

## #12 Gran Premio Aperol di San Marino e della Riviera di Rimini

Misano

### MotoGP facts & figures

■ **Jorge Lorenzo** won the 250cc GP at Misano three years ago from pole. In 2008 Lorenzo arrived at Misano following a period in which he had suffered several painful crashes and gone seven races without a podium finish, but finished second in the MotoGP race to team-mate Rossi. Last year was a repeat of the 2008 result, with Lorenzo finishing a couple of seconds behind Rossi.



■ **Dani Pedrosa's** third place finish last year at the San Marino GP was his first podium finish at the Misano circuit. He did not finish the first lap at Misano in 2007, as he was knocked off by De Pu-niet at the first left hand bend. In 2008 he was the first Honda rider across the line in fourth place.



■ In 2007 at Misano, **Casey Stoner** did the clean sweep of pole position, start to finish race win and record lap. He again qualified on pole in 2008 but crashed out whilst leading on lap eight. Last year the San Marino Grand Prix was one of the races that he missed suffering from illness.

■ **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. In 2008 in his first race at the circuit on a MotoGP machine, he qualified down in 14th place on the grid but finished eighth after running as high as fifth in mid-race. Last year at Misano he had his first race using new Ohlins suspension and finished fourth after qualifying down in eighth place on the grid.

### Jorge Lorenzo and Dani Pedrosa continue great rivalry

The great rivalry between Jorge Lorenzo and Dani Pedrosa has continued over recent weeks, with each rider taking two victories from the last four MotoGP races. The rivalry between the two riders is illustrated with some facts and figures below:

The two riders are lying first and second in the current world championship standings and between them have won the last ten MotoGP races.

This year the two riders have filled the first two places on six occasions in the first eleven races of the year.

Dani Pedrosa's victory at the Indianapolis Speedway was the 34th victory of his Grand Prix career. This is one more victory than Jorge Lorenzo has had during his Grand Prix career.

Jorge Lorenzo has taken twelve wins since moving into the MotoGP class, which is just one more MotoGP victory than Dani Pedrosa.

Following the Indianapolis Grand Prix, Jorge Lorenzo and Dani Pedrosa have now stood on the podium together in the MotoGP class on seventeen occasions. On these seventeen occasions when both riders have been on the podium, Lorenzo has finished in front of Pedrosa eleven times and Pedrosa has come out on top six times.



### Honda and Yamaha battle it out in MotoGP

The battle between the two big Japanese manufacturers Honda and Yamaha continues in MotoGP, with each constructor taking two wins from the last four races. With the victory at the Indianapolis Grand Prix, Honda now have just one less victory in the MotoGP era than Yamaha:

#### FOUR-STROKE MOTOGP WINS BY MANUFACTURER

.....	1. Yamaha	59	(32 x 800cc, 27 x 990cc)
.....	2. Honda	58	(10 x 800cc, 48 x 990cc)
.....	3. Ducati	28	(21 x 800cc, 7 x 990cc)
.....	4. Suzuki	1	(1 x 800cc)

■ **Valentino Rossi** has won at Misano for the last two years; last year he also qualified on pole and set a new lap record. In 2007 Rossi retired on lap five at Misano with mechanical problems.

■ **Nicky Hayden** finished 13th at Misano in 2007 after qualifying on the front row and then running into the gravel on the first lap to avoid the De Puniet crash. In 2008 he missed the race due to injuries from a crash whilst riding a Supermoto bike, which were made worse by a big crash during practice. Last year on the Ducati he qualified sixth and was confident of a good result, but got knocked off by **Alex de Angelis** at turn 2 on the first lap.

■ **Ben Spies** competed in World Superbike at Misano last year; he won the first race, which was a flag-to-flag race with riders changing bikes. In the second race he was ninth after suffering mechanical problems from the start. Spies' second place finish at Indianapolis is the best result of the year by a Rookie, best result of the year by a non-factory rider and best result by an American rider since **Colin Edwards** finished second at Donington last year.



■ **Randy de Puniet** finished 12th last year at Misano, after running off the track on the first lap to avoid fallen riders and re-joining the race at the back of the pack. In his previous two appearances at the circuit in 2007 and 2008, he had crashed on the first lap on both occasions.

■ **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. In 2008, the San Marino GP was one of his better weekends riding the factory Ducati, he ended the first lap down in sixteenth place but worked his way through the field to finish ninth. Last year on the Kawasaki he finished eighth.

## Loris Capirossi set to make 200th premier-class start

At the San Marino Grand Prix, Loris Capirossi is scheduled to become only the second rider in the 62-year history of motorcycle Grand Prix racing to reach the milestone of 200 starts in the premier-class. Capirossi made his premier-class GP debut in the opening race of the 1995 season at Eastern Creek in Australia and competed for two years in the class before dropping back down to the 250cc class for three years before moving back up to the 500cc class in 2000. The following table shows the ten riders who have made most premier-class Grand Prix starts:

RIDERS WITH MOST STARTS IN THE PREMIER-CLASS OF GP RACING	
Rider	Starts in the MotoGP/500cc class
1. Alex Barros	245
2. Loris Capirossi	199
3. Carlos Checa	192
4. Valentino Rossi	174
5. Kenny Roberts Jnr	167
6. Sete Gibernau	160
7. Jack Findlay	157
8. Randy Mamola	145
9. Norick Abe	144
10. Alex Criville	139

Below are some other facts and statistics relating to Loris Capirossi's career in the premier-class of Grand Prix racing:

Capirossi has the fourth longest winning career of all-time in the premier-class: 10 years 338 days between his first win in the 500cc class at Eastern Creek Australia in 1996 and his last MotoGP win in Japan in 2007. Only Alex Barros, Phil Read and Giacomo Agostini have longer winning careers in the premier-class.

He has won premier-class GP races on four different motorcycles: 500cc Yamaha, 500cc Honda, 990cc Ducati and 800cc Ducati.

He is one of only four riders to have won in the premier-class on bikes from three different manufacturers. The other riders to have done this are: Mike Hailwood, Eddie Lawson and Randy Mamola.

He is one of only two riders who have won on 500cc two-stroke, 990cc four-stroke and 800cc four-stroke machines; the other is Valentino Rossi.

During his career he has competed at 31 different Grand Prix venues riding in the premier-class.

There are four circuits at which he has competed in each of his thirteen years racing in the premier-class: Brno, Catalunya, Jerez and Mugello.

The circuit at which Capirossi has had most success in the premier-class is Motegi, where he has finished on the podium on five occasions including three successive race wins in 2005, 2006 and 2007.



■ Up to last year, **Colin Edwards'** race performances at Misano have exactly equalled his qualifying results; in 2007 he qualified ninth and finished ninth, in 2008 he qualified tenth and finished tenth. Last year he was an innocent victim of **Alex de Angelis'** crash on the first lap.

■ Misano is one of **Marco Simoncelli's** least successful circuits and his sixth place in 2008 is the only time that he has finished in his three GP starts there in the 250cc class. In 2007 he retired from the race after just three laps and last year he crashed on lap thirteen while battling for the lead.

■ **Hector Barbera** has a great record in the intermediate class at Misano with three successive podium finishes, including a win in 250 last year.

■ **Loris Capirossi** is the only current GP rider to have raced in a Grand Prix on the previous track configuration at Misano. Since the track has been re-configured his best results have been fifth on a Ducati in 2007 and fifth on the Suzuki last year, which equalled his best result of 2009.

■ **Alex Espargaro** finished 11th last year at Misano, in only his second ever race in the MotoGP class.

■ **Mika Kallio's** seventh place finish last year at the San Marino Grand Prix, riding the factory Ducati, was his best result of 2009 and is the only time he has managed to finish a GP race at Misano.

■ **Alvaro Bautista** won the 250cc GP at Misano two years ago after starting from 11th place on the grid. He had another podium last year, finishing third, following another disappointing qualifying, resulting in him starting from eighth place on the grid.

■ **Hiroshi Aoyama** qualified on pole and finished fourth at Misano last year on his way to winning the 250cc world title.



## Scott Redding becomes youngest podium finisher in intermediate-class

Since moving up to the Moto2 class for 2010. This podium finish makes Redding the youngest ever rider to finish on the podium in the intermediate-class of Grand Prix racing, as shown in the following table:

YOUNGEST RIDERS TO FINISH ON THE PODIUM IN THE INTERMEDIATE-CLASS		
Rider	Age at first podium	Race
1. Scott Redding	17 years 237 days	Moto2/Indianapolis/2010
2. Marco Melandri	18 years 27 days	250cc/Portugal/2000/Estoril
3. Jorge Lorenzo	18 years 32 days	250cc/Italy/2005/Mugello
4. Mike Hailwood	18 years 63 days	250cc/GB/1958/10M TT
5. Yuki Takahashi	18 years 86 days	250cc/Pacific/2002/Motegi
6. Dani Pedrosa	18 years 202 days	250cc/South Africa/2004/Welkom
7. Alan Carter	18 years 227 days	250cc/France/1983/Le Mans
8. Andrea Dovizioso	19 years 25 days	250cc/Portugal/2005/Estoril
9. Johnny Cecotto	19 years 64 days	250cc/France/1975/Paul Ricard
10. Valentino Rossi	19 years 76 days	250cc/Spain/1998/Jerez



## Spanish riders having great season

Spanish riders have had a tremendous year so far across all three Grand Prix classes. The following facts and figures illustrate the success of the Spanish riders in 2010:

Spanish riders have won the last eleven races across all three classes. This is the longest sequence of successive solo GP wins by riders from a single nation in the 62-year history of Grand Prix racing. The previous record was nine successive wins by riders from Great Britain back in 1951.

Riders from Spain have won twenty five of the thirty one Grand Prix races held so far in 2010.

The twenty five wins for Spain so far this year is the highest number of wins that Spanish riders have taken in a single season of racing. Only Great Britain has had more Grand Prix wins in a single season. Great Britain's record for number of wins by riders from a single nation in one season stands at 37, which was achieved in 1967. Spanish riders are currently lying first and second in the MotoGP standings, they top the Moto2 table and occupy the top three places in the 125cc class.

Spanish riders have won the last ten MotoGP races. This is the longest ever sequence of successive premier-class Grand Prix wins by Spanish riders and is also the longest sequence of successive wins by a single nation since Italian riders took twelve successive wins in the 2005/2006 seasons.

Prior to this year, Spanish riders had only twice filled both of the top two places in the premier-class; at the French GP in 2004 and in Portugal in 2008. In the first eleven races of this year Spanish riders have already been one/two in the MotoGP class on six occasions.

Spanish riders have won the last twenty 125cc races. The last non-Spanish winner in the 125cc class was Andrea Iannone at the Catalan Grand Prix last year. This is the longest sequence of successive 125cc GP wins by one nation in the 62 years history of Grand Prix racing.

At five of the first eleven events of the year Spanish riders have won all three classes. Prior to this year, Spain had only on three occasions won the 125cc, 250cc and MotoGP races on the same day.

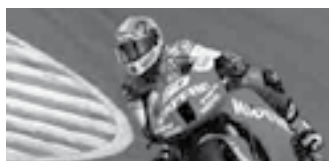


## Moto2 facts & figures

■ **Toni Elias** has put in three good performances at Misano in the MotoGP class; in 2007 he was seventh still suffering pain from the leg he had broken at the Dutch TT, in 2008 he was the first Ducati rider home in third and last year he was the first non-factory rider across the line in sixth. Elias has won the last three Moto2 races – the first time in his career that he has taken three successive GP victories.

■ **Andrea Iannone's** sixth place finish two years ago is his best finish at Misano from three starts in the 125cc class. Last year he crashed at the final corner when battling with Pol Espargaro for the race victory.

■ **Julian Simon** won the 125cc race at Misano last year on his way to winning the world title. His second place finish at Indianapolis equalled his best result in the Moto2 class which he achieved earlier in the year, at Le Mans.



■ **Yuki Takahashi** finished second at Misano two years ago, one of his three podium finishes during his final year competing in the 250cc class.

■ **Gabor Talmacsi** qualified on pole, won the race and set a new lap record in the 125cc class at Misano in 2008.

## 125cc facts & figures

■ **Marc Marquez** has finished fourth for the last two years at the Misano race.

■ **Nico Terol's** victory at Indianapolis gave him back-to-back Grand Prix wins for the first time in his career. Terol finished second last year at Misano.

■ **Pol Espargaro** was leading the 125cc GP last year at Misano going into the final corner, when he was knocked off by Iannone.

■ **Bradley Smith** has finished on the podium for the last two years at Misano; second in 2008 and third last year from pole position.

## Grand Prix racing numbers

**327** – With the return of Hiroshi Aoyama to the MotoGP field at Indianapolis, the entry list was back at full strength, with a combined total of Grand Prix victories of 327 at the start of the race. This sets a new record for accumulated Grand Prix wins for all riders starting a race which was previously 319, at Le Mans earlier this year.

**27 years** – Qualifying day at Misano will be the 27th anniversary of Freddie Spencer becoming the youngest ever 500cc world champion in 1983 by finishing second to Kenny Roberts in the final race of the year, which was the San Marino Grand Prix held at Imola.

**24** – Efrén Vazquez celebrates his 24th birthday on the Thursday prior to the San Marino Grand Prix. Thomas Luthi's 24th birthday is on the Monday following the Grand Prix.

**13** – Misano has staged Grand Prix events on thirteen previous occasions, the first of which was in 1980. On 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 three years.

**12** – Jorge Lorenzo has finished on the podium at the last twelve successive MotoGP races, including the final race of 2009 at Valencia. In the sixty-two year history of motorcycle Grand Prix racing only four riders have finished on the podium at more than twelve successive premier-class races: Valentino Rossi, Giacomo Agostini, Mick Doohan and Wayne Rainey.

**12** – There have been twelve 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 six occasions (1985, 86, 87, 2007, 2008 and 2009).

**9** – Valentino Rossi has won nine MotoGP races on Italian soil – seven at Mugello and two at Misano.

**5** – Following the Indianapolis Grand Prix, just five points cover the top three riders in the 125cc championship standings. Since the current scoring system was introduced in 1993, this is the smallest points' margin covering the top three riders in the 125cc class after ten races.

**3** – Dani Pedrosa's victory at the Indianapolis Grand Prix was his third win of the year. This is one more win than he has achieved in each of the four previous seasons he has competed in the MotoGP class.

