanish rider to win from pole in the 250cc class is Alvaro Bautista at the Dutch TT last year – since then Spanish riders have started from pole on eight occasions in the 250cc class without going on to win the race.

In the MotoGP class, the last Spanish rider to win from pole was Jorge Lorenzo in Portugal last year. Since then Spanish riders have started from MotoGP pole on nine occasions without going on to win.



### Derbi set for half century of 125cc wins

Pole Espargaro's debut Grand Prix victory at the Indianapolis GP was also the first victory of the year for the Derbi factory team. This was Derbi's 49th Grand Prix victory in the 125cc class and one more win will make them only the third manufacturer to reach the milestone of half-century GP wins in the 125cc class. The following table shows the five manufacturers who have most success in the 125cc class; this is still headed by Honda in spite of their last success being at the French GP in 2006 with Thomas Luthi riding.

#### 125CC GRAND PRIX WINS BY MANUFACTURER

.....	1. Honda	164
.....	2. Aprilia	127
.....	3. Derbi	49
.....	4. Yamaha	47
.....	5. Garelli	44

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■ Misano is one of just two circuits of those currently being used where **Marco Simoncelli** has not had a podium finish in the 250cc class; the other is the Losail circuit in Qatar. Simoncelli's win in Indianapolis made him the first rider this year to take back-to-back wins in the 250cc class.

■ **Hector Barbera** has finished third in the 250cc GP in each of the two visits to Misano. Last year he also started from pole – one of his two pole positions of 2008.

■ **Matti Pasini** won the 125cc race at Misano in 2007 and last year he crashed out of the 250cc race on lap twelve after a collision with Hector Barbera while battling for the lead.

■ **Lukas Pesek** finished ninth last year at the San Marino Grand Prix – his best result of his debut season in the 250cc class.

■ **Mike di Meglio** crashed out of the 125cc race last year at Misano – the only race in which he failed to score points on his way to winning the 125cc world title. His fourth place finish at Indianapolis was his best result since he was third at the opening race of the year in Qatar.

■ **Roberto Locatelli** finished fourth last year at Misano which equalled his best result of 2008.

### 125cc facts & figures

■ None of the riders currently competing in the 125cc class have previously won a GP at the Misano circuit.

■ **Julian Simon** has raced in the 250cc class for the past two years at Misano, finishing 10th in 2007 on a Honda and 5th last year on a KTM.



■ **Pol Espargaro**, the winner from Indianapolis, is scheduled to make his 50th Grand Prix start at the San Marino GP.

■ **Bradley Smith** finished second last year at Misano which equalled his best result of 2008.

## Grand Prix racing numbers

24 – Hungarian 250cc rider Imre Toth will celebrate his 24th birthday on race day at Misano.

23 – The 2005 125cc world champion Thomas Luthi will celebrate his 23rd birthday on race day at Misano.

20 – Colin Edwards' fifth place finish at the Indianapolis GP was his 20th successive point scoring result.

17 – On race day at Misano it will be exactly seventeen years since Alessandro Gramigni finished third in the final 125cc GP race of 1992 in South Africa to become the first Aprilia rider to win a world title.

12 – Pol Espargaro's win at Indianapolis on a Derbi ended a run of 12 successive 125cc wins by Aprilia – their longest ever sequence of successive 125cc GP wins.

12 – Misano has staged Grand Prix events on twelve previous occasions, the first of which was in 1980. The ten occasions that a GP was hosted at Misano up to 1993 the races were run in the opposite direction around the circuit to those held in the last two years.

11 – There have been eleven previous San Marino Grand Prix events. The first San Marino Grand Prix was held at Imola in 1981. Three different circuits have hosted the San Marino Grand Prix – Imola twice (1981 & 1983), Mugello four times (1982, 84, 91 and 93) and Misano on five occasions (1985, 86, 87, 2007 and 2008).

9 – Nine different riders have appeared on the podium in the MotoGP class in the last three races. The last time that three successive races in the premier-class has resulted in nine different riders appearing on the podium was back in 1992 at the German, Dutch and Hungarian Grand Prix.

9 – Bradley Smith's second place finish at Indianapolis secured Aprilia the 125cc constructor's title for the ninth time.

5 – At the Indianapolis Grand Prix, Nicky Hayden became just the 5th rider to finish on the podium on the 800cc Ducati, joining Casey Stoner, Loris Capirossi, Toni Elias and Alex Barros.

2 – Misano is one of just two current circuits where Rossi has not started from pole riding a MotoGP machine; the other is Laguna Seca.

