# QATAR Losail 8th April



## MOTOGP SET TO LIGHT UP OATAR

Once again Qatar is the stage for the MotoGP season opener as twenty-one riders prepare to do battle under the floodlights of the Losail International Circuit.

This season sees the return of the firebreathing 1000cc machines to MotoGP competition and the advent of the CRT era which sees a number of MotoGP machines housing production-derived drivetrains in customer chassis. Bridgestone - in its fourth year as Official Tyre Supplier to MotoGP - has developed a 2012 specification tyre to suit these new, more

powerful machines with a particular focus on improving warm-up performance, enhancing rider feel and a wider operating temperature range.

The unique environment of the Losail circuit presents a particular technical challenge for Bridgestone. The cool night air keeps track temperatures low, while the desert setting produces a veneer of fine desert sand that makes the track surface highly abrasive. To address these challenging conditions, Bridgestone is for the first time bringing three front tyre compounds to Qatar to help riders

manage the variable conditions, while an asymmetric rear tyre will also be made available in Qatar to provide the durability needed to cope with the circuit's succession of high-speed right hand corners.

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#### CIRCUIT INFORMATION

CII	RCUIT DETAILS		CURCUIT RECORDS						
Fire	st race	2004	Pole position	1m 53.927s (170.003Km/h)					
No	o. of GPs held			Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2008)					
La	ps	22 (MotoGP) 20 (Moto2) 18 (Moto3)	Fastest lap	1m 55.153s (168.193Km/h)					
Tra	ack length	5.380km / 3.343 miles (Width 12m)		Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)					
Ra	ce distance	118.360km / 73.546 miles (22 Laps)	Race time	42m 36.587s (166.665Km/h)					
Loi	ngest straight	1,068m / 0.664 miles		Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)					
Co	rners	16 (10 right, 6 left)	2011 Winner	Casey Stoner (Honda)					



# S: SPEED TRAP 1 : CORNER NUM 1 : GEAR SELECTION / SPEED km/h SECTOR 1 SECTOR 2 SECTOR 3 195km/h 250km/h 4 3 210km/h 3 180km/h 200km/h 3 **₹ 1**40km/h 115km/h **2** 6 305km/h

# EVENT SCHEDULE LOCAL TIME

THURSDAY	
18:00-18:40	Moto3 Free Practice 1
18:55-19:40	Moto2 Free Practice 1
19:55-20:40	MotoGP Free Practice 1
20:55-21:35	Moto3 Free Practice 2
21:50-22:35	Moto2 Free Practice 2
FRIDAY	
18:00-18:45	MotoGP Free Practice 2
19:00-19:40	Moto3 Free Practice 3
19:55-20:40	Moto2 Free Practice 3
22:55-21:40	MotoGP Free Practice 3
SATURDAY	
18:00-18:40	Moto3 Qualifying Practice
18:55-19:40	Moto2 Qualifying Practice
19:55-20:55	MotoGP Qualifying Practice
21:20-21:40	Moto3 Warm Up
21:55-22:15	Moto2 Warm Up
SUNDAY	
18:00-18:20	MotoGP Warm Up
19:00	Moto3 Race (18 laps)
20:15	Moto2 Race (20 laps)

## TYRE TALK SHINJI AOKI, MANAGER, BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT TYRE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The first race of the season at Qatar presents a unique technical challenge for Bridgestone. Apart from being the only race on the calendar to be run at night-time which brings with it low track temperatures, the fine desert sand can coat the track surface in a highly abrasive coating. To enable riders to adapt to these variable track conditions, for the first time we are bringing three front tyre compounds to Qatar; soft, medium and hard. The softer compounds work well in the cooler conditions giving riders excellent warm-up performance, while the harder option gives greater durability when the track conditions

improve, while also providing greater stability under hard braking.

With the Losail circuit featuring a number of high-speed right hand turns, we have also made available an asymmetric rear tyre. This development sees harder, more durable rubber on the right shoulder of the tyre and softer rubber on the left shoulder to keep the tyre in its optimal operating temperature range and to provide riders with the best combination of grip and durability.

Information subject to change



# TEAMS AND RIDERS

Teams and riders order based on 2011 team championship position
\*Most recent performance listed.

#### **REPSOL HONDA TEAM**

MACHINE Honda RC213V WFR www.hondanroracina.com



#### Casev Stoner Bike number 1

Age: 26 DOB: 16/10/1985 Nationality: Australian GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 101 (MotoGP) Wins: 33 Poles: 34 Fastest laps: 27 Podiums: 59 Points: 1561 Best championship position: 1st (x2, 2011\*)



#### Dani Pedrosa Bike number 26

Age: 26 DOB: 29/9/1985 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 99 (MotoGP) Wins: 15 Poles: 19 Fastest laps: 26 Podiums: 56 Points: 1404 Best championship position: 2nd (2010\*)

#### **DUCATI TEAM**

MACHINE Ducati Desmosedici GP12 WEB www.ducati.com



#### Valentino Rossi Bike number 46

Age: 33 DOB: 16/2/1979 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: RSA00 (500cc) GP Starts: 199 (MotoGP/500cc) Wins: 79 Poles: 49 Fastest laps: 66 Podiums: 140 Points: 3456 Best championship position: 1st (x7, 2009\*)



#### Nicky Hayden Bike n r 69

Age: 30 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 152 (MotoGP) Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 7 Podiums: 28 Points: 1386 Best championship position: 1st (2006)

#### **MONSTER YAMAHA TECH 3**

MACHINE Yamaha YZR-M1 WEB www.teamtech3.fr



#### Cal Crutchlow Bike number 35

Age: 26 DOB: 29/10/1985 Nationality: British GP Debut: OAT11 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 18 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles:0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 70 Best championship position: 12th (2011)



#### Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4

Age: 26 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 71 (MotoGP) Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 16 Points: 764 Best championship position: 3rd (2011)

#### NGM FORWARD RACING

MACHINE Suter-BMW



#### Colin Edwards Bike number 5

Age: 38 DOB: 27/2/1974 Nationality: American GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 153 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 3 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 12 Points: 1163 Best championship position: 4th (2005)

#### **CARDION AB MOTORACING**

MACHINE Ducati Desmosodeci GP12 WEB www.karelabraham.com

MACHINES Honda RC213V

WFR www.lcr.m.

**WEB** TBC



#### Karel Abraham Bike number 17

Age: 22 DOB: 02/01/1990 Nationality: Czech GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 17 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 56 Best championship position: NA



# Stefan Bradl Bike number 6

Age: 22 DOB: 29/11/1989 Nationality: German GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 0 Best championship position: NA



#### PAUL BIRD RACING

SPEED MASTER TEAM

**MACHINE** ART



#### James Ellison Bike number 77

Age: 32 DOB: 19/9/1980 Nationality: British GP Debut: CZE04 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 39 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 67 Best championship position: 18th (2006)



## Mattia Pasini <mark>Bike number 54</mark>

**MACHINE** ART WEB www.speedmasterteam.com

MACHINE Ioda-Aprilia



Age: 26 DOB: 13/8/1985 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 0 Best championship position: NA



#### Danilo Petrucci Bike number 9

CAME IODA RACING PROJECT

Age: 21 DOB: 24/10/1990 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 0 Best championship position: NA

#### YAMAHA FACTORY RACING

WEB www.yamaha-racing.com



#### Jorge Lorenzo Bike number 99

: 24 DOB: 4/5/1987 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 67 (MotoGP) Wins: 17 Poles: 18 Fastest laps: 11 Podiums: 44 Points: 1094 Best championship position: 1st (2010)



Age: 27 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 37 (MotoGP) Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 6 Points: 382 Best championship position: 5th (2011)

#### SAN CARLO HONDA GRESINI

MACHINES Honda RC213V - FTR MGP12 WEB www.aresiniracina.com



#### Alvaro Bautista Bike number 19

Age: 27 DOB: 21/11/1984 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 33 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 152 Best championship position: 13th (2011\*)



#### Michele Pirro Bike number 51

Age: 25 DOB: 5/7/1986 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 0 Best championship position: NA

# ASPAR TEAM MOTOGP

**MACHINE** ART



#### Randy de Puniet <mark>Bike number</mark> 14

e: 31 DOB: 14/2/1981 Nationality: French GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 104 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 477 Best championship position: 9th (2010)



#### Aleix Espargaro Bike

Age: 22 DOB: 30/7/1989 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: INP09 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 22 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 81 Best championship position: 14th (2010)

# PRAMAC RACING TEAM

MACHINE Ducati Desmosodeci GP12 WEB www.pramacracing.com



#### Hector Barbera Bike number 8

Age: 25 DOB: 2/11/1986 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 35 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 175 Best championship position: 11th (2011)

#### **AVINTIA RACING MOTOGP**

**MACHINE** FTR-Kawasaki WEB www.teamhar.com



#### Yonny Hernandez Bike number

Age: 23 DOB: 25/7/1988 Nationality: Columbian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 0 Best championship position: NA



#### Ivan Silva 🛭 22

Age: 29 DOB: 12/6/1982 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: NED06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 4 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 0 Best championship position: NA

## TOP RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

RIDERS	TITLES	WINS	2NDs	3RDs	PODIUMS	POLES
Casey Stoner	2	33	9	16	58	33
Valentino Rossi	2	17	12	11	40	10
Jorge Lorenzo	1	16	16	6	38	14
Dani Pedrosa	-	9	14	9	32	9
Loris Capirossi	-	6	7	4	17	5
Makoto Tamada	-	2	1	1	4	3
Andrea Dovizioso	-	1	3	5	9	1
Chris Vermeulen	-	1	3	3	7	3
Ben Spies	-	1	2	3	6	1
Troy Bayliss	-	1	-	-	1	-
Marco Melandri	-	-	3	1	4	-
Toni Elias	-	-	2	3	5	-
John Hopkins	-	-	1	3	4	1
Marco Simoncelli	-	-	1	1	2	2
Shinya Nakano	-	-	1	1	2	-
Randy de Puniet	-	-	1	1	2	-
Kenny Roberts Jr	-	-	1	-	1	1
Alex de Angelis	-	-	1	-	1	-
Colin Edwards	-	-	1	-	1	-
Oliver Jacque	-	-	1	-	1	-
Nicky Hayden	-	-	-	3	3	-
Carlos Checa	-	-	-	2	2	-
Alex Barros	-	-	-	1	1	-
Jeremy McWilliams	-	-	-	-	0	1
Sete Gibernau	-	-	-	-	0	1
TOTAL	5	87	84	77	248	85

# **CALENDAR & RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP**



<ul><li>Soft</li></ul>		QAT	SPA	POR	FRA	CAT	GBR	HOL	GER	ITA	USA	IND	CZE	RSM	ARA	JPN	MAL	AUS	VA
Medium Hard Extra Hard	AVAILABLE TYRE MPOUNDS	Losail 08/04/12	Jerez 29/04/12	Estoril	Le Mans 20/05/12	Catalunya 03/06/12	Silverstone 17/06/12	Assen 30/06/12	Sachsenring 08/07/12	Mugello 15/07/12	Laguna Seca 29/07/12	Indianapolis 19/08/12	Brno 26/08/12	Misano 16/09/12	Aragon 30/09/12	Motegi 14/10/12	Sepang 21/10/12	Phillip Island  ** 28/10/12	Valer
ALLOCATED - FI	RONT TYRES	O Soft Medium Hard																	
ALLOCATED - R	EAR TYRES	○ Soft																	
RACE WEATHEI	R CONDITIONS																		
RACE TRACK CO	ONDITIONS																		
POSITION - RID	ER WINS PTS	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1 Casey Stoner (1)	W - PD -																		
2 Andrea Dovizioso	(4) W																		
3 Colin Edwards (5)	W - PD -																		
4 Stefan Bradl (6)	W - PD -																		
5 Hector Barbera (	10/																		
5 Danilo Petrucci (9	10/																		
7 Ben Spies (11)	W - PD -																		
Randy De Puniet	10/																		
, Green Abraham (1	7) W																		
10 Alvaro Bautista	(10)\ W -																		
1 1 Ivan Silva (22)	W -																		
1	PD - W																		
13 Cal Crutchlow (	N																		
	10/																		
4 Aleix Espargaro	10/																		
5 Valentino Rossi	(46) PD																		
6 Michele Pirro (5	PD																		
<b>7</b> Mattia Pasini (5	4) PD																		
8 Yonny Hernand	PD -																		
19 Nicky Hayden (	FD -																		
20 James Ellison (7	PD -																		
21 Jorge Lorenzo (	99) W - PD																		

A : Reason retired B : Final race position C : Grid position D : Championship points F : Front tyre choice at start R : Rear tyre choice at start \$\cdot\$: Tyre changes AC : Accident D0 : Disqualified RT : Retired DNS : Did not start

A B C

#### RACE KEY

# **CONSTRUCTORS & TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. ART* - 0 2. BQR-FTR*	- 0 <b>3.</b> FTR* - 0 <b>4.</b> Do	ucati -0	<b>5.</b> Honda - 0	<b>6.</b> loda	* - 0 <b>7.</b> Honda - 0	<b>8.</b> Suter - 0	9. Yamaha - 0
1. Avintia Racing MotoGP - 0	4. Ducati Team - 0	<b>7.</b> NGI	M Forward Racing - 0		10. Pramac Racing Team - 0	13. Speed Maste	er - 0
2. Came IodaRacing Project - 0	5. LCR Honda MotoGP - 0	<b>8.</b> Pau	l Bird Motorsport - 0		11. Repsol Honda Team - 0	14. Yamaha Fact	ory Racing - 0
3. Cardion AB Motoracing - 0	6. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 0	<b>9.</b> Pov	ver Electronics Aspar - 0		12. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 0		

\* denotes CRT entry

## **RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES BY SEASON**

YEAR	TEAM AND RIDERS	RACES	CHAMPIONSHIP	TEAMS	WINS	POLES	PODIUMS
2002	2 Teams - 3 Riders	16	<b>12th</b> (Aoki)	7th (Proton)	<b>0</b> (best 5th)	1	0
2003	2 Teams - 3 Riders	16	11th (Tamada)	9th (Pramac)	<b>0</b> (best 3rd)	0	1
2004	3 Teams - 5 Riders	16	6th (Tamada)	3rd (Camel)	2	4	4
2005	3 Teams - 7 Riders	17	6th (Capirossi)	4th (Ducati)	2	3	8
2006	3 Teams - 8 Riders	17	3rd (Capirossi)	3rd (Ducati)	4	6	11
2007	5 Teams - 12 Riders	18	1st (Stoner)	1st (Ducati)	12	6	33
2008	7 Teams - 13 Riders	18	1st (Rossi)	1st (Yamaha)	15	12	35
2009	12 Teams - 22 Riders	17	1st (Rossi)	1st (Yamaha)	17	17	51
2010	10 Teams - 22 Riders	18	1st (Lorenzo)	1st (Yamaha)	18	18	54
2011	11 Teams - 22 Riders	18	1st (Stoner)	1st (Honda)	17	18	51
2012	14 Teams - 21 Riders						
TOTAL		171	5	5	87	85	248

## BRIDGESTONE NEWS



#### BRIDGESTONE BRINGS MOTOGP TECHNOLOGY FROM RACETRACK TO ROAD

Recently launched at the Portimao circuit in Portugal, Bridgestone's latest sports tyre offering; the BATTLAX Hyper Sport S20 utilises MotoGP derived technology to give road riders unsurpassed warm-up performance, comfort and grip in both wet and dry conditions.

An advanced construction utilising Bridgestone's race-proven Mono-Spiral Belt (MSB) and High Tensile Super Penetrated Cord (HTSPC) delivers the optimal contact patch at all riding angles to provide greater grip in all conditions, while the S20's tread pattern is designed to improve cornering performance when the lean angle is low, particularly at turn-in

The new compound with Silica Rich and Bridgestone's proprietary NanoPro-Tech™ polymer technology provides confident grip right from the start during warm-up without sacrificing durability, while also enhancing grip in the wet and at low temperatures.

Finally, a triple-layer compound (3LC) with optimized segmentation

of soft and harder compounds has been applied on the front and rear to improve dry grip, offering high stability in cornering, and further enhancing durability. With the new BATTLAX Hyper Sport S20, riders can directly benefit from MotoGP tyre technology and enjoy superior warm-up performance and confidence inspiring grip in all weather conditions



#### BRIDGESTONE FACT

LAST YEARS RACE

As the only night race, Qatar sees the lowest average circuit temperature of the MotoGP season with the asphalt seldom reaching more than room temperature, 22° C

#### **FASTEST RACE LAP**

Casey Stoner, Ducati - Lap 5 - Time: 1m 55.537s - Average speed: 167.634 km/h

20	11 QUALIFYING T	IMES	2011 RACE RESULTS								
	RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP		RIDER	TEAM	TIME	TOP KM/H	GAP
1	Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	324.3	1m54.137s		1	Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	42m38.569s	166.5	
2	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	326.6	1m54.342s	+0.205s	2	Jorge Lorenzo	Yamaha Factory Racing	42m42.009s	166.3	+3.440s
3	Jorge Lorenzo	Yamaha Factory Racing	321.2	1m54.947s	+0.810s	3	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	42m43.620s	166.2	+5.051s
4	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	324.0	1m54.988s	+0.851s	4	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	42m44.511s	166.2	+5.942s
5	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	319.1	1m55.095s	+0.958s	5	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	42m45.927s	166.1	+7.358s
6	Hector Barbera	Mapfre Aspar Team	329.8	1m55.223s	+1.086s	6	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	42m49.037s	165.9	+10.468s
7	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	324.2	1m55.229s	+1.092s	7	Valentino Rossi	Ducati Team	42m55.000s	165.5	+16.431s
8	Cal Crutchlow	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	321.9	1m55.578s	+1.441s	8	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	43m04.862s	164.8	+26.293s
9	Valentino Rossi	Ducati Team	324.1	1m55.637s	+1.500s	9	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	43m05.985s	164.8	+27.416s
10	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	320.5	1m55.647s	+1.510s	10	Hiroshi Aoyama	San Carlo Honda Gresini	43m07.489s	164.7	+28.920s
11	Randy De Puniet	Pramac Racing Team	322.8	1m55.656s	+1.519s	11	Cal Crutchlow	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	43m13.108s	164.3	+34.539s
12	Hiroshi Aoyama	San Carlo Honda Gresini	326.1	1m55.724s	+1.587s	12	Hector Barbera	Mapfre Aspar Team	43m13.398s	164.3	+34.829s
9	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	323.5	1m55.881s	+1.744s	13	Karel Abraham	Cardion AB Motoracing	43m16.526s	164.1	+37.957s
NC	Loris Capirossi	Pramac Racing Team	319.1	1m56.323s	+2.186s	NC	Toni Elias	LCR Honda MotoGP	35m41.564s	162.8	4 Laps
13	Karel Abraham	Cardion AB Motoracing	326.2	1m56.665s	+2.528s	NC	Loris Capirossi	Pramac Racing Team	2m16.031s	142.4	21 Laps
NC	Toni Elias	LCR Honda MotoGP	324.1	1m57.992s	+3.855s	NC	Randy De Puniet	Pramac Racing Team			
NC	Álvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP				NC	Álvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP			

#### BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

IndyCar Bridgestone - through its Firestone brand - is once again the Official Tire Supplier for the IZOD IndyCar championship and Firestone Indy Lights series. This year's IndyCar championship kicked off at St. Petersburg on March 25 with Team Penske's Helio Castroneves winning the season opener ahead of Chip Ganassi Racing's Scott Dixon and Andretti Autosport's Ryan Hunter-Reay. The second race of the season takes place at Barber Motorsports Park on April 1, after this sheet goes to print.





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