

MotoGP facts & figures

■ **Valentino Rossi** has a great record at Jerez with six victories and two other podium finishes from his ten starts at the circuit in the premier-class. The only two occasions he did not finish on the podium were in the wet race of 2004 when he was 4th and in 2006 when he finished 14th, having crashed at the first corner after a collision with Toni Elias. The last time that Rossi started from pole at the Jerez circuit was back in 2005.

■ **Jorge Lorenzo** made his GP debut in the 125cc race at Jerez in 2002 after having to wait until he celebrated his 15th birthday on the second day of qualifying to get out onto the track. Lorenzo won the 250cc race at Jerez in 2006 and 2007 having qualified on pole on both occasions. He has qualified on pole for the last two years for the MotoGP race at Jerez; two years ago he went on to finish third and last year he crashed four laps from the end when in 4th place.

■ **Casey Stoner's** third place finish last year was his first podium finish at Jerez in any class of GP racing. In his three previous starts at Jerez on a MotoGP machine he was 6th in 2006, after starting the race down in 15th place on the grid when making his debut in the top class; in 2007 he ended up 5th after being as low as 9th in mid-race, and in 2008 he finished 11th after twice running into the gravel. Stoner has never had a pole at Jerez in any class of GP racing.

■ **Dani Pedrosa** has finished either first or second in each of his four MotoGP races at Jerez. He was second in 2006 on his race debut in the MotoGP class, he repeated the result in 2007 after qualifying on pole and in 2008 he won the race which took him to the head of the MotoGP championship standings for the first time in his career. Last year he finished 2nd again after leading the race for the first seventeen laps. He also won the 250cc race from pole at Jerez in 2005.

■ **Andrea Dovizioso** has not had the best of luck at Jerez since moving up to the MotoGP class; in 2008 he finished 8th after qualifying in 13th place on the grid and finishing the first lap down in 16th; last year he again finished 8th after running off the track on lap eight and dropping down to 16th before fighting his way back through the field.

■ **Nicky Hayden's** 4th in Qatar is his best result at the opening race of the year since he was 3rd at Jerez in the first

Spanish GP winners at Jerez

Spanish riders have won a total of nineteen Grand Prix races at the Jerez circuit, as detailed below:

1987: Jorge Martinez (Derbi) became the first Spanish rider to win a Grand Prix at Jerez when he took the victory in the 80cc race at the first visit to the circuit by the Grand Prix circus.

1988: Jorge Martinez repeated his win of the previous year in the 80cc class and in the 250cc class, Juan Garriga (Yamaha) won in Grand Prix racing for the first time.

1989: Once again there was Spanish success in the smaller classes with Alex Criville (JJ Cobas) winning the 125cc race and Herri Torrontegui (Krauser) the 80cc race.

1990: Jorge Martinez (JJ Cobas) won the 125cc race to become the first rider to have success in 2 different classes at the Jerez circuit.

1995: Alberto Puig riding a Honda became the first ever Spanish rider to win a premier-class race in Spain.

1997: Alex Criville (Honda) beat his team-mate and great rival Mick Doohan to take victory in the premier-class for the first time at Jerez.

1998: Alex Criville repeated his win of the year before, beating his team-mate Doohan once again but this time by just four tenths of a second.

1999: Alex Criville became the first rider to win in the premier-class for three successive years at Jerez.

2000: Emilio Alzamora (Honda) took his only Grand Prix victory on Spanish soil.

2002: Fonsi Nieto (Aprilia) took the victory in the 250cc class, the first of his five Grand Prix victories.

2003: Toni Elias' (Aprilia) victory in the 250cc GP at Jerez in 2003 is the only time that he has stood on the top step on the podium when racing at a GP in Spain.

2004: Sete Gibernau (Honda) became the third Spanish rider to win in the premier-class at Jerez.

2005: Dani Pedrosa's (Honda) victory in the 250cc class was the first time he had stood on the podium at Jerez, after qualifying on pole for the first time at the circuit.

2006: Jorge Lorenzo (Aprilia) won for the first time since moving up to the 250cc class. In the 125cc class Alvaro Bautista won the first time in Grand Prix racing.

2007: Jorge Lorenzo (Aprilia) repeated his victory of the previous year on his way to taking his second successive 250cc world title.

2008: Dani Pedrosa (Honda) was victorious to move into the lead in the MotoGP championship for the first time.



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race of his championship winning year of 2006. This is Hayden's single podium finish at the Jerez circuit. Last year he finished 15th at Jerez while still suffering the effects of crashes at the opening two events of the year.

■ In his first race as a full-time Grand Prix rider in Qatar, **Ben Spies** finished in 5th place as the first rookie across the line and the first of the non-factory riders. Spies will be racing for the first time at the Jerez circuit.

■ **Randy de Puniet's** fourth place finish last year at Jerez is by far his best result in the premier-class at the circuit. He had not had much fortune in his three other MotoGP races at Jerez; he retired from the race in 2006 suffering from a wrist injury sustained during qualifying, in 2007 he was 13th after struggling through the race to get on the pace and in 2008 he crashed on the third lap.

■ **Colin Edwards'** third place finish at Jerez in 2007 is his only podium finish at any of the Spanish circuits. In 2008 he qualified on the front row at Jerez for the first time, but crashed out on lap six – one of only two races that year at which he did not score points. Last year he qualified 7th on the grid and repeated that placing in the race.

■ **Loris Capirossi** will be making his 21st Grand Prix appearance at the Jerez circuit. His victory in the opening race of 2006 riding a Ducati is the only time he has finished on the podium in the premier-class at Jerez. His 5th place finish in 2008 is the best result at Jerez for any rider onboard the Suzuki 4-stroke MotoGP machine.

■ **Hiroshi Aoyama's** victory in the 250cc race last year at Jerez was his first ever podium finish at the circuit. He finished 10th at Qatar and was the highest place finisher of the four riders making their debut in the MotoGP class.

■ Jerez is the only circuit at which **Marco Simoncelli** had a GP victory when competing in the 125cc class, having won there in both 2004 and 2005, on both occasions from pole position. His third place finish there last year was his only finish at Jerez in the 250cc class, having crashed in each of the previous three years.

■ **Hector Barbera's** only podium at his home Grand Prix is a 3rd place finish in the 125cc race back in 2004. He finished

Facts and figures from Grand Prix racing at Jerez

Jerez has hosted a Grand Prix event on twenty-three previous occasions. Below are some facts and figures from these previous Grand Prix races at Jerez:

This will be the 24th successive year that a Grand Prix event has been held at the Jerez circuit since it was first used in 1987. Assen is the only other current venue that has been used consecutively for this length of time.

A total of 71 Grand Prix races for solo motorcycles have been held at the Jerez circuit as follows: MotoGP – 8, 500cc – 15, 250cc – 23, 125cc – 22, 80cc – 3.

Italian riders have been the most successful at the Jerez circuit, having taken a total of twenty Grand Prix victories.

Jerez has been the most successful circuit for the Spanish riders as far as premier-class victories, with a total of six wins; Alberto Puig in 1995, Alex Criville in 1997, 98, 99, Sete Gibernau in 2004 and Dani Pedrosa in 2008.

Alberto Puig's victory in 1995 was the first for a Spanish rider in the premier-class on home soil.

Valentino Rossi is the most successful rider at the Jerez circuit with eight Grand Prix victories to his name; a single victory in both the 125cc and 250cc classes to add to his six in the premier-class.

Honda have dominated the premier-class at Jerez, having won the race on 16 occasions.

Last year was the first time since 2001 that none of the three classes was won by a Spanish rider.



Valentino Rossi sets new milestones

Valentino Rossi's win at Qatar was significant in a number of ways as he continues to set new records and pass more milestones:

It is the first time that Rossi has won at Qatar since the race was held under floodlights.

This is the first win in Qatar for the Yamaha 800cc MotoGP machine.

Rossi's win in Qatar is his first in the opening race of the year since he won at Jerez in 2005.

This is the 11th successive year that Rossi has won a premier-class Grand Prix race, taking him closer to the record of Giacomo Agostini of having won in the premier-class in twelve successive seasons.

This is the 15th successive year that he has taken at least one Grand Prix victory across all classes – a feat that no other rider has ever achieved.

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4th last year in the 250cc race, which was his best result at Jerez in five years competing in the 250cc class.

■ **Marco Melandri's** third place in 2005, riding a Honda, is his only podium finish in the MotoGP class at Jerez. His 5th place finish last year at Jerez was his best dry weather result of 2009.

■ **Alvaro Bautista** won the 125cc race at Jerez in 2006 and finished second in the 250cc race in 2007 in only his second appearance in the class. In 2008 Bautista crashed with Simoncelli while battling for the win on the final lap when Bautista's machine suddenly slowed and Simoncelli collided with the rear of the machine. Last year he battled for the victory with Aoyama right to the line before loosing out by just over one tenth of a second.

■ **Aleix Espargaro's** crash and subsequent retirement in Qatar was the first time he has failed to finish a MotoGP race having scored points in each of his four starts as a replacement rider in 2009. He did not compete in the Grand Prix at Jerez last year as he was without a ride.

■ **Mika Kallio** won the 250cc race at Jerez in 2008 riding for the KTM factory team. He retired from the MotoGP race last year on lap thirteen suffering from rear brake problems.

Moto2 facts & figures

■ **Shoya Tomizawa's** victory in Qatar was a great improvement on his previous best GP result of 10th which he achieved at Motegi and Valencia last year. He finished 12th last year in the 250cc race at Jerez in his first European GP race.

■ **Toni Elias** made his GP debut in the 125cc race at Jerez back in 1999. He won the 250cc race at Jerez in 2003, which is the only time that he has stood on the podium at the circuit in any class of GP racing.

■ **Alex de Angelis** has twice finished on the podium at Jerez when competing in the 250cc class; he was third in 2005 and second in 2006.

■ **Gabor Talmacsi** won the 125cc race at Jerez in 2007 on his way to taking the world title.

■ **Thomas Luthi's** 5th place finish last year in the 250cc race was the first time he had reached the chequered flag at Jerez since he was 12th in the 125cc race there in his debut season Grand Prix sea-

Shoya Tomizawa becomes third youngest Japanese Grand Prix winner

By winning the Moto2 race in Qatar, Shoya Tomizawa becomes the third youngest Japanese Grand Prix winner of all-time and the youngest Japanese rider to win a Grand Prix outside of the 125cc class. The following list shows the ten youngest Japanese Grand Prix winners:

YOUNGEST JAPANESE RIDERS TO WIN A GRAND PRIX		
Rider	Age	Race
1. Takeshi Tsujimura	18 years 316 days	125cc/Austria/1993/Salzburg
2. Haruchika Aoki	18 years 363 days	125cc/Australia/1995/Eastern Creek
3. Shoya Tomizawa	19 years 122 days	Moto2/Qatar/2010/Losail
4. Norick Abe	20 years 227 days	500cc/Japan/1996/Suzuka
5. Daijiro Kato	20 years 290 days	250cc/Japan/1997/Suzuka
6. Kunimitsu Takahashi	20 years 319 days	250cc/Germany/1961/Hockenheim
7. Shinya Nakano	21 years 197 days	250cc/Japan/1999/Suzuka
8. Nobuatsu Aoki	21 years 216 days	250cc/Malaysia/1993/Shah Alam
9. Yuki Takahashi	21 years 313 days	250cc/France/2006/Le Mans
10. Tetsuya Harada	22 years 287 days	250cc/Australia/1993/Eastern Creek



Aprilia level with MV Agusta

The victory for Nico Terol at the Qatar Grand Prix was the 275th victory for Aprilia across all classes, the same number of GP wins achieved by MV Agusta. Only two manufacturers, Honda and Yamaha, have achieved more Grand Prix victories. The following table shows the ten most successful manufacturers in terms of Grand Prix wins:

GRAND PRIX VICTORIES BY MANUFACTURERS								
	Total	MotoGP	500	350	250	125	80	50
1. Honda	630	55	156	35	207	164		13
2. Yamaha	451	52	120	67	165	47		
3. MV-Agusta	275		139	76	26	34		
4. Aprilia	275				143	132		
5. Suzuki	155	1	89			35		30
6. Derbi	93				1	50	25	17
7. Kawasaki	85		2	28	45	10		
8. Kreidler	71							71
9. Gilera	59		35	4	12	8		
10. Garelli	51					44		7

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son in 2003.

■ **Alex Debon** qualified on pole for the 250cc GP at Jerez last year but crashed out on lap ten.

■ **Julian Simon** qualified on pole last year for the 125cc GP at Jerez but crashed on lap six; his only non-scoring race in 2009.

■ **Roberto Rolfo's** victory in the 250cc race at Jerez in 2004, riding a Honda, was the last of his three Grand Prix victories.

■ **Simone Corsi** won the 125cc race at Jerez two years ago on his way to finishing runner-up in the final world championship classification.

■ **Fonsi Nieto's** victory in the 250cc GP at Jerez in 2002 was his first ever Grand Prix win.

■ **Lukas Pesek** finished second in the 125cc race at Jerez in 2006; the first podium for a Czech rider in any class of Grand Prix racing since 1971.

125cc facts & figures

■ Aprilia riders have dominated the 125cc class at Jerez in recent years having won the race on the last eight visits.

■ Following his win at the opening race of the year in Qatar, **Nico Terol** leads the world championship classification for the first time. Terol's second place finish at Jerez two years ago was the first time that he had stood on a Grand Prix podium.

■ **Efren Vazquez's** second place at the Qatar Grand Prix is a considerable improvement on his previous best result of 5th at the Spanish GP last year.

■ **Randy Krummenacher's** 6th place finish in Qatar is his best GP result since he was 6th at the San Marino Grand Prix in 2007.

■ **Bradley Smith's** win in the 125cc race at Jerez last year was the first time that he had stood on the top step of a Grand Prix podium. Smith finished third at Jerez in 2008 after qualifying on pole position.

■ **Marc Marquez's** third place finish last year at Jerez was his only podium finish of 2009.

■ **Pol Espargaro's** best finish at Jerez is 4th, in 2007 in just his 9th GP start at the age of 15.

Grand Prix racing numbers

200 – Valentino Rossi's win in Qatar made him just the third rider to reach the milestone of 200 point scoring finishes in Grand Prix racing. The only other riders to have achieved this are Loris Capirossi and Alex Barros.

171 – Shoya Tomizawa's victory at Qatar in the first ever Moto2 race was the 171st victory for Japanese riders across all solo classes of Grand Prix racing. This means that Japan as a nation have now won just one Grand Prix less than the USA

41 – The number of riders starting the first ever Moto2 race, which is the largest grid for an intermediate class Grand Prix since the 250cc West German GP in 1988 at the Nurburgring circuit when 48 riders lined up on the grid.

34 – On the day of the Spanish GP it will be 34 years ago to the day that Barry Sheene won the 1976 Austrian GP from Marco Lucchinelli and Phil Read in the first all Suzuki podium in the 500cc class.

23 – Jorge Lorenzo will be celebrating his 23rd birthday on the Tuesday following the Spanish Grand Prix.

4 – The first four riders across the line in the 125cc race in Qatar were all from Spain. This is just the second time that Spanish riders have filled the top four positions in a Grand Prix race across all classes. The previous occasion was in the 125cc race in Germany last year when a Spanish rider also finished in 5th place.

1.876 seconds – At the Qatar GP, Nicky Hayden in 4th place, crossed the line just 1.876 seconds after winner Valentino Rossi, making this the closest top four finish since the introduction of the 800cc capacity limit at the start of 2007. It also goes into the record books at the tenth closest top four finish of all-time in the premier-class, in a Grand Prix that has completed full distance.

