

MotoGP facts & figures

■ The MotoGP race last year at Mugello was run under flag-to-flag rules, starting wet but drying in the early stages, resulting in riders changing bikes from the fourth lap onwards.

■ **Jorge Lorenzo** has had mixed fortune in his two appearances at the circuit riding in the MotoGP class. In 2008 he crashed on lap seven while battling with Dovizioso for 5th place. Last year he qualified on pole, but crashed on the sighting lap. He used his spare bike to start the race and ended the first lap down in sixth, but charged back through the field to eventually finish second.



■ **Valentino Rossi** has an incredible record at Mugello, winning for seven successive years from 2002 to 2008, followed by a third place finish last year. Rossi's seven year winning streak at his home Grand Prix is unmatched in the history of Grand Prix racing.

■ **Casey Stoner's** results have improved each time he has raced at Mugello in the MotoGP class. He crashed in 2006 on lap nine after making his way up to 3rd from 9th on the grid, in 2007 he was 4th after qualifying on pole for the first time on the Ducati and in 2008 he set a new lap record on his way to finishing 2nd. Last year he had his first win in any class at the Mugello circuit and gave Ducati their first victory at their home Grand Prix.

■ **Dani Pedrosa** has had consistently good results in the MotoGP class at Mugello up to last year: in 2006 he was 4th, just 2 seconds behind winner Rossi; in 2007 he finished 2nd after leading for a couple of laps and setting the fastest lap of the race having qualified in 8th place on the grid. In 2009 he was the first Michelin rider, in 3rd place. Last year he qualified in 8th place on the grid and fell on lap thirteen while running with the midfield pack. His one win at Mugello came in the 250cc class in 2005.

Mugello facts and stats

This is the 25th occasion that a GP has been held at the Mugello circuit, including twenty times consecutively since 1991. Mugello has seen many great races over the years and below are some of the facts and figures from these previous Grand Prix events:

The first time a Grand Prix event was held at Mugello was in 1976 when the 500cc race was won by Barry Sheene, riding a Suzuki, by a margin of just 0.1 sec from Phil Read in one of the closest finishes of all time. Only two venues on this year's calendar have a longer ongoing sequence of hosting Grand Prix events: Jerez and Assen

A total of 78 Grand Prix races for solo motorcycles have been held at the Mugello circuit as follows: MotoGP – 8, 500cc – 16, 350cc – 2, 250cc – 24, 125cc – 23, 50cc/80cc – 5.

Yamaha have been the most successful manufacturer in the four-stroke MotoGP era with five successive victories from 2004 through to 2008.

Honda have had just two victories in the MotoGP class at Mugello, the last of which was in 2003.

Casey Stoner's win at Mugello last year was the first win for Ducati at Mugello and the first victory for any rider at Mugello other than Valentino Rossi on a four-stroke MotoGP machine.

The best result for Suzuki in the MotoGP era is 5th, which was achieved by John Hopkins in 2007 and Loris Capirossi last year.

Valentino Rossi is the most successful rider across all the classes at Mugello, with a total of nine victories; one each in 125cc and 250cc classes to add to his seven successive MotoGP wins.

Loris Capirossi was the first Italian rider to take a premier-class victory at Mugello when he won the 500cc race in 2000 after a race long battle with his countrymen Biaggi and Rossi both of whom fell in the closing stages.

The highest recorded maximum speed at Mugello is 349 kph (217 mph) set by Dani Pedrosa in the first free practice session last year.

The MotoGP race at Mugello in 2004 is the shortest ever premier-class Grand Prix race. The race lasted just six laps, after the first attempt to run the race was stopped due to rain and then restarted for the remaining laps under the rain rules as they stood at that time.

At least one Italian rider has stood on the podium in the premier-class race at Mugello for the last fourteen years. The last premier-class podium at Mugello without at least one Italian rider was 1995.

Yamaha have continued success in MotoGP

Yamaha have had their best start to the season for many years, with their riders having won each of the opening three MotoGP races this year. The continued success for Yamaha's MotoGP machine is illustrated with the following facts and statistics:

Jorge Lorenzo's win at the French GP was the 54th victory for Yamaha since the introduction of the four-stroke MotoGP class at the start of the 2002 season. This is just one win less than Honda, who are the most successful manufacturer of the MotoGP era in terms of GP wins.

Yamaha riders have won the opening three races of the year in the premier-class for the first time since 1980, when Kenny Roberts took the opening three races of the year on the Yamaha factory bikes. In 1980 the fourth race of the year was also won by a Yamaha rider – privateer Jack Middelburg.

Yamaha have had at least one rider finish on the podium at the last thirty-eight races, starting at the first race of 2008 at Qatar.



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■ **Andrea Dovizioso's** third place finish in the 250cc race in 2006 is his only podium at Mugello. He finished 8th in 2008 on his first appearance at Mugello on a MotoGP machine, after qualifying down in 13th place on the grid. Last year he finished 4th after having led both the wet and dry parts of the race at some stage.

■ **Nicky Hayden's** single podium finish at Mugello was third place in the tremendous race in 2006 on his way to winning the world title. Since then his results at Mugello have not been so good: in 2007 he finished 10th, in 2008 he qualified 6th but finished down in 13th after suffering technical problems and last year he was 12th after qualifying down in 16th place on the grid while still trying to come to terms with the Ducati.



■ **Randy de Puniet's** eighth place finish last year is his best result on a MotoGP machine at Mugello. In 2006 he finished 13th, he crashed on lap two in 2007 and in 2008 he crashed on lap six after a clash with Melandri.

■ Mugello is one of five current circuits where **Marco Melandri** has not had a podium finish riding a MotoGP machine; the others are Estoril, Brno, Indianapolis and Misano. His best result on a MotoGP machine at Mugello was 4th in 2005. He won the 250cc race at the circuit in 2002 on his way to taking the world title. Melandri's sixth place finish at Le Mans is his best dry weather result since he was 5th in Spain last year.

■ **Colin Edwards'** 5th place finish in 2008 is his best result from seven MotoGP starts at Mugello.

■ Since becoming the first Italian rider to win in the premier-class at Mugello in 2000, **Loris Capirossi** has finished on the podium on four more occasions at this circuit; the last time was 2nd in 2006. Last year at Mugello, Capirossi qualified on the front row for the only time in 2009 and finished 5th which equalled his best result of the year.

Loris Capirossi set to level with Carlos Checa

At the Italian Grand Prix, Loris Capirossi is scheduled to make his 192nd start in the premier-class. Capirossi made his premier-class debut at the opening race of 1995 at the Eastern Creek circuit in Australia. After competing for 2 years in the 500cc class, he returned to the 250cc class for a 3 year period before moving up to the premier-class once again. As shown in the following table of the riders with most premier-class starts, his start in Italy will place him in joint second place with Carlos Checa:

RIDERS WITH MOST STARTS IN THE PREMIER-CLASS OF GP RACING

Rider	Starts in the MotoGP/500cc class
1. Alex Barros	245
2. Carlos Checa	192
3. Loris Capirossi	191
4. Valentino Rossi	170
5. Kenny Roberts Jnr	167
6. Sete Gibernau	160
7. Jack Findlay	157
8. Randy Mamola	145
9. Norick Abe	144
10. Alex Criville	139



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■ **Marco Simoncelli's** victory at Mugello in 2008 was his first ever GP win in the 250cc class. Last year in the 250cc GP at Mugello, Simoncelli finished 2nd, after battling all race long with Bautista and the eventual winner Pasini.

■ **Hector Barbera's** eighth place finish at Le Mans is his best result since moving up to the MotoGP class. He has had two podium finishes at Mugello when competing in the smaller classes; 3rd in the 125cc race in 2004 and 3rd in the 250cc class in 2007. In 2008 he qualified on pole at Mugello but suffered a nasty fall in the race when he collided with Simoncelli along the main straight.

■ Mugello is one of just three current circuits where **Hiroshi Aoyama** has not had a podium finish during his years of racing in the 250cc class. The other two circuits are Le Mans and Valencia.

■ **Mika Kallio's** 4th place finish in the 250cc GP in 2008 was his best result at Mugello in his seven years competing in the smaller classes. He did qualify on pole in the 125cc race at Mugello in 2005 but crashed at the final corner while leading the race. Last year, on his first visit to the circuit racing a MotoGP machine he qualified in 17th on the grid, but moved up to 6th in the wet part of the race only to struggle after changing to bikes and drop down to finish 13th.

■ **Ben Spies** will be racing at the Mugello circuit for the first time; the third successive circuit where he has had no previous racing experience.

■ **Aleix Espargaro** did not compete in the Grand Prix at Le Mans last year as he was without a GP ride. His 9th place finish at Le Mans is his best result since moving up to the MotoGP class.

■ **Alvaro Bautista's** victory in 2007 at Mugello was the first time he had stood on the top step of the podium in the 250cc class. In 2008 he crashed while leading on lap seven and last year he ran off the track whilst battling for the lead and eventually finished 3rd.

Moto2 facts & figures

■ Following his victory at the French GP, **Toni Elias** leads the world championship classification for the first time since he topped the 125cc table following round twelve of the 2001 season held in Valencia. Mugello is one of just three current Moto2 circuits, that have been used previously,

Grand Prix pole jinx

At the French Grand Prix, the three riders who qualified on pole once again failed to capitalize on the situation and win the race. None of the nine GP races held so far this year have been won by riders starting from pole position. The last rider to win after qualifying on pole was Julian Simon in the 125cc race at the final event of last year in Valencia. This is a sequence of eleven successive races without a winner from pole, which is just one less than the longest sequence of GP races without a winner from pole which occurred in 1998.

To put the current run in perspective, since 1974 when full pole position records are available, 41% of all Grand Prix races have been won by the rider starting from pole position. Below is a table showing where the last eleven pole position riders have finished:

RACE	POLE POSITION QUALIFIER
2009 – Valencia – 250cc	Debon – crashed during qualifying and did not start the race.
2009 – Valencia – MotoGP	Stoner – crashed on warm up lap and did not start race.
2010 – Qatar – 125cc	Marquez – finished 3rd.
2010 – Qatar – Moto2	Elias – finished 4th.
2010 – Qatar – MotoGP	Stoner – crashed while leading on lap six.
2010 – Spain – 125cc	Marquez – crashed after exhaust had come adrift and stuck under back wheel.
2010 – Spain – Moto2	Tomizawa – finished 2nd.
2010 – Spain – MotoGP	Pedrosa – finished 2nd.
2010 – France – 125cc	Terol – finished 2nd.
2010 – France – Moto2	Noyes – crashed while in leading group on lap five.
2010 – France – MotoGP	Rossi – finished 2nd.

Spanish riders enjoying great success

Spanish riders are currently enjoying unprecedented success across the three Grand Prix classes, as illustrated by the following facts:

Spanish riders have won all three classes at the last two Grand Prix events. The last time that a Nation won the 125cc, 250cc/Moto2 and the premier-class races at successive Grand Prix events was in 1975 when Paolo Pileri, Walter Villa and Giacomo Agostini won at the West German GP and then repeated the victories at the next Grand Prix event in Italy.

This winning sequence of six GP races for Spanish riders is the longest they have ever achieved. If Spanish riders win all three races in Italy it will equal the longest run of successive solo Grand Prix victories by a single Nation, which stands at 9 successive Grand Prix victories by British riders in the 1951 season.

Spanish riders have won the last thirteen 125cc races. The last non-Spanish winner in the 125cc class was Andrea Iannone at the Catalan Grand Prix last year. This is the longest sequence of successive race victories for Spanish riders in the 125cc class.

Spanish riders have taken eleven of the twelve front row places so far this season in the 125cc class.

Spanish riders are leading both the MotoGP and Moto2 championships and are occupying the top five places in the current 125cc championship standings.

Including the final event of 2009 at Valencia, Spanish riders have won 10 of the last twelve Grand Prix races.



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where Elias has not had a podium finish in any class of GP racing; the others are Losail and Indianapolis.

■ **Mattia Pasini's** victory last year at Mugello was the only time in 2009 that he stood on the top step of the podium. Pasini also won the 125cc race at Mugello in 2006 and is the only Italian rider other than Rossi to have won in both of the smaller classes at the Mugello circuit.

■ **Thomas Luthi** finished fourth last year at Mugello, equalling his best result of 2009.

■ **Alex de Angelis** had three successive podium finishes at Mugello when competing in the 250cc class.

■ **Simone Corsi** won the 125cc race at Mugello in 2008, in one of the closest finishes of all-time with less than half a second covering the top six riders across the line.

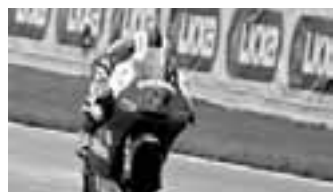
■ **Gabor Talmacsi's** win in the 125cc GP race at Mugello in 2005, was the first time he had stood on the top step of the podium in his Grand Prix career.

■ **Hector Faubel** won the 125cc GP race at Mugello in 2007, after qualifying on pole for the first time in his Grand Prix career.

125cc facts & figures

■ **Nico Terol** finished second last year at Mugello, after qualifying down on 12th place on the grid.

■ **Pol Espargaro** has had decent results for the last couple of years at Mugello; he finished 3rd in 2008, but just less than four-hundredths of a second behind the race winner, and last year he was 4th.



■ **Esteve Rabat** has not had a point scoring finish at Mugello during his Grand Prix career. He missed the race in 2007 due to injuries suffered in a crash at the French Grand Prix, in 2008 he finished 25th and last year was 16th.

■ **Bradley Smith** won the 125cc race at Mugello last year after, starting from pole position.

Grand Prix racing numbers

388 — None of the three Italian riders that lined up on the grid for the 125cc race at the French GP made it to the chequered flag. The last time that there was a 125cc GP with no Italian riders finishing was the 1982 French GP at Nogaro; that is a sequence of 388 races in the 125cc class with at least one Italian rider making it to the end of the race. However the race at Nogaro in 1982 was one boycotted by a number of top riders due to safety concerns. The last full strength 125cc race with no Italian finishers was at the Finnish Grand Prix in 1979.

150 — At the Italian Grand Prix, Joan Olive is scheduled to make his 150th Grand Prix start. Olive has not missed a race since making his Grand Prix debut in the 125cc class at the opening race of 2001 in Japan. He will become the fourth youngest rider to reach the milestone of 150 GP starts, after Dani Pedrosa, Marco Melandri and Alex de Angelis.

100 — At the Italian Grand Prix, Mattia Pasini is scheduled to make his 100th Grand Prix start. Pasini made his GP debut in the 125cc class at the opening race of 2004 in South Africa. Since making his GP debut he has missed starting just once, at the French GP in 2005 when he crashed and fractured his left wrist during qualifying.

70 — Jorge Lorenzo has 70 points from the opening three races of the year. This is the highest points total by a rider in the MotoGP class after the opening three races since Valentino Rossi also had 70 points after three races in 2005.

62 — Italy, together with The Netherlands and Great Britain are the only three countries that have hosted a motorcycle Grand Prix event in each of the 62 years since the motorcycling world championship series started in 1949.

49 — Valentino Rossi's pole in France was the 49th time he has started from pole in the premier-class. Full pole position records are only available back to 1974 and in the period since 1974 only Mick Doohan, with 58, has started from pole on more occasions in the premier-class than Rossi.

20 years — Kenny Noyes' pole at the French GP was the first outside the premier-class for a rider from the USA, since John Kocinski was fastest qualifier for the 250cc race at the Australian Grand Prix in 1990.

8 years — Prior to the French GP it had been eight years since the same three riders won each of the Grand Prix classes at successive races. In 2002, Arnaud Vincent (125cc), Marco Melandri (250cc) and Valentino Rossi (MotoGP) won their respective classes at the British GP and then repeated the victories at the German GP one week later. Subsequently all three riders went on to win their respective world championship titles.

7 — Jorge Lorenzo's win in France was his 7th victory on a MotoGP machine. This is just one less than great rival Dani Pedrosa. Only two other Spanish riders have had more victories in the premier-class: Sete Gibernau with nine and Alex Criville with fifteen.

7 — Pol Espargaro is the 7th youngest rider to win back-to-back GP races. The six riders who have won back-to-back GP races at a younger age are: Marco Melandri, Valentino Rossi, Loris Capirossi, Dani Pedrosa, Manuel Poggiali and Jorge Lorenzo.

5 — Just five riders have scored points at all three of the Moto2 races held so far: Toni Elias, Simone Corsi, Sergio Gadea, Gabor Talmacsi and Roberto Rolfo.

3 — Jorge Lorenzo has finished in front of Valentino Rossi in the last two MotoGP races. If Lorenzo finished in front of Rossi again at Mugello, it will be the first time since joining the MotoGP class at the start of 2000 that Rossi will have finished behind a team-mate in three successive races.