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**Valencia**  
08/11/2009



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OFFICIAL MotoGP CLASS TYRE



## The final act

For the traditional season finale the teams head to Valencia and the Ricardo Tormo circuit during the first weekend of November, two weeks later than last year. Valencia is the third shortest circuit of the season, after Laguna Seca and Sachsenring, and is one of the few with an anti-clockwise format.



The front tyres will have a much easier time in Valencia than they did in Malaysia as, although twistier, the circuit is slower. Consequently the front slicks are available in softer specifications; the soft and medium compounds. The rear

slicks are actually available in the same medium and hard compounds as were used in Malaysia, but with the difference that in Valencia they are asymmetric to compensate for the imbalance of left- and right-handers. Valencia is the sixth race of the season to which Bridgestone have brought asymmetric rear tyres.

*Asymmetric rear tyres are needed for good durability on the left side of the tyres and optimal warm-up performance on the right*

In the past the temperature has fluctuated significantly year-on-year, so the conditions will play an important role in tyre compound choices, especially as the date this time is later in the year. The total race distance is also one of the longest of the year; thirty laps and just over 120km of racing, or a total of 420 corners for the tyres to contend with.

## Tyre talk

**Tohru Ubukata**

*Bridgestone Motorsport - Manager Motorcycle Race Tyre Development*

“Valencia is a technically complex circuit with nine left-handers and five rights within a slow, twisty lap that demands good stability and shoulder grip. Although the temperature will be much lower than in Malaysia and the track is slower, it still represents a good technical challenge for us. It's what we could call a busy circuit because the length of the lap and the number of corners means that the tyres are always working and have very little respite. Its anti-clockwise layout means that we need good durability on the left side of the tyres and optimal warm-up performance on the right, making asymmetric rear tyres very important.”



## Valencia - Ricardo Tormo

 : SPEED TRAP - GEAR SELECTION / SPEED km/h

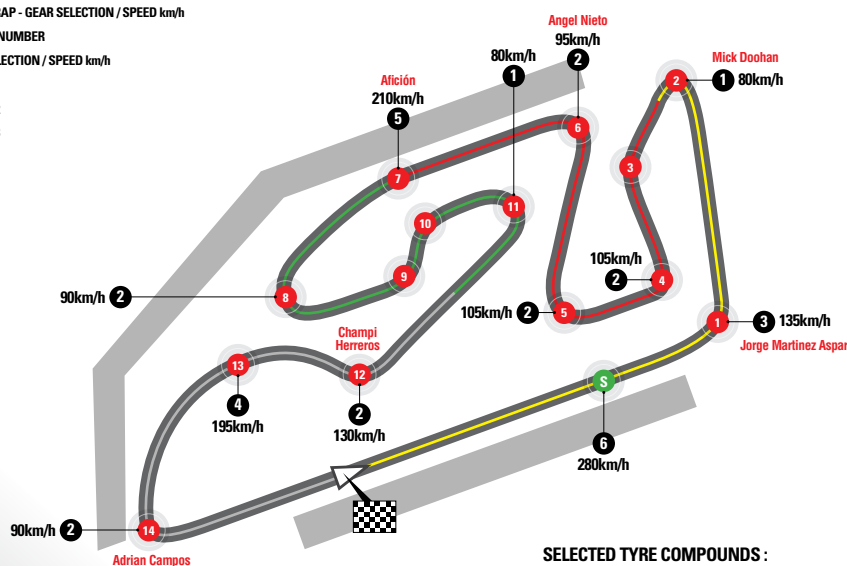
 : CORNER NUMBER

 : GEAR SELECTION / SPEED km/h

 : SECTOR 1

 : SECTOR 2

 : SECTOR 3



SELECTED TYRE COMPOUNDS:

FRONT : ○ SOFT ● MEDIUM  
REAR : ● MEDIUM ○ HARD

## Where to watch...

**Turn 2:** If you don't make a pass going into this first-gear corner you have to play follow-my-leader for most of the rest of the lap.

**Turn 13:** The left side of the rear tyre gets a hard time at Valencia, particularly in this fourth-gear sweep over a blind crest.

## Event schedule Local time GMT + 1

Friday	
12:40-13:40	125cc Free Practice 1
13:55-14:55	<b>MotoGP Free Practice 1</b>
15:10-16:10	250cc Free Practice 1
Saturday	
09:00-09:40	125cc Free Practice 2
09:55-10:55	<b>MotoGP Free Practice 2</b>
11:10-12:10	250cc Free Practice 2
13:00-13:40	125cc Qualifying Practice
13:55-14:55	<b>MotoGP Qualifying Practice</b>
15:10-15:55	250cc Qualifying Practice
Sunday	
08:40-09:00	125cc Warm Up
09:10-09:30	250cc Warm Up
09:40-10:00	<b>MotoGP Warm Up</b>
11:00	125cc Race (24 laps)
12:15	250cc Race (27 laps)
14:00	<b>MotoGP Race (30 laps)</b>

Circuit information		Records	
First race	1999	Pole position	1m 31.002s (158.436km/h)
No. of GPs held	10		Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2006)
Laps	30 (MotoGP), 27 (250cc), 24 (125cc)	Fastest lap	1m 32.582s (155.732km/h)
Track length	4.005 km / 2.489 miles (Width 12m)		Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
Race distance	120.150 km / 74.670 miles	Race time	46m 43.533s (154.283km/h)
Longest straight	0.876 km / 0.544 miles		Dani Pedrosa (Honda, 2007)
Corners	14 (9 left, 5 right)	2008 Winner	Casey Stoner (Ducati)

## Teams and riders

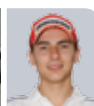
### Fiat Yamaha Team

Machine: Yamaha YZR-M1 Web: [www.yamaha-racing.com](http://www.yamaha-racing.com)



**Valentino Rossi**  
Age: 30 DOB: 16/2/1979  
Nationality: Italian  
MotoGP Wins: 77

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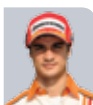


**Jorge Lorenzo**  
Age: 22 DOB: 4/4/1987  
Nationality: Spanish  
MotoGP Wins: 5

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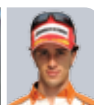
### Repsol Honda Team

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: [www.hondaracing-eu.com](http://www.hondaracing-eu.com)



**Dani Pedrosa**  
Age: 24 DOB: 29/9/1985  
Nationality: Spanish  
MotoGP Wins: 7

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**Andrea Dovizioso**  
Age: 23 DOB: 23/3/1986  
Nationality: Italian  
MotoGP Wins: 1

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### Ducati Team

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP9 Web: [www.ducati.com](http://www.ducati.com)



**Casey Stoner**  
Age: 24 DOB: 16/10/1985  
Nationality: Australian  
MotoGP Wins: 20

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**Nicky Hayden**  
Age: 28 DOB: 30/7/1981  
Nationality: American  
MotoGP Wins: 3

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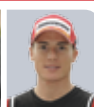
### Monster Yamaha Tech 3

Machine: Yamaha YZR-M1 Web: [www.teamtech3.fr](http://www.teamtech3.fr)



**Colin Edwards**  
Age: 35 DOB: 27/2/1974  
Nationality: American  
MotoGP Wins: 0

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**James Toseland**  
Age: 29 DOB: 5/10/1980  
Nationality: British  
MotoGP Wins: 0

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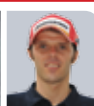
### Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

Machine: Suzuki GSV-R Web: [www.rizla-suzuki-motogp.co.uk](http://www.rizla-suzuki-motogp.co.uk)



**Chris Vermeulen**  
Age: 27 DOB: 19/6/1982  
Nationality: Australian  
MotoGP Wins: 1

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**Loris Capirossi**  
Age: 36 DOB: 4/4/1973  
Nationality: Italian  
MotoGP Wins: 9

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### San Carlo Honda Gresini

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: [www.gresiniracing.com](http://www.gresiniracing.com)



**Alex De Angelis**  
Age: 25 DOB: 26/2/1984  
Nationality: San Marinese  
MotoGP Wins: 0

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**Toni Elias**  
Age: 26 DOB: 26/3/1983  
Nationality: Spanish  
MotoGP Wins: 1

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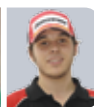
### Pramac Racing

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP9 Web: [www.ducati.com](http://www.ducati.com)



**Mika Kallio**  
Age: 27 DOB: 8/10/1982  
Nationality: Finnish  
MotoGP Wins: 0

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**Niccolo Canepa**  
Age: 21 DOB: 14/5/1988  
Nationality: Italian  
MotoGP Wins: 0

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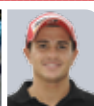
### Scot Racing Team MotoGP

Machine: Honda RC212V  
Web: [www.scoracingteam.com](http://www.scoracingteam.com)



**Gabor Talmacsi**  
Age: 28 DOB: 28/5/1981  
Nationality: Hungarian  
MotoGP Wins: 0

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**Randy De Puniet**  
Age: 28 DOB: 14/2/1981  
Nationality: French  
MotoGP Wins: 0

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### Hayate Racing Team

Machine: Kawasaki ZX-RR



**Marco Melandri**  
Age: 27 DOB: 7/8/1982  
Nationality: Italian  
MotoGP Wins: 5

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Teams and riders order based on 2008 team championship position

## Front tyre compound allocation

SELECTED TYRE COMPOUNDS : ○ SOFT ● MEDIUM

Rider	Team	Soft	Medium	Rider	Team	Soft	Medium
Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●
Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Gresini Honda	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●
Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●	Toni Elias	San Carlo Gresini Honda	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●
Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda	Three ○○○	Five ●●●●●	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●
Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●	Niccolo Canepa	Pramac Racing	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●
Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●	Gabor Talmacsi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●
Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●	Marco Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	Five ○○○○○	Three ●●●
James Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●
Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	Five ○○○○○	Three ●●●	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	Four ○○○○	Four ●●●●



**FACT**

This year Rossi clinched the World Championship 41 points ahead of Lorenzo with one round to go, whereas last year the title came with three rounds remaining and a points lead of 87.

RACE KEY

A

B

C

D

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

TC : Technical

DNS : Did not start

Calendar & Riders' Championship

AVAILABLE TYRE COMPOUNDS:

○ Soft

● Medium

● Hard

● Extra Hard

● Wet

	Losail	Motegi	Jerez	Le Mans	Mugello	Catalunya	Assen	Laguna	Sachsenring	Donington Park	Brno	Indianapolis	Misano	Estoril	Phillip Island	Sepang	Valencia		
	QAT	JPN	SPA	FRA	ITA	CAT	HOL	USA	GER	GB	CZE	IND	RSM	POR	AUS	MAL	VAL		
	12/04/09	26/04/09	03/05/09	17/05/09	31/05/09	14/06/09	27/06/09	05/07/09	19/07/09	26/07/09	16/08/09	30/08/09	06/09/09	04/10/09	18/10/09	25/10/09	08/11/09		
ALLOCATED - FRONT TYRES	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	● Medium ○ Hard	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Soft ● Medium		
ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	● Medium ○ Hard	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	● Medium ○ Hard	● Medium ○ Hard		
RACE WEATHER CONDITIONS	☀️ 22° 26°	☀️ 22° 35°	☀️ 26° 49°	☁️ 14° 24°	☁️ 16° 25°	☀️ 32° 52°	☀️ 23° 35°	☀️ 21° 46°	☀️ 19° 27°	☀️ 17° 22°	☀️ 27° 48°	☀️ 21° 35°	☀️ 24° 41°	☀️ 23° 42°	☀️ 14° 31°	☀️ 28° 38°			
RACE TRACK CONDITIONS	DRY	DRY	DRY	WET/DRY	WET/DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DAMP	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	WET			
POS - RIDER	TOTAL WINS PODIUM	PTS	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3 Casey Stoner (27)	W 4 PD 8	220	F 1 1 R 25	F 4 2 R 13	F 3 3 R 16	F 5 3 R 11	F 1 2 R 25	F 3 3 R 16	F 3 4 R 16	F 4 3 R 13	F 4 3 R 13	F 14 4 R 2	DNS - - -	DNS - - -	DNS - - -	F 2 3 R 20	F 1 1 R 25	F 1 4 R 25	
4 Dani Pedrosa (3)	W 1 PD 10	209	F 11 14 R 5	F 3 11 R 16	F 2 2 R 20	F 3 1 R 16	AC - R -	F 6 8 R 10	AC - R -	F 1 4 R 25	F 3 8 R 16	F 9 2 R 7	F 2 3 R 20	F 10 1 R 6	F 3 2 R 16	F 3 4 R 16	F 3 3 R 16	F 2 3 R 20	
5 Andrea Dovizioso (4)	W 1 PD 1	152	F 5 4 R 11	F 5 7 R 11	F 8 8 R 8	F 4 5 R 13	F 4 7 R 13	F 4 4 R 13	AC - R -	F - 5 R -	F - 6 R -	F 1 5 R 25	F 4 6 R 13	F 4 8 R 13	F 4 8 R 13	F 7 8 R 9	F 6 10 R 10	AC - R -	
6 Colin Edwards (5)		148					F 6 6 R 10							F 7 5 R 9	F 5 5 R 11	AC - R -			
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## New kid on the block

Alex Espargaro has made quite an impression in the MotoGP paddock in the three races he has competed in this season.

The 20 year-old Spaniard got the surprise call from the Pramac Racing team before Indianapolis when Casey Stoner's absence meant that Mika Kallio spent three races with the factory Ducati Team.

"Yes sure it was a surprise!" said the elder of the Espargaro racing brothers. "This winter I was in my house without a bike to race and to be in MotoGP next season is like a dream."

He was 13th at Indianapolis and 11th at Misano, where he impressively set the fifth fastest lap in the race and was the fastest Ducati rider, aboard his Bridgestone-shod Desmosedici. Replacing an injured Niccolò Canepa in Malaysia, Espargaro replicated his highest MotoGP finish with another 11th.

"In the three races the results were good, but not very, very good." With a new bike and his first experience of Bridgestone's MotoGP tyres, he "had to understand a lot of things. But I improved a lot. I looked at the technical data for Stoner. I saw a lot of things about his style for the



Ducati and I tried to copy them!"

Alex will replace Canepa with a permanent ride for the Pramac Racing squad next season, having done enough in just his first two races to secure his ascension into MotoGP.

"I have constantly trained and I am sure to be in good physical condition. These last two months are very good for us. For me, three races in MotoGP and a contract for next year, everything is perfect!"

## 2002-2009 Bridgestone MotoGP cumulative statistics

- 134 Grands Prix
- 3 World Championships
- 51 Victories
- 48 Pole Positions
- 140 Podiums (in 72 GPs)
- 138 Front Row Starts (in 78 GPs)
- 7182 Championship Points



FACT

Rossi's second World title makes him the most successful rider overall on Bridgestone tyres, although Casey Stoner has the greatest number of race wins with the Japanese manufacturer, totalling 20.





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Rossi has taken six race wins this season. The championship top three are very close as Lorenzo and Stoner have four wins each



## Bridgestone news

### Spies to race in Valencia

Ahead of his seat alongside Colin Edwards with the Monster Yamaha Tech3 team next season, recently crowned Superbike World Champion Ben Spies will compete in the final MotoGP race of the season in Valencia. He will also join the post-event test with Herve Poncharal's team. "We will have learning curves to overcome next year but I am up for my new goal which is to try and stay in the top 6-8."



### Kallio rookie of the year

Mika Kallio's tenth-placed finish at the Malaysian Grand Prix secured the Finn the Rookie of the Year title in his first season on Bridgestone tyres. This comes one month after Kallio signed to stay with Pramac Racing next season. Previous winners of the award include Jorge Lorenzo in 2008, Dani Pedrosa in 2006, Toni Elias in 2005, Nicky Hayden in 2003, Daijro Kato in 2002 and Valentino Rossi in 2000.



### Off-season testing gearing up

Following the final round of the 2009 MotoGP season, there will be a test at the Valencia circuit in which all next year's GP riders will participate, including the new riders graduating to the premier class. Although spanning three days, the total test time is two days. Each rider will get two sets of each tyre specification for the first day and then an additional three sets for the second and third days.



## Last year's race : Valencia 2008

**2008 FASTEST LAP** Casey Stoner, Ducati  
Lap 5 - Average speed: 155.732km/h - Time: 1m 32.582s

2008 Qualifying times						2008 Race results						Source : www.motogp.com	
Pos	Rider	Team	Time	Km/h	Gap	Pos	Rider	Team	Time	Km/h	Gap		
1	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	1m31.502s	306.992		1	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	46m46.114s	154.141			
2	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	1m31.555s	308.043	+0.053s	2	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	46m49.504s	153.956	+3.390s		
3	Nicky Hayden	Repsol Honda Team	1m31.703s	304.826	+0.201s	3	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	46m58.308s	153.475	+12.194s		
4	Colin Edwards	Tech 3 Yamaha	1m32.212s	301.339	+0.710s	4	Andrea Dovizioso	JiR Team Scot MotoGP	47m10.273s	152.826	+24.159s		
5	James Toseland	Tech 3 Yamaha	1m32.518s	302.097	+1.016s	5	Nicky Hayden	Repsol Honda Team	47m12.346s	152.714	+26.232s		
6	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	1m32.572s	293.877	+1.070s	6	Colin Edwards	Tech 3 Yamaha	47m18.323s	152.392	+32.209s		
7	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	1m32.594s	304.225	+1.092s	7	Shinya Nakano	San Carlo Honda Gresini	47m20.685s	152.266	+34.571s		
8	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	1m32.614s	299.583	+1.112s	8	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	47m21.775s	152.207	+35.661s		
9	Andrea Dovizioso	JiR Team Scot MotoGP	1m32.734s	298.837	+1.232s	9	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	47m24.342s	152.070	+38.228s		
10	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	1m32.962s	303.115	+1.460s	10	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	47m33.697s	151.571	+47.583s		
11	Toni Elias	Alice Team	1m32.983s	308.747	+1.481s	11	James Toseland	Tech 3 Yamaha	47m38.221s	151.331	+52.107s		
12	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	1m33.017s	294.920	+1.515s	12	Sylvain Guintoli	Alice Team	47m38.464s	151.319	+52.350s		
13	Sylvain Guintoli	Alice Team	1m33.352s	307.692	+1.850s	13	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	47m38.947s	151.293	+52.833s		
14	John Hopkins	Kawasaki Racing Team	1m33.681s	298.672	+2.179s	14	John Hopkins	Kawasaki Racing Team	47m39.341s	151.272	+53.227s		
15	Shinya Nakano	San Carlo Honda Gresini	1m33.767s	299.667	+2.265s	15	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	47m39.525s	151.262	+53.411s		
16	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	1m33.848s	298.177	+2.346s	16	Marco Melandri	Ducati Team	47m54.501s	150.474	+1m08.387s		
17	Anthony West	Kawasaki Racing Team	1m33.879s	299.916	+2.377s	17	Anthony West	Kawasaki Racing Team	47m57.295s	150.328	+1m11.181s		
18	Marco Melandri	Ducati Team	1m34.174s	306.643	+2.672s	18	Toni Elias	Alice Team	48m23.169s	148.988	+1m37.055s		

## Bridgestone Motorsport Round-Up

**F1** The final race on the calendar was the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix in Yas Marina. Red Bull Racing's Sebastian Vettel won from teammate Mark Webber and 2009 World Champion Jenson Button for the Brawn GP team. It was a clean sweep for Brawn GP as they claimed the Constructors' title this year too.

**GP2** The GP2 Asia Series got underway last weekend in Abu Dhabi. First race honours went to Davide Valsecchi and the iSport Team and DAMS' Christian Vietoris claimed victory in race two. The next race is back in Abu Dhabi on 7 February 2010.

**INDYCAR** Dario Franchitti won his second IndyCar Series Championship the hard way, winning the final race at Homestead-Miami Speedway to pass Scott Dixon for the title. The Target Chip Ganassi driver finished on 616 points with teammate Dixon just behind on 605 and Penske's Ryan Briscoe a very close third on 604.

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