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MUGELLO DEMANDS MORE

Round four of the championship sees the MotoGP paddock travel to Italy and to the fast and flowing Mugello circuit. One of the fastest circuits on the calendar, it is a tough challenge for riders, machines and Bridgestone's tyres.

There are many traits of Mugello that make it so demanding on tyres: The circuit is grippy and abrasive which means that relatively harder tyre compounds are required; it has many long and high speed corners which require good stability and edge grip from the rear tyres; and the heavy braking areas, particularly those downhill,



require good stability and strength from the front tyre.

Along with Catalunya, Motegi and Sepang, Mugello is the toughest circuit all season for the centre section of the rear tyres

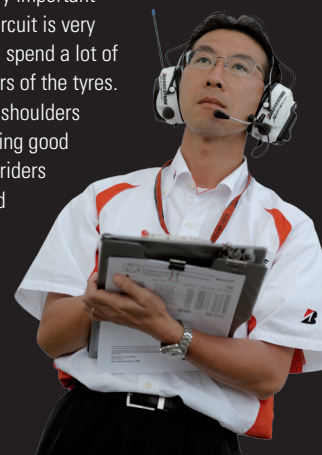
The biggest stress on the tyres though is actually placed on the centre section of the rear tyre, largely because of the speed of the circuit and its abrasive tarmac. Casey Stoner's lap record, set on Bridgestone tyres in 2008, was at an average speed of 171.6km/h, the second highest of the season behind only Phillip Island. Along with Catalunya, Motegi and Sepang it is the hardest circuit for the centre section of the rear tyres.

TYRE TALK

Tohru Ubukata - Manager, Bridgestone Motorcycle Tyre Development

“Mugello is one of the fastest circuits on the calendar and is tough on tyres because of the combination of this speed, the track temperature which is often high, and the technically demanding nature. There are significant elevation changes which cause greater loads on the tyres, especially under braking from speeds of over 320km/h. The Arrabbiata, Scarperia and Bucine corners are crucial to good lap times here, so the last half of the lap is very important.

Edge grip is also very important at Mugello as the circuit is very flowing so the bikes spend a lot of time on the shoulders of the tyres. As well as grip, the shoulders are crucial in providing good stability to give the riders confidence and good feeling throughout the lap.”



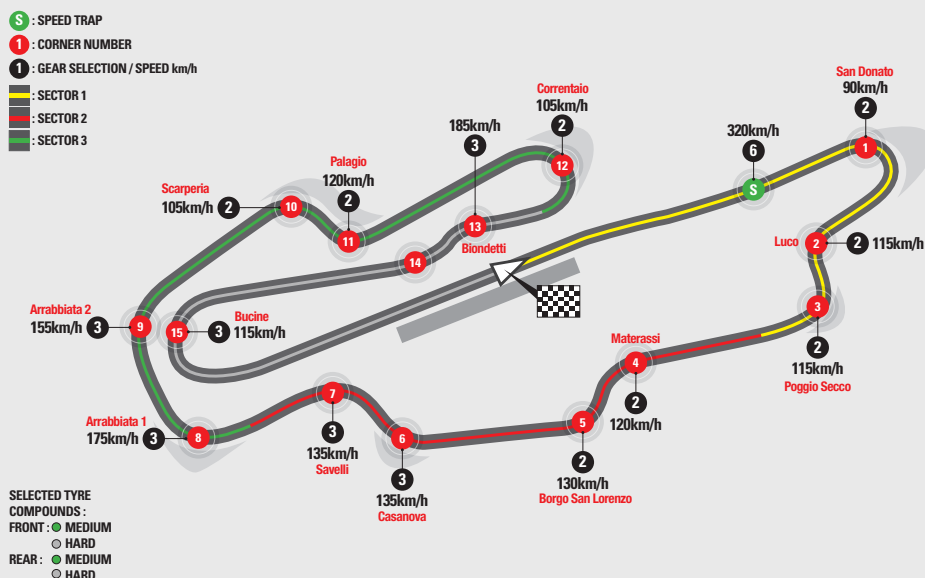
ITALY - MUGELLO

CIRCUIT SEVERITY RATING

	MILD			SEVERE
FRONT TYRE	LEFT	CENTRE	RIGHT	
REAR TYRE	LEFT	CENTRE	RIGHT	

EVENT SCHEDULE LOCAL TIME

FRIDAY	
12:40-13:40	125cc Free Practice 1
13:55-14:55	MotoGP Free Practice 1
15:10-16:10	Moto2 Free Practice 1
SATURDAY	
09:00-09:40	125cc Free Practice 2
09:55-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 2
11:10-12:10	Moto2 Free Practice 2
13:00-13:40	125cc Qualifying Practice
13:55-14:55	MotoGP Qualifying Practice
15:10-15:55	Moto2 Qualifying Practice
SUNDAY	
08:40-09:00	125cc Warm Up
09:10-09:30	Moto2 Warm Up
09:40-10:00	MotoGP Warm Up
11:00	125cc Race (20 laps)
12:15	Moto2 Race (21 laps)
14:00	MotoGP Race (23 laps)



CIRCUIT INFORMATION

First race	1976
No. of GPs held	24
Laps	23 (MotoGP) 21 (Moto2) 20 (125cc)
Track length	5.245km / 3.259 miles (Width 14m)
Race distance	120.635km / 74.957 miles
Longest straight	1.141km / 0.709 miles
Corners	15 (6 left, 9 right)

RECORDS

Pole position	1m 48.130s (174.623km/h) Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2008)
Fastest lap	1m 50.003s (171.649km/h) Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
Race time	42m 31.153s (170.231km/h) Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2008)
2009 Winner	Casey Stoner (Ducati)

Fiat Yamaha Team

Machine: Yamaha YZR-M1 Web: www.yamaha-racing.com

**Valentino Rossi Bike number 46**

Age: 31 DOB: 16/2/1979 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: RSA00 (500cc) GP Starts: 170 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 78 Poles: 49 Fastest laps: 63 Podiums: 132 Points: 3145
Best championship position: 1st (x7, 2009*)

**Jorge Lorenzo Bike number 99**

Age: 23 DOB: 4/5/1987 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 37 (MotoGP)
Wins: 7 Poles: 9 Fastest laps: 6 Podiums: 21 Points: 521
Best championship position: 2nd (2009)

Repsol Honda Team

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: www.world.honda.com/motogp

**Dani Pedrosa Bike number 26**

Age: 24 DOB: 29/9/1985 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 72 (MotoGP)
Wins: 8 Poles: 14 Fastest laps: 15 Podiums: 39 Points: 980
Best championship position: 2nd (2007)

**Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4**

Age: 24 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 38 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 4 Points: 376
Best championship position: 5th (2008)

Ducati Team

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP10 Web: www.ducati.com

**Casey Stoner Bike number 27**

Age: 24 DOB: 16/10/1985 Nationality: Australian
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 68 (MotoGP)
Wins: 20 Poles: 19 Fastest laps: 18 Podiums: 34 Points: 997
Best championship position: 1st (2007)

**Nicky Hayden Bike number 69**

Age: 28 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 119 (MotoGP)
Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 6 Podiums: 26 Points: 1130
Best championship position: 1st (2006)

Monster Yamaha Tech 3

Machine: Yamaha YZR-M1 Web: www.teamtech3.fr

**Colin Edwards Bike number 5**

Age: 36 DOB: 27/2/1974 Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 122 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 11 Points: 967
Best championship position: 4th (2005)

**Ben Spies Bike number 11**

Age: 25 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American
GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 7 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 40
Best championship position: 19th (2008)

San Carlo Honda Gresini

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: www.gresiniracing.com

**Marco Melandri Bike number 33**

Age: 37 DOB: 7/8/1982 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 117 (MotoGP)
Wins: 5 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 20 Points: 935
Best championship position: 2nd (2005)

**Marco Simoncelli Bike number 58**

Age: 23 DOB: 20/1/1987 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 3 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 16
Best championship position: NA

Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

Machine: Suzuki GSV-R Web: www.rizla-suzuki-motogp.co.uk

**Loris Capirossi Bike number 65**

Age: 37 DOB: 4/4/1973 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: AUS95 (500cc) GP Starts: 191 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 9 Poles: 13 Fastest laps: 10 Podiums: 42 Points: 1760
Best championship position: 3rd (2006*)

**Álvaro Bautista Bike number 19**

Age: 25 DOB: 21/1/1984 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 2 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 6
Best championship position: NA

Pramac Racing Team

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP10 Web: www.pramacracing.com

**Mika Kallio Bike number 36**

Age: 27 DOB: 8/11/1982 Nationality: Finnish
GP Debut: QAT09 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 19 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 83
Best championship position: 15th (2009)

**Aleix Espargarò Bike number 41**

Age: 20 DOB: 30/7/1989 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: IND09 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 7 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 24
Best championship position: 18th (2009)

LCR Honda MotoGP

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: www.lcr.mc

**Randy de Puniet Bike number 14**

Age: 29 DOB: 14/2/1981 Nationality: French
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 73 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 338
Best championship position: 11th (2009*)

Web: www.interwetten-honda-motogp.com

Interwetten Honda MotoGP

Machine: Honda RC212V

**Hiroshi Aoyama Bike number 7**

Age: 28 DOB: 25/10/1981 Nationality: Japanese
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 3 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 13
Best championship position: NA

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP10

Paginas Amarillas Aspar

Web: www.teamaspar.net

**Héctor Barberá Bike number 40**

Age: 23 DOB: 2/11/1986 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 3 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 11
Best championship position: NA

TOP RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

RIDER	TITLES	WINS	2NDs	3RDs	PODIUMS	POLES
Valentino Rossi	2	16	11	5	32	10
Casey Stoner	1	20	6	7	33	18
Loris Capirossi	-	6	7	4	17	5
Jorge Lorenzo	-	6	6	3	15	5
Dani Pedrosa	-	2	6	7	15	4
Makoto Tamada	-	2	1	1	4	3
Chris Vermeulen	-	1	3	3	7	3
Troy Bayliss	-	1	-	-	1	-
Andrea Dovizioso	-	1	-	2	3	-
Marco Melandri	-	-	3	1	4	-
Toni Elias	-	-	2	3	5	-
John Hopkins	-	-	1	3	4	1
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	-
Carlos Checa	-	-	-	2	2	-
Nicky Hayden	-	-	-	1	1	-
Alex Barros	-	-	-	1	1	-
Jeremy McWilliams	-	-	-	-	0	1
Sete Gibernau	-	-	-	-	0	1
TOTAL	3	55	52	45	152	52

Current riders in black

FACT

Mugello has been the host of the Italian Grand Prix every year since 1992, with the exception of 1993 when it went to Misano. Before this though, it played host to the Nations GP three times and the San Marino GP four times.

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

RACE KEY					CALENDAR & RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP																			
AVAILABLE TYRE COMPOUNDS:																								
○ Soft ● Medium ● Hard ● Extra Hard ● Wet																								
					Losail	Jerez	Le Mans	Mugello	Silverstone	Assen	Catalunya	Sachsenring	Laguna Seca	Brno	Indianapolis	Misano	Motorland Aragon	Motegi	Sepang	Phillip Island	Estoril	Valencia		
					QAT	SPA	FRA	ITA	GBR	HOL	CAT	GER	USA	CZE	IND	RSM	ARA	JPN	MAL	AUS	POR	VAL		
					11/04/10	02/05/10	23/05/10	06/06/10	20/06/10	26/06/10	04/07/10	18/07/10	25/07/10	15/08/10	29/08/10	05/09/10	19/09/10	03/10/10	10/10/10	17/10/10	31/10/10	07/11/10		
ALLOCATED - FRONT TYRES					● Medium ● Ex. Hard	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard	● Medium ○ Hard															
ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES					● Medium ○ Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard	● Medium ○ Hard															
RACE WEATHER CONDITIONS					☀ 24° 27°	☀ 25° 45°	☀ 28° 48°																	
RACE TRACK CONDITIONS					DRY	DRY	DRY																	
POS - 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)		W 2 PD 3	70	F ● 2 R ○ 3	F ● 1 R ○ 2	F ● 1 R ○ 2																		
2 Valentino Rossi (46)		W 1 PD 3	61	F ● 1 R ○ 2	F ● 3 R ○ 4	F ● 2 R ○ 1																		
3 Andrea Dovizioso (4)		W - PD 2	42	F ● 3 R ○ 6	F ● 6 R ○ 9	F ● 3 R ○ 7																		
4 Dani Pedrosa (26)		W - PD 1	40	F ● 7 R ○ 7	F ● 2 R ○ 1	F ● 5 R ○ 3																		
5 Nicky Hayden (69)		W - PD -	39	F ● 4 R ○ 9	F ● 4 R ○ 5	F ● 4 R ○ 5																		
6 Randy de Puniet (14)		W - PD -	26	F ● 6 R ○ 4	F ● 9 R ○ 6	F ● 7 R ○ 9																		
7 Marco Melandri (33)		W - PD -	21	F ● 13 R ○ 17	F ● 11 R ○ 10	F ● 6 R ○ 12																		
8 Colin Edwards (5)		W - PD -	16	F ● 8 R ○ 8	F ● 12 R ○ 7	F ● 12 R ○ 8																		
9 Marco Simoncelli (58)		W - PD -	16	F ● 11 R ○ 15	F ● 11 R ○ 11	F ● 10 R ○ 13																		
10 Héctor Barberá (40)		W - PD -	15	F ● 12 R ○ 16	F ● 13 R ○ 14	F ● 8 R ○ 15																		
11 Hiroshi Aoyama (7)		W - PD -	13	F ● 10 R ○ 10	F ● 14 R ○ 12	F ● 11 R ○ 14																		
12 Mika Kallio (36)		W - PD -	12	AC F ● - R ○ -	F ● 7 R ○ 17	FO R ● 13 FO R ○ 16																		
13 Casey Stoner (27)		W - PD -	11	AC F ● - R ○ -	F ● 5 R ○ 3	AC F ● - R ○ -																		
14 Ben Spies (11)		W - PD -	11	F ● 5 R ○ 11	RT FO R ● - FO R ○ 8	AC F ● - R ○ -																		
15 Aleix Espargarò (41)		W - PD -	8	AC F ● - R ○ -	F ● 15 R ○ 1	F ● 9 R ○ 10																		
16 Loris Capirossi (65)		W - PD -	7	F ● 9 R ○ 5	AC FO R ● - FO R ○ -	AC F ● - R ○ -																		
17 Alvaro Bautista (19)		W - PD -	6	AC F ● - R ○ -	F ● 10 R ○ 13	DNS F ● - FO R ○ -																		

TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Fiat Yamaha Team - 131	3. Ducati Team - 50	5. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 27	9. Pramac Racing Team - 20	9. Rizla Suzuki MotoGP - 13
2. Repsol Honda Team - 82	4. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 37	6. LCR Honda MotoGP - 26	8. Paginas Amarillas Aspar - 15	10. Interwetten Honda MotoGP - 13

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Yamaha - 75	2. Honda - 52	3. Ducati - 39	4. Suzuki - 13
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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 (x2 Tamada)	4	4
2005	3 Teams - 7 Riders	17	6th (Capirossi)	4th (Ducati)	2 (x2 Capirossi)	3	8
2006	3 Teams - 8 Riders	17	3rd (Capirossi)	3rd (Ducati)	4 (x3 Capirossi) (x1 Bayliss)	6	11
2007	5 Teams - 12 Riders	18	1st (Stoner)	1st (Ducati)	12 (x10 Stoner) (x1 Vermeulen) (x1 Capirossi)	6	33
2008	7 Teams - 13 Riders	18	1st (Rossi)	1st (Yamaha)	15 (x9 Rossi) (x6 Stoner)	12	35
2009	12 Teams - 22 Riders	17	1st (Rossi)	1st (Yamaha)	17 (x6 Rossi) (x4 Lorenzo) (x4 Stoner) (x2 Pedrosa) (x1 Dovizioso)	17	51
2010	10 Teams - 17 Riders	3			3 (x2 Lorenzo) (x1 Rossi)	3	9
TOTAL		138	3	3	55	52	152

BRIDGESTONE NEWS

SET FOR SILVERSTONE

One of two new circuits on the 2010 MotoGP calendar, Bridgestone engineers have been working hard to select the most suitable tyre compounds for the British round at Silverstone. After carefully analysing and assessing the circuit's layout and character and the nature of the tarmac, and using Formula One data and experience, Bridgestone has selected the medium and hard compound front slicks and the medium and hard asymmetric rear slicks for the grand prix on June 20th.



SLICK DEBUT IN FRANCE

Bridgestone's all-new medium compound asymmetric rear slicks debuted in Le Mans where they were by far the favoured choice in the race given the high track temperature. The same specification slicks will be used at a further three races before the summer break: at Silverstone, Assen and Laguna Seca. These are all races at which asymmetric tyres were not used last year, but have been selected this year in response to requests from riders.



BRIDGESTONE MEANS QUALITY

Bridgestone has won the prestigious PACCAR 50PPM Quality Achievement Award for its performance as a tyre supplier in Europe in 2009. Achieving an exceptional quality control rate in tyre production of fewer than 50 defects per million tyres produced, this is the first time that Bridgestone has received the award which is provided only to a select group of suppliers who can meet such world-class levels of quality and performance.



LAST YEAR'S RACE - ITALY, MUGELLO 2009

FASTEST RACE LAP:
Valentino Rossi, Yamaha - Lap 21 - Average speed: 169.823 km/h - Time: 1m 51.186s

2009 QUALIFYING TIMES						2009 RACE RESULTS					
POS	RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP	POS	RIDER	TEAM	AVG KM/H	TIME	GAP
1	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	339.0	1m48.987s		1	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	158.4	45m41.894s	
2	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	336.9	1m49.008s	+0.021s	2	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	158.3	45m42.895s	+1.001s
3	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	331.5	1m49.121s	+0.134s	3	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	158.3	45m43.970s	+2.076s
4	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	336.8	1m49.148s	+0.161s	4	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	158.3	45m44.023s	+2.129s
5	Randy de Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	327.4	1m49.499s	+0.512s	5	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	158.2	45m45.168s	+3.274s
6	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	337.5	1m49.547s	+0.560s	6	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	157.0	46m06.345s	+24.451s
7	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	332.0	1m49.648s	+0.661s	7	James Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	156.9	46m07.515s	+25.621s
8	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	334.8	1m50.073s	+1.086s	8	Randy de Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	156.9	46m07.940s	+26.046s
9	Toni Elias	San Carlo Honda Gresini	338.1	1m50.078s	+1.091s	9	Niccolo Canepa	Pramac Racing	156.6	46m13.709s	+31.815s
10	Yuki Takahashi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	332.2	1m50.305s	+1.318s	10	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	156.4	46m16.708s	+34.814s
11	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	321.2	1m50.405s	+1.418s	11	Marco Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	156.4	46m16.984s	+35.090s
12	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	336.6	1m50.448s	+1.461s	12	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	156.2	46m21.016s	+39.122s
13	Niccolo Canepa	Pramac Racing	339.8	1m50.528s	+1.541s	13	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing	155.4	46m34.356s	+52.462s
14	James Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	327.6	1m50.537s	+1.550s	14	Toni Elias	San Carlo Honda Gresini	155.4	46m34.372s	+52.478s
15	Marco Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	339.4	1m50.710s	+1.723s	15	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	150.3	46m03.967s	+1 Lap
16	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	333.5	1m50.924s	+1.937s	NC	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	149.5	25m15.529s	11 Laps
17	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing	342.0	1m51.008s	+2.021s	NC	Yuki Takahashi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	147.7	21m18.170s	13 Laps

FACT

In 2009, the first five races of the season were hit by rain, although the MotoGP sessions at Jerez were all run in the dry. This year, the only time the riders have used Bridgestone's wet tyres was during the first Malaysia test at Sepang on 4-5 February.



BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

F1 After six rounds of the Formula One World Championship, the Red Bull Racing driver pairing of Mark Webber and Sebastian Vettel share the title lead. Ferrari's Fernando Alonso is just three points adrift, with Jenson Button a further five back. After this stat sheet went to print, the Turkish Grand Prix was held on 30 May.

GP2 After two rounds of the ten-race championship, in Spain and Monaco, Sergio Perez leads the standings, two points ahead of joint-second placed Pastor Maldonado and Dani Clos. After this stat sheet went to print, the Turkish Grand Prix was held on 30 May as the third round of the series.

IndyCar This stat sheet went to print just before arguably the most famous race in the world, the Indianapolis 500, held on Sunday 30 May. Prior to this, Will Power led the championship standings, 26 points clear of Scott Dixon with Helio Castroneves a further 28 points behind.

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