

# STATISTICS 2015

## #05

## Monster Energy Grand Prix de France

May 13th

Le Mans

### MotoGP™ Riders' Profiles

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	226 (128 x MotoGP, 49 x 250, 49 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	10 (1 x MotoGP, 4 x 250, 5 x 125)	2nd
<b>Podiums</b>	68 (27 x MotoGP, 26 x 250, 15 x 125)	3
<b>Poles</b>	16 (3 x MotoGP, 4 x 250, 9 x 125)	1
<b>Last Win</b>	GBR/09	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	ARG/15/2nd	ARG/2nd
<b>Last Pole</b>	QAT/15	QAT

4. Andrea Dovizioso



Age: 29

- » Dovizioso has finished on the podium seven times at Le Mans throughout his GP career, including a victory in the 125cc class on the way to winning the world title in 2004
- » His two podium finishes in the MotoGP class are 3rd in 2010, and in 2011 when he won a battle with Rossi to finish 2nd behind team-mate Stoner
- » He finished 7th in 2012 in France after crashing and re-starting; in 2013 he was 4th - his best result of his first year riding a Ducati
- » Last year at Le Mans he took the final slot on the front row of the grid; after getting a good start and leading in the early stages, he eventually finished the race in 8th

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	143 (56 x MotoGP, 33 x Moto2, 54 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	7 (5 x Moto2, 2 x 125) (2nd in MotoGP)	15th
<b>Podiums</b>	19 (1 x MotoGP, 12 x Moto2, 6 x 125)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	8 (1 x MotoGP, 7 x Moto2)	14th
<b>Last Win</b>	GBR/11 (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	USA/13/2nd	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	USA/13	-

6. Stefan Bradl



Age: 25

- » Bradl has had a single podium finish at Le Mans - 3rd in the Moto2 race in 2011, when he also started from pole
- » He qualified down in 13th for the MotoGP race at Le Mans in 2012, after a crash in qualifying, but finished 5th in his first wet MotoGP race
- » In 2013 he finished 10th at Le Mans after crashing and re-starting
- » Last year in France he headed the second row of the grid and held second place in the early laps, before eventually finishing in 7th place

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	171 (67 x MotoGP, 104 x 250)	3
<b>Wins/best result</b>	9 - all 250cc (4th in MotoGP)	11th
<b>Podiums</b>	27 - all 250cc	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	8 (8 x 250cc) (7th in MotoGP)	15th
<b>Last Win</b>	MAL/09 (250cc)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	MAL/09/1st (250cc)	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	MAL/09 (250cc)	-

7. Hiroshi Aoyama

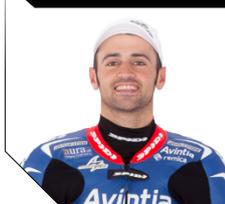


Age: 33

- » Aoyama's best results at Le Mans are 4th place finishes in the 250cc race in both 2004 and 2006
- » His best result from four starts in the MotoGP class at Le Mans is 8th in 2011
- » In 2013 he finished 19th at Le Mans and last year was 14th

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	211 (89 x MotoGP, 75 x 250, 47 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	10 (4 x 250, 6 x 125) (5th in MotoGP)	12th
<b>Podiums</b>	32 (20 x 250, 12 x 125)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	9 (8 x 250, 1 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	12th
<b>Last Win</b>	VAL/09 (250cc)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	VAL/09/1st (250cc)	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	POR/09 (250cc)	-

8. Hector Barbera



Age: 28

- » Barbera's best result at Le Mans is 4th in the 250cc race in 2007
- » In 2010 he was 8th at Le Mans, which equalled his best result of his rookie season in MotoGP and is his best result in the MotoGP class at the circuit
- » Last year he retired from the race with technical problems on the second lap
- » Barbera has been the first Open Class rider across the line in three of the opening four races of the year

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	54 - all MotoGP	4
<b>Best result</b>	8th	10th
<b>Podiums</b>	0	0
<b>Best grid</b>	7th	7th
<b>Last Win</b>	-	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	-	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	-	-

9. Danilo Petrucci



Age: 24

- » In Petrucci's first race at Le Mans in 2012, he crashed on lap 25 when highest placed CRT rider in 11th position
- » In 2013 he finished in 14th place at Le Mans, less than two seconds behind top CRT rider Espargaro
- » Did not start the race in France last year as he had not fully recovered from his wrist injury suffered in Jerez

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	252 (51 x MotoGP, 136 x 250/Moto2, 65 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	4 (3 x Moto2, 1 x 250) (2nd in MotoGP)	18th
<b>Podiums</b>	40 (1 x MotoGP, 32 x 250/Moto2, 7 x 125)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	11 (6 x 250/Moto2, 5 x 125) (4th in MotoGP)	24th
<b>Last Win</b>	MAL/12 (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	MAL/12/1st (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	AUS/11 (Moto2)	-

15. Alex de Angelis



Age: 31

- » De Angelis has had a single podium finish at Le Mans - 3rd in the 250cc race in 2007
- » Has raced twice previously at the circuit in the MotoGP class, finishing 12th in 2008 and 11th in 2009
- » Last year crashed out of the Moto2 race at Le Mans on the seventh lap

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	153 (61 x MotoGP, 61 x 250/Moto2, 31 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	1 (1 x Moto2) (7th in MotoGP)	21st
<b>Podiums</b>	2 (2 x Moto2)	0
<b>Best grid</b>	5th - 250cc (6th in MotoGP)	17th
<b>Last Win</b>	VAL/10 (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	VAL/10/1st (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	-	-

17. Karel Abraham

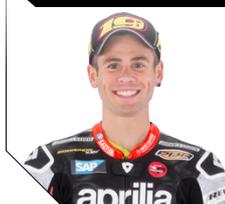


Age: 25

- » In 2011, his rookie season in the MotoGP class, Abraham finished 10th at Le Mans - his best GP result at the circuit
- » In 2012 he retired from the French GP with technical problems and two years ago he finished 15th, one of only four points scoring riders for Abraham in 2013
- » He finished in 15th place again last year at the French GP

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	206 (90 x MotoGP, 49 x 250, 67 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	16 (8 x 250, 8 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	15th
<b>Podiums</b>	49 (3 x MotoGP, 28 x 250, 18 x 125)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	18 (1 x MotoGP, 9 x 250, 8 x 125)	15th
<b>Last Win</b>	CAT/09 (250cc)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	FRA/14/3rd	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	GBR/12	-

19. Alvaro Bautista



Age: 30

- » Bautista finished third at Le Mans last year - his only podium of 2014
- » His third place finish at Le Mans last year was his first ever podium at the French circuit

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	71 (4 x MotoGP, 18 x Moto2, 49 x 125/Moto3)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	16 (4 x Moto2, 12 x 125/Moto3) (9th in MotoGP)	9th
<b>Podiums</b>	40 (9 x Moto2, 31 x 125/Moto3)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	11 (1 x Moto2, 10 x 125/Moto3) (9th in MotoGP)	9th
<b>Last Win</b>	MAL/14 (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	MAL/14/1st (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	ARA/14 (Moto2)	-

### 25. Maverick Viñales



Age: 20

- » Viñales took his very first 125cc GP victory at the Le Mans circuit in 2011, in what was only his 4th GP start
- » He qualified on pole for the Moto3 race at Le Mans in 2012, then crashed while leading with 8 laps to go
- » He qualified on pole in the Moto3 class again in 2013 in France, and this time went on to win the race
- » Last year he finished 4th in the Moto2 race at the French GP

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	230 (152 x MotoGP, 32 x 250, 46 x 125)	1
<b>Wins/best result</b>	49 (26 x MotoGP, 15 x 250, 8 x 125)	6th
<b>Podiums</b>	135 (94 x MotoGP, 24 x 250, 17 x 125)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	45 (27 x MotoGP, 9 x 250, 9 x 125)	2nd
<b>Last Win</b>	CZE/14	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	VAL/14/3rd	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	CAT/14	-

### 26. Dani Pedrosa



Age: 29

- » Pedrosa has had great success at Le Mans, including victories in all three GP classes; the 125cc GP there in 2003, the 250cc race in both 2004 and 2005, and in MotoGP in 2013
- » He has also started from pole at Le Mans four times in the MotoGP class; 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2012
- » Last year he finished 5th at Le Mans while still recovering from surgery to relieve "arm-pump"

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	165 (37 x MotoGP, 51 x Moto2, 77 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	12 (8 x Moto2, 4 x 125)(3rd in MotoGP)	3rd
<b>Podiums</b>	25 (1 x MotoGP, 19 x Moto2, 5 x 125)	1
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	8 (5 x Moto2, 3 x 125) (2nd in MotoGP)	3rd
<b>Last Win</b>	ITA/12 (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	QAT/15/3rd	QAT/3rd
<b>Last Pole</b>	ARA/10 (Moto2)	-

### 29. Andrea Iannone



Age: 25

- » Iannone's best results at Le Mans have been 4th in the Moto2 race in both 2010 and 2012
- » In 2013, his rookie year in the MotoGP class, he finished 11th at Le Mans
- » Last year he crashed out of 6th at La Chapelle on the second lap after starting from 11th place on the grid

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	211 (135 x MotoGP, 47 x 250, 29 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	22 (5 x MotoGP, 10 x 250, 7 x 125)	19th
<b>Podiums</b>	62 (20 x MotoGP, 25 x 250, 17 x 125)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	9 (3 x 250, 6 x 125) (2nd in MotoGP)	24th
<b>Last Win</b>	AUS/06	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	FRA/09/2nd	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	VAL/02 (250cc)	-

### 33. Marco Melandri



Age: 32

- » Melandri has had three podium finishes in the MotoGP class at the Le Mans circuit, including a race victory in 2006
- » His 2nd place finish at Le Mans in 2009, riding a Kawasaki, is the last time he stood on a grand prix podium
- » He last raced in the MotoGP class at Le Mans in 2010, when he finished 6th

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	73 - all MotoGP	4
<b>Best result</b>	2nd	3rd
<b>Podiums</b>	8 (8 x MotoGP)	1
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	2 (2 x MotoGP)	4th
<b>Last Win</b>	-	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	ARG/15/3rd	ARG/3rd
<b>Last Pole</b>	CZE/13	-

### 35. Cal Crutchlow



Age: 29

- » Crutchlow raced at Le Mans for the first time in 2011; he qualified in 6th place on the grid and then crashed in the race at Garage Vert on the sixth lap
- » Crashed again at Le Mans in 2012, on lap 18 when battling with Rossi and Dovizioso; re-started to finish 8th
- » Two years ago he finished 2nd at Le Mans, equalling his best GP result of 2013
- » Last year he finished 11th at Le Mans riding the factory Ducati

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	153 (40 x MotoGP, 33 x Moto2, 80 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	3 (3 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	6th
<b>Podiums</b>	24 (1 x MotoGP, 3 x Moto2, 20 x 125)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	9 (9 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	7th
<b>Last Win</b>	VAL/10 (125cc)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	AUS/14/3rd	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	POR/10 (125cc)	-

### 38. Bradley Smith



Age: 24

- » Smith has twice finished on the podium at Le Mans in the 125cc class; 3rd in 2007, which was his first GP podium, and 2nd in 2008
- » Finished 9th at Le Mans in 2013, his rookie season in the MotoGP class, after finishing the first lap down in 16th place
- » Had a great start last year at Le Mans and finished the first lap in 5th from 10th place on the grid; he slipped back through the field during the race and finished 10th

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	164 (80 x MotoGP, 61 x Moto2/250, 23 x 125)	4
<b>Best result</b>	2nd	7th
<b>Podiums</b>	2 (1 x MotoGP, 1 x Moto2)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	1 (1 x MotoGP)	2nd
<b>Last Win</b>	-	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	ARA/14/2nd	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	NED/14	-

### 41. Aleix Espargaro



Age: 25

- » Aleix Espargaro's best GP result at Le Mans is 6th in the Moto2 race in 2011
- » In both 2012 and 2013 he finished 13th in the MotoGP class at Le Mans
- » Last year he was the first Open Class bike across the line in 9th place

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	59 (4 x MotoGP, 55 x 125/Moto3)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	6 (6 x Moto3) (12th in MotoGP)	12th
<b>Podiums</b>	10 (10 x Moto3)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	8 (8 x Moto3) (19th in MotoGP)	19th
<b>Last Win</b>	VAL/14 (Moto3)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	VAL/14/1st (Moto3)	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	MAL/14 (Moto3)	-

### 43. Jack Miller

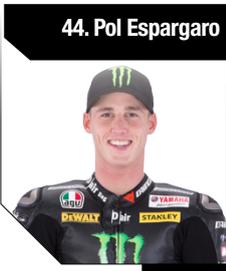


Age: 20

- » Miller won the Moto3 race at Le Mans last year, from second place on the grid

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	144 (22 x MotoGP, 51 x Moto2, 71 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	15 (10 x Moto2, 5 x 125)(4th in MotoGP)	5th
<b>Podiums</b>	44 (23 x Moto2, 21 x 125)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	17 (14 x Moto2, 3 x 125)(2nd in MotoGP)	4th
<b>Last Win</b>	JPN/13 (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	JPN/13/1st (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	VAL/13 (Moto2)	-

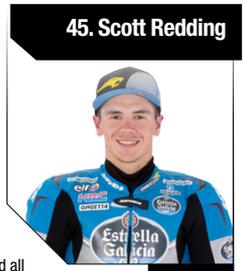
- Pol Espargaro won the 125cc race at Le Mans in 2010 - his only GP podium at the French circuit
- He finished sixth in the Moto2 race at Le Mans in 2012 after leading the race in the early stages and then running off the track on lap nine and dropping down to ninth
- In 2013 he was 19th in the Moto2 race at Le Mans, after crashing on the third lap and re-starting
- Pol Espargaro had his best result of 2014 at Le Mans, finishing 4th after qualifying on the front row for the first time



Age: 23

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	122 (22 x MotoGP, 67 x Moto2, 33 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	4 (3 x Moto2, 1 x 125)(7th in MotoGP)	9th
<b>Podiums</b>	16 (14 x Moto2, 2 x 125)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	3 (3 x Moto2)(6th in MotoGP)	6th
<b>Last Win</b>	GBR/13 (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	GBR/13/1st (Moto2)	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	INP/13 (Moto2)	-

- Redding finished 3rd in the Moto2 French GP three years ago - his first top ten finish at the Le Mans circuit
- In 2013 at Le Mans, he took the lead in the Moto2 race on the 9th lap and led all the way to the finish, to take his first Moto2 win
- He was the first of the Open Class Honda riders across the line at the French GP last year, in 12th place



Age: 22

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	316 (256 x MotoGP, 30 x 250, 30 x 125)	4
<b>Wins</b>	110 (84 x MotoGP, 14 x 250, 12 x 125)	2
<b>Podiums</b>	200 (164 x MotoGP, 21 x 250, 15 x 125)	4
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	60 (50 x MotoGP, 5 x 250, 5 x 125)	4th
<b>Last Win</b>	ARG/15	ARG
<b>Last Podium</b>	SPA/15/3rd	SPA/3rd
<b>Last Pole</b>	VAL/14	-

- Rossi has had ten podium finishes in the premier-class at Le Mans, including three victories; in 2002 riding a Honda, 2005 riding the 990cc Yamaha and in 2008 on Yamaha's 800cc machine
- In 2009 he finished in 16th place, after suffering a crash and a ride through penalty: this was the first time he had ever finished a GP race outside a points scoring position
- Two of his three podium finishes on a Ducati came at Le Mans; 3rd in 2011 and 2nd in 2012
- In 2013 he finished 12th at Le Mans, after crashing out of 4th place on lap fourteen and re-starting
- Finished 2nd at Le Mans last year, after leading the race from the 4th lap until he was passed by Marquez on lap thirteen



Age: 36

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	34 (4 x MotoGP, 29 x 250, 1 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	13th - 250cc (16th in MotoGP)	16th
<b>Podiums</b>	0	0
<b>Best grid</b>	12th - 250cc (14th in MotoGP)	14th
<b>Last Win</b>	-	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	-	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	-	-

- Laverly has twice raced in the 250cc class at Le Mans; in 2007 he finished 15th and in 2008 he crashed out of the race



Age: 28

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	188 (22 x MotoGP, 75 x Moto2/250, 91 x 125)	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	5 (5 x 125)(12th in MotoGP)	18th
<b>Podiums</b>	13 (2 x 250, 11 x 125)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	3 (1 x 250, 2 x 125)(16th in MotoGP)	16th
<b>Last Win</b>	AUS/08 (125cc)	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	POR/09/2nd (250cc)	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	INP/09 (250cc)	-

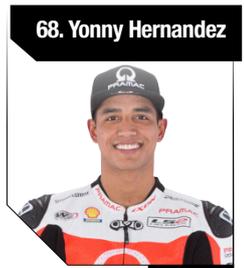
- Di Meglio won his home GP at Le Mans in 2008, the year he took the 125cc world title
- Finished 7th in the Moto2 race at Le Mans in 2013, his best result at the circuit in his five years competing in the intermediate-class of grand prix racing
- Last year he finished 19th in the MotoGP race at Le Mans, after suffering a crash in practice and another in the Sunday morning warm-up session



Age: 27

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	86 (55 x MotoGP, 31 x Moto2)	4
<b>Best result</b>	6th - Moto2 (7th in MotoGP)	10th
<b>Podiums</b>	0	0
<b>Best grid</b>	5th	5th
<b>Last Win</b>	-	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	-	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	-	-

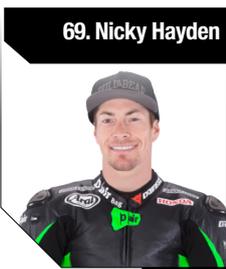
- Hernandez raced in the Moto2 class for two years at Le Mans; finishing 12th in 2010 and 20th in 2011
- He was 15th at Le Mans in 2012, his rookie year in the MotoGP class
- He retired from the MotoGP race at Le Mans in 2013 with technical problems
- Last year Hernandez finished 13th at the French GP



Age: 26

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	202 - all MotoGP	4
<b>Wins/best result</b>	3 (3 x MotoGP)	13th
<b>Podiums</b>	28 (28 x MotoGP)	0
<b>Poles/best grid</b>	5	17th
<b>Last Win</b>	USA/06	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	SPA/11/3rd	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	POR/07	-

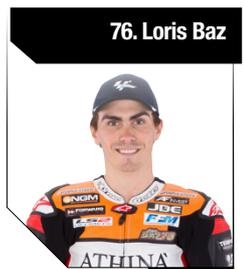
- In 2010 at Le Mans Hayden finished fourth, and was the first Ducati rider across the line - his best ever result at the French GP
- Two years ago he finished 5th in France - his best result of the 2013 season
- Last year he fell at the Dunlop chicane on the first lap when he was hit by another rider



Age: 33

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	4 x MotoGP	4
<b>Best result</b>	14th	14th
<b>Podiums</b>	0	0
<b>Best grid</b>	20th	20th
<b>Last Win</b>	-	-
<b>Last Podium</b>	-	-
<b>Last Pole</b>	-	-

- Baz is competing in a grand prix at Le Mans for the first time



Age: 22

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	118 (40 x MotoGP, 32 x Moto2, 46 x 125)	4
<b>Wins</b>	46 (20 x MotoGP, 16 x Moto2, 10 x 125)	1
<b>Podiums</b>	71 (32 x MotoGP, 25 x Moto2, 14 x 125)	2
<b>Poles</b>	52 (24 x MotoGP, 14 x Moto2, 14 x 125)	2
<b>Last Win</b>	AME/15	AME
<b>Last Podium</b>	SPA/15/2nd	SPA/2nd
<b>Last Pole</b>	ARG/15	ARG

- Marquez took his first ever pole in GP racing in the 125cc class at Le Mans in 2009, but crashed out of the race after colliding with Joan Olive
- He won the Moto2 race at the French GP in 2011 - his first victory after moving up from the 125cc class
- In 2012 he qualified on pole for the Moto2 race at Le Mans, but crashed out of the wet race on the 11th lap
- Two years ago he qualified on pole at Le Mans, dropped down to 8th in the early part of his first wet MotoGP race, before recovering to finish 3rd
- Last year he qualified on pole and won at Le Mans, after dropping down to 10th place early in the race when he ran wide at Garage Vert



Age: 22

	CAREER	2015
<b>Starts</b>	218 (124 x MotoGP, 48 x 250, 46 x 125)	4
<b>Wins</b>	55 (34 x MotoGP, 17 x 250, 4 x 125)	1
<b>Podiums</b>	124 (86 x MotoGP, 29 x 250, 9 x 125)	1
<b>Poles</b>	57 (31 x MotoGP, 23 x 250, 3 x 125)	1
<b>Last Win</b>	SPA/15	SPA
<b>Last Podium</b>	SPA/15/1st	SPA/1st
<b>Last Pole</b>	SPA/15	SPA

- Lorenzo had one victory at Le Mans when riding in the smaller classes, in 2007 in the 250cc race after qualifying on pole
- He has had four podium finishes from six starts at Le Mans in the MotoGP class, including wins in 2009, 2010 and 2012
- In 2013 he was battling with the leading group in the early stages but dropped back through the race to finish 7th, which was his lowest race finish in MotoGP since 2008
- Last year he finished 6th at the French GP, from 6th place on the grid



Age: 28

### Grand Prix racing at Le Mans

The Le Mans circuit has one of the longest traditions of grand prix racing on the current MotoGP™ schedule. Below are some facts and figures about grand prix racing at Le Mans:

Le Mans has hosted a grand prix event on twenty seven previous occasions, including the Grand Prix "Vitesse du Mans" in 1991, which is the only year that two grand prix events have been held in France in the same year.

Le Mans was first used for a grand prix event in 1969, when the 500cc race was won by Giacomo Agostini, who lapped all the other riders in the race on his MV Agusta.

This is the sixteenth successive year that the Le Mans circuit has been used for the MotoGP, starting in 2000.

Since the introduction of the four-stroke MotoGP formula in 2002, Honda have had seven wins at Le Mans, Yamaha have had five victories and Suzuki took the other win, in 2007 with Chris Vermeulen - Suzuki's only GP victory in the four-stroke MotoGP era.

The best results for Ducati at the Le Mans circuit are second place finishes for Loris Capirossi in 2006 and Valentino Rossi in 2012.

The riders with the most victories at Le Mans are Jorge Lorenzo and Dani Pedrosa, who have each stood on the top step of the podium on four occasions at the French circuit. Lorenzo has had a single win in the 250cc class to add to his three MotoGP wins, Pedrosa has won at Le Mans once in the 125cc class, twice in 250cc and in 2013 he won for the first time in the MotoGP class.

There have been five GP wins at the Le Mans circuit by French riders: Jean Aureal won the 125cc race in 1969, Guy Bertin the 125cc race in 1979, Patrick Fernandez the 350cc race in 1979, Mike di Meglio the 125cc race in 2008 and Louis Rossi the Moto3 race in 2012.

In addition to Le Mans, there have been seven other circuits that have hosted the French GP (the figure in brackets is the number of times each circuit has hosted the French Grand Prix): Paul Ricard (13), Clermont-Ferrand (10), Nogaro (2), Reims (2), Rouen (2), Albi (1), Magny-Cours (1).

The best result by a French rider at Le Mans in the MotoGP class is 4th by Olivier Jacque in 2003. The last French rider to score points in the MotoGP class at Le Mans is Randy de Puniet with a 7th place finish in 2010.

### Jorge Lorenzo up to 5th in all-time GP winners list

With his win at Jerez, Jorge Lorenzo moves above Mick Doohan into fifth place in the all-time grand prix winner's list, as shown below:

RIDERS WITH MOST GRAND PRIX VICTORIES (ALL SOLO CLASSES)

Rider	Total wins	MotoGP/500cc	350cc	Moto2/250cc	125cc	80/50cc
1 Giacomo Agostini	122	68	54			
2 Valentino Rossi	110	84		14	12	
3 Angel Nieto	90				62	28
4 Mike Hailwood	76	37	16	21	2	
5 Jorge Lorenzo	55	34		17	4	
6 Mick Doohan	54	54				
7 Phil Read	52	11	4	27	10	
8 Dani Pedrosa	49	26		15	8	
9 Marc Marquez	46	20		16	10	
10= Jim Redman	45	2	21	18	4	
10= Casey Stoner	45	38		5	2	



### Great start to the year for French riders

The French riders have had a great start to the 2015 campaign, and a number of records and milestones have already been achieved in the opening four races of the year:

At the opening race of the year in Qatar, Alexis Masbou qualified on pole for the first time in his grand prix career, in what was his 141st grand prix start.

Alexis Masbou won the race at Qatar to become the first French rider since Arnaud Vincent in 2002 to win at the opening grand prix event of the year.

Fabio Quartararo's second place finish at the Grand Prix of the Americas made him, at the age of 15 years 357 days the youngest French rider ever to stand on a grand prix podium in the 67-year history of motorcycle grand prix racing, taking the record from Mike di Meglio.

Zarco's win in Argentina was his second GP victory; his other was in the 125cc class at Motegi in 2011. He is the first French rider to win grand prix in both the lightweight-class (Moto3/125cc) and the intermediate-class (Moto2/250cc) of grand prix racing.

Zarco is only the second French rider to win a grand prix in the Moto2 class, the other being Jules Cluzel, who won at Silverstone in 2010.

Following his win in Argentina, Zarco was the first French rider to top the intermediate-class championship standings since Randy de Puniet led the 250cc table following the Dutch TT in 2004.

This is the first year that French riders have taken wins in two different classes in the same season since 2005, when Randy de Puniet won a race in the 250cc class and Mike di Meglio in the 125cc class.

At the Spanish grand prix Fabio Quartararo started from pole for the first time, in only his fourth grand prix appearance. At the age of 16 years 13 days he is the second youngest rider of all-time to start a grand prix race from pole position, after Marco Melandri who started the 125cc race at the Sachsenring from pole in 1998 at the age of 15 years 346 days.

Zarco finished second at Jerez to become the first French rider to finish on the podium at three successive intermediate-class GP races since Randy de Puniet in 2004.

Following the second place finish in Spain, Zarco heads the championship table by sixteen points, and is the first French rider to arrive at his home grand prix leading the championship standings in any class since Randy de Puniet had an eight point lead in the 250cc championship standings from Roberto Rolfo heading to Le Mans in 2004



### Danny Kent continues to re-write the record books

Danny Kent continued his great start to 2015 with victory at Jerez, and with it continues to enter his name in the record books with respect to achievements by British riders:

Kent is the first British rider in any of the grand prix classes to win three successive races since Barry Sheene in the 500cc class in 1977.

He is the first British rider to win three or more successive races in the lightweight-class (Moto3/125cc) of grand prix racing since Dave Simmonds won seven successive 125cc GP races in 1969. Simmonds won the world title in 1969 riding a Kawasaki and is the last British rider to take the championship in the lightweight-class.

The win at Jerez was the fifth win of his career, making him the most successful British rider in terms of grand prix victories since Barry Sheene.

Kent is the first British rider in any class to finish on the podium at the opening four races of the year since Phil Read started the 1975 season with four successive top three finishes in the 500cc class.

### Grand Prix racing numbers

**200** - With his third place finish at Jerez, Valentino Rossi became the first rider in the 67 years of motorcycle grand prix racing to reach the milestone of 200 GP podium finishes.

**100** - Luis Salom is scheduled to make his 100th grand prix start at the French Grand Prix. Salom made his grand prix debut in the 125cc class at Jerez in 2009 and the breakdown of his GP starts arriving at Le Mans are: 43 x 125cc, 34 x Moto3, 22 x Moto2.

**89** - The win by Jorge Lorenzo at Jerez was the 89th victory in the MotoGP class by Spanish riders since MotoGP became the premier-class of grand prix racing in 2002. This is exactly the same number of wins that Italian riders have achieved in the MotoGP class over the same period.

**32** - The second place finish by Marc Marquez at Jerez was the 32nd time he has stood on the podium in the MotoGP class, the same number of premier-class GP podium finishes as both Geoff Duke and Alex Barros.

**9** - Of the thirteen MotoGP races held at Le Mans, nine have either started in wet conditions or rain has started during the race. The only years that the MotoGP race at Le Mans has been run under full dry conditions are: 2004, 2010, 2011 and 2014.

**5** - At the Spanish Grand Prix Jorge Lorenzo achieved the full set of pole position, race win and fastest lap for the fifth time in the MotoGP class. The other occasions when he has achieved this are: Estoril 2008 & 2010, Silverstone 2010 and Motegi 2013.

**5** - Only five riders have scored points in all of the opening four Moto2 races of the year: Johann Zarco, Tom Luthi, Franco Morbidelli, Hafizh Syahrin and Alex Marquez.

**4** - Valentino Rossi has finished in the top three at each of the opening four races of the year; the first time he has opened the season with four successive podiums since 2005.

**4** - British riders have taken four wins from the first four grand prix events of the year; this is the greatest number of wins for Britain in a single season since 1977, when British riders had a total of eight wins (six for Barry Sheene in the 500cc class and two for Mick Grant in the 250cc).



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### Moto2™ stats and facts

Johann Zarco's best results at his home grand prix are two fifth place finishes; in the 125cc race in 2011 and the Moto2 race in 2013. Last year Zarco retired from the Moto2 race at Le Mans with technical problems after just three laps.

Tito Rabat finished third last year at Le Mans on his way to taking the Moto2 world title - his first podium finish at the Le Mans circuit.

Jonas Folger finished sixth last year at Le Mans after qualifying in pole position, which is his only pole in the Moto2 class. Folger finished 2nd in the 125cc race in his rookie grand prix season in 2009 - his first grand prix podium finish.

Alex Rins has finished on the podium in each of his three starts at Le Mans in the Moto3 class: 3rd in 2012 and 2nd for the last two years. His third at Le Mans in 2012 was his first grand prix podium finish, in only his fourth GP start.

Le Mans is the most successful circuit for Tom Luthi, and was the only circuit at which he had two grand prix victories when racing in the 125cc class; he won at Le Mans on his way to taking the 125cc world title in 2005 and repeated the win a year later. He also won the Moto2 race at Le Mans three years ago - his only victory of 2012. On the first day of practice at the French GP it will be exactly ten years ago that Luthi took his first GP win at Le Mans in 2005.

Mika Kallio has finished on the podium for the last two years at Le Mans; he finished second behind teammate Scott Redding two years ago, and last year he won for the first time at Le Mans.

Simone Corsi finished second last year at Le Mans - his best result of 2014. He also finished on the podium at Le Mans in the first year of the Moto2 class in 2010, behind Toni Elias and Julian Simon.

Julian Simon won the 125cc French GP at Le Mans in 2009 and finished second in the first Moto2 race held at Le Mans in 2010.

Louis Rossi won the Moto3 race at the French GP in 2012 - his only grand prix win so far.



### Moto3™ stats and facts

None of the riders on the Moto3 grid have won in any World Championship class at Le Mans

Championship leader Danny Kent has not had great success in his four years racing at the Le Mans Grand Prix; his best result at the circuit is the 13th place finish that he achieved last year, from 12th place on the grid - his best qualifying result at Le Mans.

Efren Vazquez finished sixth last year at Le Mans after qualifying on pole for the first time in his grand prix career. Vazquez has had a single podium finish at Le Mans - third in the 125cc race in 2011.

Isaac Viñales finished third last year at Le Mans, which was the first podium finish in his grand prix career.

Moto3 rider Jules Danilo will celebrate his 20th birthday on the Monday following his home GP. Danilo Finished 12th in Jerez, which is his best ever grand prix result.

