

# 05 CATALUNYA CATALUNYA

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## CATALUNYA NEEDS A HARD SHOULDER TO LEAN ON

This weekend's Catalan Grand Prix presents the toughest test for tyres so far this season, with the technical layout of the circuit also providing a stiff challenge for man and machine.

In a complete turnaround from the last race at Le Mans, the Circuit de Catalunya is a fast and flowing circuit and due to its many right-hand corners taken at high speed and large lean angles, it places greater stress on the right-hand shoulder of the rear tyre than any other course on the calendar.

The forces placed on the right-hand shoulder of the rear tyre means Bridgestone will provide asymmetric rear slicks with rubber compounds two steps harder on the right shoulder than on the left. At the front end of the bike, the numerous hard braking zones require a tyre with good braking stability, so the medium and hard compound front slick tyres will be available to riders, and in case there are unusually cool conditions, the soft front slick tyre will also be available to ensure maximum rider safety. Due to the generally high energy levels imposed on

tyres at Catalunya, the main wet tyre for this weekend will be the hard compound.

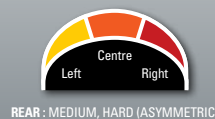
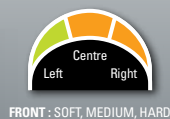
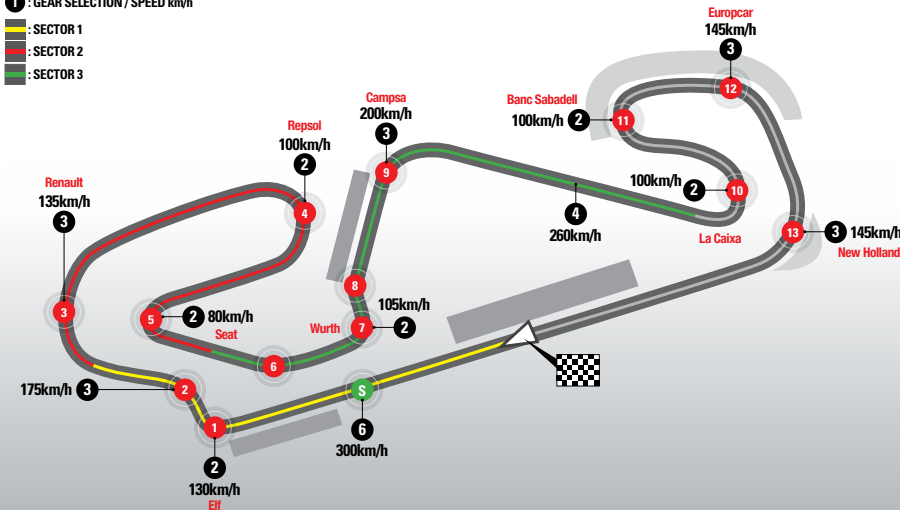
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## CIRCUIT INFORMATION

CIRCUIT DETAILS		CIRCUIT RECORDS	
First race	1992	Pole position	1m 41.186s (168.177km/h)
No. of GPs held	20		Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
Laps	25 (MotoGP) 23 (Moto2) 22 (Moto3)	Fastest lap	1m 42.358s (166.251km/h)
Track length	4.727km / 2.937 miles (Width 12m)		Dani Pedrosa (Honda, 2008)
Race distance	118.175km / 73.425 miles	Race time	43m 02.175s (164.756km/h)
Longest straight	1.047km / 0.651 miles		Dani Pedrosa (Honda, 2008)
Corners	13 (5 left, 8 right)	2011 Winner	Casey Stoner (Honda)



- S : SPEED TRAP
- 1 : CORNER NUMBER
- 1 : GEAR SELECTION / SPEED km/h
- : SECTOR 1
- : SECTOR 2
- : SECTOR 3



## EVENT SCHEDULE LOCAL TIME

### FRIDAY

09:15-09:55	Moto3 Free Practice 1
10:10-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 1
11:10-11:55	Moto2 Free Practice 1
13:15-13:55	Moto3 Free Practice 2
14:10-14:55	MotoGP Free Practice 2
15:10-15:55	Moto2 Free Practice 2

### SATURDAY

09:15-09:55	Moto3 Free Practice 3
10:10-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 3
11:10-11:55	Moto2 Free Practice 3
13:00-13:40	Moto3 Qualifying Practice
13:55-14:55	MotoGP Qualifying Practice
15:10-15:55	Moto2 Qualifying Practice

### SUNDAY

08:40-09:00	Moto3 Warm Up
09:10-09:30	Moto2 Warm Up
09:40-10:00	MotoGP Warm Up
11:00	Moto3 Race (22 laps)
12:20	Moto2 Race (23 laps)
14:00	MotoGP Race (25 laps)

Source : www.motogp.com & Haynes MotoGP Season Review.  
Information subject to change

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

One of the most technical circuits on the calendar, Catalunya is a high speed circuit featuring eight right-hand and five left-hand corners that combine to generate significant loads on MotoGP tyres.

The right-hand turns on this circuit are generally fast and generate very high temperatures on the right shoulder of the rear tyres, while the left-handers are slow, resulting in a considerable imbalance in the forces sustained across the rear tyre. For

this reason, asymmetric rear tyres are a must at the Circuit de Catalunya with the rubber compound used on the right shoulder being two grades harder than that on the left. Additionally, there are numerous hard braking zones at this circuit - particularly at the end of the two straights - and this places considerable stress on the front tyres as well. Overall, the distinctive layout of the Catalunya circuit makes it one of the toughest events on the calendar for tyres.



# TEAMS AND RIDERS

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

## REPSOL HONDA TEAM

MACHINE Honda RC213V  
WEB www.hondapracing.com



### Casey Stoner Bike number 1

Age: 26 DOB: 16/10/1985 Nationality: Australian GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 104 (MotoGP) Wins: 35 Poles: 35 Fastest laps: 28 Podiums: 63 Points: 1643  
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: 102 (MotoGP) Wins: 15 Poles: 20 Fastest laps: 26 Podiums: 59 Points: 1469  
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: 202 (MotoGP/500cc) Wins: 79 Poles: 49 Fastest laps: 67 Podiums: 141 Points: 3498  
Best championship position: 1st (x7, 2009\*)



### Nicky Hayden Bike number 69

Age: 30 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 155 (MotoGP) Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 7 Podiums: 28 Points: 1419  
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: QAT11 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 20 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 0 Points: 115  
Best championship position: 12th (2011)



### Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4

Age: 26 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 74 (MotoGP) Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 16 Points: 811  
Best championship position: 3rd (2011)

## NGM FORWARD RACING

MACHINE Suter-BMW  
WEB www.forward-racing.com



### Colin Edwards Bike number 5

Age: 38 DOB: 27/2/1974 Nationality: American GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 154 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 3 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 12 Points: 1167  
Best championship position: 4th (2005)

## CARDION AB MOTORACING

MACHINE Ducati Desmosedici GP12  
WEB www.karelabraham.com



### Karel Abraham Bike number 17

Age: 22 DOB: 02/01/1990 Nationality: Czech GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 20 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 64  
Best championship position: 14th (2011)

## LCR HONDA MOTOGP

MACHINES Honda RC213V  
WEB www.lcr.mc



### Stefan Bradl Bike number 6

Age: 22 DOB: 29/11/1989 Nationality: German GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 4 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 35  
Best championship position: NA

## PAUL BIRD MOTORSPORT

MACHINE ART  
WEB www.pbmuk.net



### James Ellison Bike number 77

Age: 32 DOB: 19/9/1980 Nationality: British GP Debut: CZE04 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 43 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 41  
Best championship position: 18th (2006)

## SPEED MASTER TEAM

MACHINE ART  
WEB www.speedmasterteam.com



### Mattia Pasini Bike number 54

Age: 26 DOB: 13/8/1985 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 4 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 6  
Best championship position: NA

## CAME IODA RACING PROJECT

MACHINE Ioda-Aprilia  
WEB www.iodaracing.com



### Danilo Petrucci Bike number 9

Age: 21 DOB: 24/10/1990 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 4 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 4  
Best championship position: NA

## YAMAHA FACTORY RACING

WEB www.yamaha-racing.com  
MACHINE Yamaha YZR-M1



### Jorge Lorenzo Bike number 99

Age: 25 DOB: 4/5/1987 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 71 (MotoGP) Wins: 19 Poles: 20 Fastest laps: 12 Podiums: 48 Points: 1184  
Best championship position: 1st (2010)



### Ben Spies Bike number 11

Age: 27 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 41 (MotoGP) Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 6 Points: 399  
Best championship position: 5th (2011)

## SAN CARLO HONDA GRESINI

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



### Alvaro Bautista Bike number 19

Age: 27 DOB: 21/11/1984 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 36 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 187  
Best championship position: 13th (2011\*)



### Michele Pirro Bike number 51

Age: 25 DOB: 5/7/1986 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 4 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 4  
Best championship position: NA

## ASPAR TEAM MOTOGP

WEB www.teamaspar.com  
MACHINE ART



### Randy de Puniet Bike number 14

Age: 31 DOB: 14/2/1981 Nationality: French GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 107 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 483  
Best championship position: 9th (2010)



### Aleix Espargaro Bike number 41

Age: 22 DOB: 30/7/1989 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: INP09 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 26 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 93  
Best championship position: 14th (2010)

## PRAMAC RACING TEAM

MACHINE Ducati Desmosedici GP12  
WEB www.pramacracing.com



### Hector Barbera Bike number 8

Age: 25 DOB: 2/11/1986 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 38 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 198  
Best championship position: 11th (2011)

## AVINTIA RACING MOTOGP

MACHINE FTR-Kawasaki  
WEB www.teambqr.com



### Yonny Hernandez Bike number 68

Age: 23 DOB: 25/7/1988 Nationality: Columbian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 4 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 3  
Best championship position: NA



### Ivan Silva Bike number 22

Age: 29 DOB: 12/6/1982 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: NED06 (MotoGP)  
GP Starts: 8 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 1  
Best championship position: NC (2007\*)

## TOP RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

RIDERS	TITLES	WINS	2NDs	3RDs	PODIUMS	POLES
Casey Stoner	2	35	9	18	62	34
Valentino Rossi	2	17	13	11	41	10
Jorge Lorenzo	1	18	18	6	42	16
Dani Pedrosa	-	9	15	11	35	10
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>89</b>

Current riders in black

# CALENDAR & RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

		QAT	SPA	POR	FRA	CAT	GBR	HOL	GER	ITA	USA	IND	CZE	RSM	ARA	JPN	MAL	AUS	VAL	
		08/04/12	29/04/12	06/05/12	20/05/12	03/06/12	17/06/12	30/06/12	08/07/12	15/07/12	29/07/12	19/08/12	26/08/12	16/09/12	30/09/12	14/10/12	21/10/12	28/10/12	11/11/12	
		○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	○ Soft ● Medium ● Extra-Hard	
		25° 26°	14° 15°	17° 35°	13° 19°															
		DRY	DRY	DRY	WET															
POSITION - RIDER	TOTAL WINS PODIUM	PTS	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1 Jorge Lorenzo (99)	2 4	90	1 25	2 20	4 20	1 4														
2 Casey Stoner (1)	2 4	82	3 16	5 25	1 25	1 16														
3 Dani Pedrosa (26)	3 3	65	2 20	7 16	3 16	2 13														
4 Cal Crutchlow (35)	4 3	45	4 13	4 13	5 11	3 8														
5 Andrea Dovizioso (4)	5 3	44	5 11	6 11	7 13	4 9														
6 Valentino Rossi (46)	6 1	42	10 6	12 7	9 9	3 20														
7 Stefan Bradl (6)	7 3	35	8 8	9 9	7 7	9 11														
8 Alvaro Bautista (19)	8 3	35	7 9	11 10	6 10	6 6														
9 Nicky Hayden (69)	9 3	33	6 10	5 8	8 5	3 10														
10 Hector Barbera (8)	10 3	26	9 7	8 6	10 6	12 7														
11 Ben Spies (11)	11 3	18	11 5	4 5	6 5	8 8														
12 Aleix Espargaro (41)	12 3	12	15 1	15 4	12 4	13 3														
13 Mattia Pasini (54)	13 3	6	17 2	18 2	14 2	6 4														
14 Randy De Puniet (14)	14 3	6	13 3	14 3	-10 3	13 3														
15 James Ellison (77)	15 3	5	18 2	21 2	-20 2	-19 2														
16 Colin Edwards (5)	16 3	4	12 4	13 4	16 4	DNS -														
17 Danilo Petrucci (9)	17 3	4	19 4	18 4	13 4	15 4														
18 Michele Pirro (51)	18 3	4	17 4	18 4	-15 4	14 4														
19 Yonny Hernandez (68)	19 3	3	14 2	16 2	-17 2	-15 2														
20 Ivan Silva (22)	20 3	1	16 2	20 2	15 2	19 2														
21 Karel Abraham (17)	21 3	-	10 2	17 2	-10 2	17 2														
22 Chris Vermeulen (7)	22 3	-	-	-	-	-														

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 ●● : Tyre changes AC : Accident DQ : Disqualified RT : Retired DNS : Did not start



## CONSTRUCTORS & TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

### RACE KEY

1. Yamaha - 90	2. Honda - 86	3. Ducati - 47	4. ART* - 16	5. Suter* - 4	6. Ioda* - 4	7. FTR* - 4	8. BQR-FTR* - 2	8. BQR* - 2	
1. Repsol Honda Team - 147	4. Ducati Team - 75	7. Pramac Racing Team - 26	10. Paul Bird Motorsport - 5	13. Avintia Racing MotoGP - 4	2. Yamaha Factory Racing - 108	5. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 39	8. Power Electronics Aspar - 18	11. NGM Forward Racing - 4	14. Cardion AB Motoracing - 0
3. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 89	6. LCR Honda MotoGP - 35	9. Speed Master - 6	12. Came IodaRacing Project - 4						

\* 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	12th (Aoki)	7th (Proton)	0 (best 5th)	1	0
2003	2 Teams - 3 Riders	16	11th (Tamada)	9th (Pramac)	0 (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 - 22 Riders	4	--	--	4 (x2 Stoner) (x2 Lorenzo)	4 (x2 Stoner) (x1 Lorenzo) (x1 Pedrosa)	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>175</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>260</b>



## BRIDGESTONE CONTINUES RESEARCH INTO ALTERNATIVE RUBBER SOURCES

Bridgestone Corporation has produced promising results indicating that the Russian Dandelion can become a commercially viable, renewable source of high-quality, tyre-grade rubber.

Bridgestone Americas is one of several collaborators taking part in the Russian Dandelion project being led by PENRA – the Program for Excellence in Natural Rubber Alternatives – based at the Ohio State University's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.

The company's specific role in the project is to scrutinize the performance of the rubber produced by using natural rubber extracted from Russian Dandelion. "We know that there are more than 1,200 types of plants from which natural rubber could in theory be harvested, but finding one that could practically produce the quality and amount of rubber needed to meet the demands of today's tyre market is a challenge," said Dr. Hiroshi Mouri, President, Bridgestone Americas Center for Research and Technology.

"Bridgestone continues to dedicate substantial resources to finding

sustainable alternatives for the natural rubber needed to manufacture tyres and other high-quality rubber products, and we're excited about this potentially game-changing discovery with the Russian Dandelion."

Bridgestone is also involved in other efforts to develop technologies and processes that reduce, reuse and recycle resources, as well as projects to develop concept tyres made from 100% sustainable materials.



## BRIDGESTONE FACT

Stefan Bradl's fifth place at Le Mans equals the best result by a German in the four-stroke MotoGP era alongside Alex Hoffman. Coincidentally, Hoffman's fifth place in 2007 was also in the wet at Le Mans

## LAST YEARS RACE

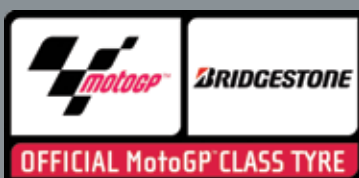
### FASTEST RACE LAP

Casey Stoner, Honda - Lap 5 - Time: 1m 43.084s - Average speed: 165.080 km/h

2011 QUALIFYING TIMES						2011 RACE RESULTS				
RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP		RIDER	TEAM	TIME	TOP KM/H	GAP
1	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	321.3	1m42.413s		1	Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	43m19.779s	163.640
2	Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	327.4	1m42.429s	+0.016s	2	Jorge Lorenzo	Yamaha Factory Racing	43m22.182s	163.489 +2.403s
3	Jorge Lorenzo	Yamaha Factory Racing	323.7	1m42.728s	0.315s	3	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	43m24.070s	163.371 +4.291s
4	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	321.7	1m42.742s	0.329s	4	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	43m25.034s	163.310 +5.255s
5	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	327.5	1m42.749s	0.336s	5	Valentino Rossi	Ducati Team	43m27.150s	163.178 +7.371s
6	Cal Crutchlow	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	322.5	1m43.202s	0.789s	6	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	43m31.610s	162.899 +11.831s
7	Valentino Rossi	Ducati Team	324.7	1m43.223s	0.810s	7	Cal Crutchlow	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	43m46.262s	161.990 +26.483s
8	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	324.3	1m43.228s	0.815s	8	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	43m53.022s	161.574 +33.243s
9	Alvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	322.4	1m43.447s	1.034s	9	Loris Capirossi	Pramac Racing Team	44m02.871s	160.972 +43.092s
10	Hector Barbera	Mapfre Aspar Team	327.6	1m43.656s	1.243s	10	Karel Abraham	Cardion AB Motoracing	44m02.892s	160.971 +43.113s
11	Hiroshi Aoyama	San Carlo Honda Gresini	326.0	1m43.734s	1.321s	11	Hector Barbera	Mapfre Aspar Team	44m04.003s	160.903 +44.224s
12	Randy De Puniet	Pramac Racing Team	323.5	1m43.764s	1.351s	12	Alvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	44m05.018s	160.842 +45.239s
13	Loris Capirossi	Pramac Racing Team	322.0	1m44.068s	1.655s	13	Toni Elias	LCR Honda MotoGP	44m18.047s	160.053 +58.268s
14	Toni Elias	LCR Honda MotoGP	325.5	1m44.510s	2.097s	14	Randy De Puniet	Pramac Racing Team	5m23.714s	157.705 22 laps
15	Karel Abraham	Cardion AB Motoracing	322.6	1m45.661s	3.248s	15	Hiroshi Aoyama	San Carlo Honda Gresini	5m24.395s	157.374 22 laps
16	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	--	--	--	NC	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	--	-- DNS

## BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

**IndyCar** Team Penske's Ryan Briscoe will start on pole position for the 96th running of the Indianapolis 500 as the Australian vies for a first win at the historic event. Briscoe qualified ahead of the Andretti Autosport trio of James Hinchcliff, Ryan Hunter-Reay and Marco Andretti after posting an average speed of 226.484 miles per hour on Firestone slicks. Three-time Indy 500 champion Helio Castroneves lines up in P6 while just behind him, 2011 Indy Lites champion Josef Newgarden is the top placed rookie after qualifying seventh. The 2012 Indianapolis 500 gets rolling at noon local time (EDT) on Sunday the 27th of May, after this sheet goes to print.



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