13 MISANO SAN MARINO 16th SEPTEMBER, 2012



MISANO DEMANDS A STABLE FRONT-END

Round thirteen of the 2012 MotoGP™ season takes place at the recently renamed Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli as the fight for the riders championship starts to heat up.

Misano is just over four kilometres in length with a tight, stop-and-go layout and was reintroduced to the MotoGP calendar in 2007. The most challenging part of the circuit is the section from turns eleven to fourteen, starting with the flat-out Curvone which sweeps into progressively tighter right-hand corners that demand maximum commitment from the riders.

Overall, Misano is not overly demanding on tyres though great care needs to be taken in selecting compounds that provide the best combination of grip, durability and heat-resistance as tyres spend a lot of time at large lean angles at this circuit. Another key performance requirement for tyres at this circuit is good stability from the centre section of the tyres to deal with the Curvone and frequent braking zones. With ten right-hand turns compared to just six left-hand turns, asymmetric

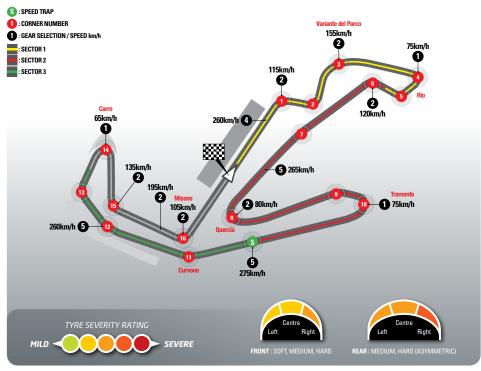
slicks with slightly harder rubber on the right shoulder were introduced last year at Misano and will once again be supplied this weekend in the medium and hard compounds. Front slick options for the San Marino and Rimini Grand Prix are the soft, medium and hard compounds.

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CIRCUIT INFORMATION

CIRCUIT DETAIL	s	CIRCUIT RECORDS			
First race	1980	Pole position	1m 33.138s (163.344km/h)		
No. of GPs held			Casey Stoner (Honda, 2011)		
Laps	28 (MotoGP), 26 (Moto2), 23 (Moto3)	Fastest lap	1m 33.906s (162.008km/h)		
Track length	4.226 km / 2.626 miles (Width 12m)		Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2011)		
Race distance	118.328 km / 73.528 miles	Race time	44m 11.877s (1160.633km/h)		
Longest straight	0.600 km / 0.37 miles		Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2011)		
Corners	16 (6 left, 10 right)	2011 Winner	Jorge Lorenzo, Yamaha		





EVENT SCHEDULE LOCAL TIME FRIDAY 09:15-09:55 10:10-10:55 **MotoGP Free Practice 1** 11:10-11:55 13:15-13:55 14:10-14:55 **MotoGP Free Practice 2** 15:10-15:55 Moto2 Free Practice 2 SATURDAY 09:15-09:55 10:10-10:55 11:10-11:55 13:00-13:40 13:55-14:55 Moto2 Qualifying Practice 15:10-15:55 SUNDAY Moto3 Warm Up 08:40-09:00 Moto2 Warm Up 09:10-09:30 MotoGP Warm Up 09:40-10:00 Moto3 Race (23 laps) 11.00 12.20 14:00 MotoGP Race (28 laps)

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

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

The tarmac of the Misano circuit is smoothly textured and offers only modest grip and when combined with the tight layout of the circuit, presents a different kind of technical challenge for tyre development. September on the Adriatic coast can be quite warm, so our compound selection needs to find the best balance between grip, abrasion resistance and resistance to high temperatures. With this in mind, we will supply the same tyre compounds at Misano as last year, with the soft, medium and hard compounds for the front, and the medium and hard compounds for the rear. Last year was the first time we made asymmetric rear slicks available at Misano and we will continue supplying this specification this weekend, with

the right shoulder of the tyre slightly harder rubber than the left side.

The most demanding section of the Misano circuit for tyres is the fast right-handed Curvone corner. This is where the tyres, particularly the rears, reach their highest temperature as they spend a lot of time leant over and don't have much time to dissipate heat. The high speed nature of the Curvone, as well as the frequent braking zones at Misano demand good tyre stability, so the centre section of the tyres needs to provide riders with maximum confidence, particularly at the front-end.

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



Dani Pedrosa Bike number 26

Age: 26 DOB: 29/9/1985 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 109 (MotoGP) Wins: 17 Poles: 22 Fastest laps: 30 Podiums: 66 Points: 1611 Best championship position: 2nd (2010*)



Jonathan Rea Bike number TBC

Age: 25 DOB: 2/2/1987 Nationality: British GP Debut: RSM12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 0 Best championship position: NA

DUCATI TEAM

MACHINE Ducati Desmosedici GP12 WFB www.ducati.com



Valentino Rossi Bike number 46

Age: 33 DOB: 16/2/1979 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: RSA00 (500cc) GP Starts: 209 (MotoGP/500cc) Wins: 79 Poles: 49 Fastest laps: 67 Podiums: 141 Points: 3547 Best championship position: 1st (x7, 2009*)



Nicky Hayden Bi 69

Age: 30 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 161 (MotoGP) Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 7 Podiums: 28 Points: 1470 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: 27 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles:0 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 0 Points: 176 Best championship position: 12th (2011)



Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4

Age: 26 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 81 (MotoGP) Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 21 Points: 904 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: 161 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 3 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 12 Points: 1177 Best championship position: 4th (2005)

CARDION AB MOTORACING

MACHINE Ducati Desmosodeci GP12 WEB www.karelabraham.com

MACHINES Honda RC213V

WFR www.lcr.m.



Karel Abraham Bike number 17

Age: 22 DOB: 02/01/1990 Nationality: Czech GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 23 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 82 Best championship position: 14th (2011)

Stefan Bradl Bike number 6

LCR HONDA MOTOGP

Age: 22 DOB: 29/11/1989 Nationality: German GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 11 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 96



PAUL BIRD MOTORSPORT

MACHINE ART



James Ellison Bike <mark>number 77</mark>

Age: 32 DOB: 19/9/1980 Nationality: British GP Debut: CZE04 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 50 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 49 Best championship position: 18th (2006)



SPEED MASTER TEAM

MACHINE ART WEB www.sneed



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

Age: 26 DOB: 13/8/1985 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 11 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 13 Best championship position: NA



MACHINE Ioda-Aprilia



Danilo Petrucci Bike number 9

Age: 21 DOB: 24/10/1990 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 11 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 9 Best championship position: NA

YAMAHA FACTORY RACING

WEB www.yamaha-racing.com



Jorge Lorenzo Bike number 99

: 25 DOB: 4/5/1987 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 78 (MotoGP) Wins: 22 Poles: 21 Fastest laps: 14 Podiums: 54 Points: 1319 Best championship position: 1st (2010)



Age: 28 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 48 (MotoGP) Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 6 Points: 447 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: 43 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 244 Best championship position: 13th (2011*)



Michele Pirro Bike number 51

Age: 26 DOB: 5/7/1986 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 11 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 16 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: 114 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 510 Best championship position: 9th (2010)



Aleix Espargaro Bike

Age: 22 DOB: 30/7/1989 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: INP09 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 33 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 120 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: 43 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 231 Best championship position: 11th (2011)

AVINTIA RACING MOTOGP

MACHINE FTR-Kawasaki WEB www.teamhar.com



Yonny Hernandez Bike

Age: 23 DOB: 25/7/1988 Nationality: Columbian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 11 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 17 Best championship position: NA



Ivan Silva I 22

Age: 30 DOB: 12/6/1982 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: NED06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 15 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 11 Best championship position: NC (2007*)

TOP RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

RIDERS	TITLES	WINS	2NDs	3RDs	PODIUMS	POLES
Casey Stoner	2	37	10	18	65	37
Valentino Rossi	2	17	13	11	41	10
Jorge Lorenzo	1	21	22	6	49	17
Dani Pedrosa	-	12	18	13	43	12
Loris Capirossi	-	6	7	4	17	5
Makoto Tamada	-	2	1	1	4	3
Andrea Dovizioso	-	1	7	13	21	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	- 1	-	2	3	5	-
John Hopkins		-	1	3	4	1
Marco Simoncelli	-	-	1	1	2	2
Colin Edwards	-	-	1	1	2	-
Shinya Nakano	- 1	-	1	1	2	-
Randy de Puniet	_	_	1	1	2	_
Kenny Roberts Jr	-	-	1	-	1	1
Alex de Angelis	-	-	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
Cal Crutchlow	_	_	_	1	1	_
Alvaro Bautista	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	5	99	96	89	284	97

BRIDGESTONE CALENDAR & RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP SoftMedium-Soft GER ITA FRA GBR NED USA CZE RSM AVAILABLE Mugello Silverstone Motegi TYRE COMPOUNDS 29/04/12 06/05/12 20/05/12 30/06/12 08/07/12 15/07/12 29/07/12 19/08/12 26/08/12 14/10/12 21/10/12 ○ Soft ○ Soft ○ Soft ○ Medium ○ Medium ○ Medium **ALLOCATED - FRONT TYRES ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES** WEATHER CONDITIONS AIR 25° 14° 15° TRACK CONDITIONS DRY DRY DRY WET DRY DRY DRY POSITION - RIDER WINS PTS 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 1 Jorge Lorenzo (99) W 3 232 0 27 3 2 3 2 4 1 2 5 3 5 2 0 16 0 16 0 13 0 20 0 16 0 20 0 20 0 20 0 25 0 25 0 20 0 16 0 25 0 25 2 Dani Pedrosa (26) PD 11 3 Casey Stoner (1) PD **7** 4 Andrea Dovizioso (4) 150 have competed in 2012 MotoGP Championship - Chris Vermeulen 25th position

CONSTRUCTORS & TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

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 **S**: Tyre changes **AC** : Accident **D** : Disqualified **RT** : Retired **DNS** : Did not start

10. BQR-FTR* - 2	

	1. Honda - 271	3. Ducati - 124 4. ART* - 62	5. BQR* - 24	6. FTR* - 18	7. Suter* - 17	8. loda* - 9	9. APR* - 2	10. BQR-FTR* - 2	
	1. Repsol Honda Team - 418 4. Ducati Team - 184		7. Power Ele	7. Power Electronics Aspar - 86		10. Cardion AB Motoracing - 25		13. Speed Master - 13	
2. Yamaha Factory Racing - 311		5. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 120	8. Pramac Racing Team - 70		11. NGM Forward Racing - 17		14. Came IodaRacing Project - 9		
	3. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 272	6. LCR Honda MotoGP - 105	9. Avintia Ra	acing MotoGP - 32	12. Paul Bird N	Notorsport - 14			

* 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	17	1st (Stoner)	1st (Honda)	17	18	51
2012	16 Teams - 26 Riders	12	-		12 (x5 Lorenzo) (x4 Stoner) (x3 Pedrosa)	12 (x5 Stoner) (x3 Pedrosa) (x3 Lorenzo) (x1 Bautista)	36
TOTAL		181	5	5	99	97	284

BRIDGESTONE NEWS



BRIDGESTONE RUBBER ROLLS TO 100 MOTOGP WINS

With the completion of this Sunday's San Marino and Rimini Grand Prix, Bridgestone will have shared in 100 MotoGP victories.

Bridgestone entered the premier class of Motorcycle Grand Prix racing in 2002 and very soon began to score some strong results, with a first pole position with Proton KR's Jeremy McWilliams at Phillip Island in 2002, a first podium in 2003 with Pramac Honda's Makoto Tamada, with the Japanese rider winning the same fixture the following year for Bridgestone's first ever MotoGP victory.

Following back-to-back MotoGP championships in 2007 and 2008 with Casey Stoner and Valentino Rossi respectively, Bridgestone was awarded the role as Official Tyre Supplier from the 2009 season and has since signed a new contract with Dorna that will see the world's largest rubber goods manufacturer remain as sole tyre supplier to the series until the end of the 2014 season. This will not only ensure the

supply of the most technically advanced tyres to the world's premier class of road racing, but also enable the transfer of MotoGP derived technology to Bridgestone's line-up of road tyres for years to come.

Since Bridgestone entered MotoGP, ten different riders have recorded victories on Bridgestone rubber; Troy Bayliss, Loris Capirossi, Andrea Dovizioso, Jorge Lorenzo, Dani Pedrosa, Valentino Rossi, Ben Spies, Casey Stoner, Makoto Tamada and Chris Vermeulen.



BRIDGESTONE FACT

LAST YEARS RACE

Since stepping up to the MotoGP class in 2008, current championship leader Jorge Lorenzo has never finished off the podium at the San Marino and Rimini Grand Prix.

FASTEST RACE LAP

Jorge Lorenzo, Yamaha - Lap 12 - Time: 1m33.906s - Average speed: 162.008 km/h

2011 QUALIFYING TIMES					2011 RACE RESULTS						
	RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP		RIDER	TEAM	TIME	TOP KM/H	GAP
1	Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	274.0	1m33.138s		1	Jorge Lorenzo	Yamaha Factory Racing	44m11.877s	160.633	
2	Jorge Lorenzo	Yamaha Factory Racing	271.7	1m33.258s	+0.120s	2	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	44m19.176s	160.192	+7.299s
3	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	276.6	1m33.318s	+0.180s	3	Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	44m23.844s	159.912	+11.967s
4	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	269.6	1m33.947s	+0.809s	4	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	44m29.230s	159.589	+17.353s
5	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	267.9	1m33.990s	+0.852s	5	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	44m29.267s	159.587	+17.390s
6	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	273.8	1m34.026s	+0.888s	6	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	44m29.969s	159.545	+18.092s
7	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech	266.4	1m34.054s	+0.916s	7	Valentino Rossi	Ducati Team	44m35.580s	159.210	+23.703s
8	Alvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	274.6	1m34.360s	+1.222s	8	Alvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	44m42.555s	158.796	+30.678s
9	Hector Barbera	Mapfre Aspar Team	274.7	1m34.592s	+1.454s	9	Hector Barbera	Mapfre Aspar Team	44m49.379s	158.393	+37.502s
10	Hiroshi Aoyama	San Carlo Honda Gresini	274.8	1m34.637s	+1.499s	10	Cal Crutchlow	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	44m49.597s	158.380	+37.720s
11	Valentino Rossi	Ducati Team	271.2	1m34.676s	+1.538s	11	Hiroshi Aoyama	San Carlo Honda Gresini	44m51.425s	158.273	+39.548s
12	Karel Abraham	Cardion AB Motoracing	273.3	1m34.727s	+1.589s	12	Karel Abraham	Cardion AB Motoracing	44m52.383s	158.217	+40.506s
13	Cal Crutchlow	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	267.7	1m34.791s	+1.653s	13	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech	45m05.226s	157.465	+53.349s
14	Randy de Puniet	Pramac Racing Team	268.9	1m34.870s	+1.732s	14	Randy de Puniet	Pramac Racing Team	45m14.243s	156.942	+62.366s
15	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	271.8	1m34.955s	+1.817s	15	Toni Elias	LCR Honda MotoGP	45m32.033s	155.920	+80.156s
16	Loris Capirossi	Pramac Racing Team	270.7	1m35.502s	+2.364s	NC	Loris Capirossi	Pramac Racing Team	15m21.868s	132.024	20 laps
17	Toni Elias	LCR Honda MotoGP	272.6	1m36.167s	+3.029s	NC	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	3m20.984s	151.391	26 laps

BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

IndyCar The 2012 IndyCar Championship will go down to the wire this Saturday as the last race of the season takes place at Fontana, California. Team Penske's Will Power currently leads the championship standings with 453 points, with the other championship contender, Andretti Autosport's Ryan Hunter-Reay on 436 points having claimed four victories this season. 250 laps of the Auto Club Speedway circuit will decide whether it will be Power or Hunter-Reay who will be crowned champion and take the mantle of 2011 Championship winner Dario Franchitti.





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