

## #13 Gran Premio A-Style de Aragón

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### MotoGP facts & figures

■ Following wins already this season at Jerez and Catalunya, **Jorge Lorenzo** could become the first rider to win three MotoGP races in the same country in one season, by winning at Aragón.

■ If **Jorge Lorenzo** finishes either first or second at the Aragón Grand Prix, it will ensure that a Spanish rider will win the premier-class title, as **Dani Pedrosa** would be the only rider that could then amass more points than Lorenzo by the end of the season. **Alex Criville** in 1999 is the only Spanish rider to have previously won the premier-class world championship.



■ **Dani Pedrosa's** victory at Misano was his fourth win of the year – which is twice as many MotoGP wins as he has achieved in any other season. This win at Misano was also the first time that Pedrosa has taken back-to-back Grand Prix wins in the MotoGP class. This was also the first back-to-back MotoGP victories for a Honda rider since **Marco Melandri** won in Turkey and Valencia in 2005. If Pedrosa wins at the Aragón GP he will become the first Honda rider since **Valentino Rossi** is 2003 to win three successive MotoGP races.



### Dani Pedrosa and Jorge Lorenzo moving up winners' list

Both Dani Pedrosa and Jorge Lorenzo have added substantially to their tally of wins this season, to move them up among the most successful riders of all-time in terms of Grand Prix victories. Dani Pedrosa now has two more victories than Jorge Lorenzo and is the 12th in the following table of riders with most GP wins, with just two victories less than fellow Spanish rider Jorge Martinez. Jorge Lorenzo is in 15th place in the table with the same number of wins as Geoff Duke who won six world championship titles in the 1950's.

#### RIDERS WITH MOST GRAND PRIX VICTORIES (ALL SOLO CLASSES)

Rider	Total wins	MotoGP/500cc	350cc	250cc	125cc	80/50cc
1. Giacomo Agostini	122	68	54			
2. Valentino Rossi	104	78		14	12	
3. Angel Nieto	90				62	28
4. Mike Hailwood	76	37	16	21	2	
5. Mick Doohan	54	54				
6. Phil Read	52	11	4	27	10	
7. Jim Redman	45	2	21	18	4	
8. Max Biaggi	42	13		29		
Toni Mang	42		8	33	1	
10. Carlo Ubbiali	39			13	26	
11. John Surtees	38	22	15	1		
12. Jorge Martinez	37				15	22
13. Dani Pedrosa	35	12		15		8
14. Luca Cadalora	34	8		22	4	
15. Geoff Duke	33	22	11			
Jorge Lorenzo	33	12		17	4	

### Jorge Lorenzo has thirteen successive podium finishes

Jorge Lorenzo's second place finish at Misano was the thirteenth successive race where he has stood on the podium. This podium success goes back to the final race of 2009 at Valencia when he finished third. In the twelve races since then he has won seven times, finished second on four occasions and third once. This run of successive podium finishes is one of the longest of all-time in the premier-class of Grand Prix racing. The following list shows the occasions when riders have finished on the podium on thirteen successive occasions or more in the premier-class:

#### LONGEST SEQUENCE OF SUCCESSIVE PODIUM FINISHES IN THE PREMIER-CLASS

- ..... 23 – Valentino Rossi – From Portuguese GP 2002 to South African GP 2004
- ..... 22 – Giacomo Agostini – From Nations GP 1967 to Ulster GP 1969
- ..... 17 – Mick Doohan – From Australian GP 1994 to Japanese GP 1995
- ..... 15 – Wayne Rainey – From Czech GP 1989 to Czech GP 1990
- ..... 14 – Valentino Rossi – From Malaysian GP 2004 to Czech GP 2005
- ..... Mick Doohan – From Malaysian GP 1997 to Indonesian GP 1997
- ..... 13 – Valentino Rossi – From Pacific GP 2001 to German GP 2002
- ..... Mick Doohan – From French GP 1991 to German GP 1992
- ..... **Jorge Lorenzo – From Valencia GP 2009 to San Marino GP 2010 (Ongoing)**

### Aragon – a new venue to the Grand Prix calendar

The visit to Motorland Aragón for the first time poses a new challenge for the Grand Prix riders and teams. Motorcycle Grand Prix racing first visited Spain in just the third year of the world championship series in 1951. Since then Spain has been a mainstay of the Grand Prix calendar. Below are some facts and figures related to Grand Prix racing in Spain:

Spain is the country that has hosted most Grand Prix events, with 90, which include the Grand Prix of Spain, Catalunya, Madrid, Europe, FIM, Valencia and Portugal.

A total of 295 Grand Prix races for solo motorcycles have taken place in Spain.

With the race at Aragón, Spain will become the first country to host four Grand Prix events in the same year.

Aragón becomes the sixth different circuit that has been used for Grand Prix racing in Spain.

The other circuits that have been used in Spain are as follows (with number of GP events hosted in brackets): Jerez (24), Catalunya (19), Jarama (19), Montjuich (17) and Valencia (11).

The Montjuich Park circuit in Barcelona is the slowest ever used for Grand Prix racing. The 500cc race in 1951 was won by Umberto Masetti on a Gilera at an average speed of just 94 km/h (58.4 mph).

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■ **Andrea Dovizioso**, who finished on the podium four times in the opening five races of the year, has now gone seven races without a top-three finish.



■ **Valentino Rossi** is the most successful rider at GP events held in Spain with a total of 19 Grand Prix victories across all three classes on Spanish soil. Rossi has now made seven MotoGP starts without taking a win, which equals his longest barren run since winning for the first time in the premier-class at Donington in 2000. Rossi has not had a front row start since returning to racing after his crash at Mugello.



■ **Ben Spies** has been both the top Rookie and best non-factory rider at the last four MotoGP races.



### Spanish riders continue winning sequence

At the Misano Grand Prix, Spanish riders once again won all three classes to continue their long running winning sequence. This is the most successful year in the 62 year history of motorcycle Grand Prix racing for riders from Spain as illustrated by the following facts and statistics:

Spanish riders have won the last fourteen 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. The last non-Spanish GP winner was Yuki Takahashi in the Moto2 race at the Catalan Grand Prix.

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

The twenty eight 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 world championship standings, first and second in the Moto2 table and occupy the top three places in the 125cc class.

Spanish riders have won the last eleven 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 twelve races of this year Spanish riders have already been one/two in the MotoGP class on seven occasions.

Spanish riders have won the last twenty-one 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.

Six times already this year Spanish riders have won in all three GP classes. Prior to this year, Spain had only on three occasions won the 125cc, 250cc and MotoGP races on the same day.

### 700th Grand Prix for the 125cc class

The 125cc race at the Aragon Grand Prix will be the 700th GP for 125cc machines. The 125cc class is the only one still surviving from the first year of GP racing in 1949 that still has the same capacity limits. There have been two major changes to the technical rules during the 62 years that the 125cc GP class has been held:

From 1970 the engines were limited to no more than two cylinders with maximum of six speed gearboxes.

From 1988 the engines were further limited to being single-cylinder.

Below is a selection of milestones from the 699 races that have taken place in the 125cc class:

DATE	RACE NUMBER	COUNTRY & CIRCUIT	MILESTONE
July 1949	1	Switzerland Berne	Italian rider Nello Pagani won the first ever GP in the 125 class riding a Mondial. Pagani went on to become the first 125cc world champion.
June 1951	8	Great Britain Isle of Man	Irishman Cromie McCandless (Mondial) became the first non-Italian rider to win a 125cc Grand Prix race.
August 1952	14	Ulster Clady	British rider Cecil Sandford won to become the first non-Italian to take the 125cc world title. This was also the first championship for MV Agusta.
July 1956	37	BelgiumSpa-Francor-champs	Carlo Ubbiali (MV Agusta) was the first rider to retain the 125cc championship with a run of eight successive race wins.
August 1959	59	Ulster Dundrod	Mike Hailwood riding a Ducati became the first teenager to win a GP race.
May 1961	66	Spain Montjuich	Tom Phillis gave Honda their first GP win. He goes on to win the world championship - the first rider to win the 125cc title riding a bike from a Japanese manufacturer.
August 1961	73	Ulster Dundrod	Kunimitsu Takahashi (Honda) became the first Japanese rider to win a 125cc GP
October 1962	87	Argentina Buenos Aires	Hugh Anderson gave Suzuki their first 125cc GP victory.

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■ **Colin Edwards** will be making his 100th MotoGP start riding Yamaha machinery. Only three other riders in the 62-year history of Grand Prix racing have passed the milestone of 100 premier-class starts riding Yamaha bikes: **Norick Abe, Carlos Checa** and **Valentino Rossi**.

■ If **Loris Capirossi** recovers from the injuries sustained at Misano in time to start at the Aragón Grand Prix, it will be the 43rd circuit at which he has competed during his Grand Prix career.



### Moto2 facts & figures

■ **Toni Elias'** victory at Misano was his fourth successive Moto2 win. This is the longest sequence of successive victories in the intermediate-class since **Marco Melandri** won six successive races in 2002, on his way to taking the 250cc world title.

■ **Julian Simon** has finished second at the last two races – the first time he has taken back-to-back podium finishes since moving up to the Moto2 class.



February 1964	100	USA Daytona	Hugh Anderson (Suzuki) won the 100th race in the 125 class.
June 1965	115	Great Britain Isle of Man	Phi Read gave Yamaha their first 125cc GP victory.
May 1969	155	West Germany Hockenheim	Dave Simmonds gave Kawasaki their first GP victory on his way to winning the 125cc world championship.
July 1970	170	Belgium Spa-Francorchamps	Angel Nieto (Derbi), the most successful 125cc GP rider of all time, had his first win in the class
April 1973	200	France Paul Ricard	Swedish rider Kent Andersson takes the 200th race in the 125 class riding a Yamaha. He goes on to take the title and retains it in 1974; the last 125cc title by a Yamaha rider.
June 1979	271	Dutch TT Assen	Angel Nieto (Minarelli) took the last of 11 successive wins – the longest sequence of successive GP victories in the 125cc class.
March 1982	300	Argentina Buenos Aires	Angel Nieto gave Garelli their first ever GP victory.
August 1987	361	San Marino Misano	Fausto Gresini's 11th successive win riding a Garelli which equals the record of Nieto for most successive 125cc GP victories.
April 1988	363	Spain Jarama	Jorge Martinez (Derbi) took the first win after the introduction of the single cylinder rule, on his way to winning the world title.
April 1989	375	Australia Phillip Island	Alex Criville (Cobas) became the youngest ever winner of a 125cc GP, on his way to becoming the youngest world champion.
August 1990	395	Great Britain Donington	Loris Capirossi (Honda) at just 17 years old becomes the youngest GP winner. He finishes the season as youngest ever world champion – a record that still stands.
March 1991	400	Japan Suzuka	Nobby Ueda (Honda) won on his GP debut. This win was in the middle of a record 19 successive wins for Honda riders.
August 1991	411	Czech Brno	Alessandro Gramigni gave Aprilia their first victory in the 125 class. Gramigni went on to take the title in 1992, the first by an Aprilia rider.
Aug 1996	476	Austria A1 Ring	Ivan Goi (Honda) at just 16 years old, became the youngest ever winner of a GP race.
August 1996	477	Czech Brno	Valentino Rossi (Aprilia) had his first Grand Prix victory.
September 1997	495	Indonesia Sentul	Valentino Rossi won for the 11th time in 1997 – the record for most 125cc GP wins in one season.
May 1998	500	Italy Mugello	Tomomi Manako (Honda) won the 500th GP race in the 125cc class.
June 1998	503	Dutch TT Assen	Marco Melandri (Honda) at just 15 years old became the youngest rider to win a Grand Prix.
May 2002	561	Spain Jerez	Jorge Lorenzo (Derbi) became the youngest rider to take part in a Grand Prix, at just 15 years and 1 day old.
August 2004	600	Czech Brno	Jorge Lorenzo (Derbi) won the 600th GP race in the 125cc class.
June 2008	663	Great Britain Donington	Scott Redding (Aprilia) won to take the record of youngest ever Grand Prix winner at the age of just 15 years and 170 days. A record that still stands.
September 2010	699	San Marino - Misano	The victory by Marc Marquez (Derbi) was the twenty first successive win in the 125cc class by Spanish riders.

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■ **Stefan Bradl's** fifth place finish at Misano is his best GP result since he was fourth in the the second 125cc GP of 2009 at Motegi.



■ **Claudio Corti** finished ninth at Misano – his best result so far in his debut season in Grand Prix racing.

### 125cc facts & figures

■ At the San Marino Grand Prix, **Marc Marquez** took his sixth victory of the year. One more win for Marquez during 2010 and he will equal the number of victories by **Julian Simon** last year on his way to taking the world title.

■ **Nico Terol's** fourth place finish at Silverstone is the only time this year that he has finished a race and not been on the podium. At the Aragón Grand Prix, Terol will be aiming for his first GP win on home soil.

■ **Pol Espargaro's** sixth place at Misano is his lowest race finish since he was ninth at the Dutch TT last year.



■ **Efren Vazquez's** third place finish at Misano was his first podium since the opening race of the year at Qatar where he was second.

■ **Bradley Smith** has finished on the podium in Grand Prix racing on sixteen occasions. Only four British riders have had more 125cc podium finishes than Smith; **Bill Ivy, Phil Read, Chas Mortimer** and **Dave Simmonds**.

## Grand Prix racing numbers

**59** – With Dani Pedrosa's victory at Misano, Honda and Yamaha have taken exactly the same number of victories during the four-stroke MotoGP era; each manufacturer has had 59 MotoGP wins.

**34 years** – On race day at Aragon it will be exactly 34 years since the Montjuich Park circuit in Barcelona was last used for a Grand Prix event.

**12** – Both Dani Pedrosa and Jorge Lorenzo have had twelve MotoGP victories. One more victory for either rider will give them the same number of premier-class wins as Randy Mamola and Max Biaggi, who are the two riders with most premier-class wins without winning the world title.

**12** – At Misano, Jorge Lorenzo became only the fourth rider of all-time to finish on the podium at the opening twelve GP races of the year in the premier-class; the other riders to have done this are Wayne Rainey, Mick Doohan and Valentino Rossi.

**8** – The victory by Marc Marquez at Misano was the eighth victory of the year in the 125cc class by Derbi riders. If one of the Derbi riders takes the race win at Aragon then it will equal the highest number of wins achieved in a single season (1988) by Derbi in the 125cc class

**3** – The last three MotoGP races held in Spain have been won by Spanish riders; Dani Pedrosa at the final race of last year at the Ricardo Tormo circuit in Valencia, and Jorge Lorenzo at Jerez and Catalunya this year.

**2** – Just two riders have scored points at every event so far in 2010 across all three Grand Prix classes: Jorge Lorenzo in MotoGP and Toni Elias in Moto2.

