

10

CZECH REPUBLIC
15/08/2010



A ROLLERCOASTER OF A RIDE

The Automotodrom Brno circuit is characterised by its dramatic changes in elevation which total more than 73metres from the circuit's highest point to its lowest, and this rollercoaster of tarmac creates specific challenges for tyres.

Weight transfer of the bikes is affected by the elevation, which consequently generates increased pressure on the tyres. Downhill sections throw weight forward, especially under braking, and so a strong front tyre is required for good stability. This is why Brno is one of only a handful of races all season

for which Bridgestone have selected extra hard compound front slicks.

Brno's downhill sections throw weight forward, especially under braking, and so a strong front tyre is required for good stability

The benefit of good corner exit speed is greater at Brno as it allows the machines to achieve improved drive and speed along the steep uphill sections of the circuit. This means rear traction is very important to allow riders to open the throttle as early as possible. Here the uphill elevation changes actually help the rear tyres find even more grip by transferring weight to the rear of the bike, helping to force the rear tyre onto the tarmac.

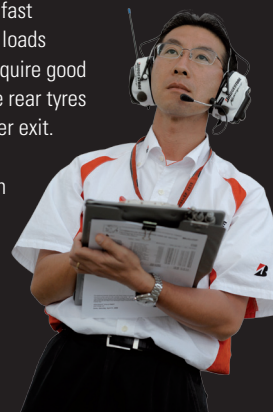


TYRE TALK

Tohru Ubukata - Manager, Bridgestone Motorcycle Tyre Development

“Brno features a number of elevation changes which are particularly tough on the front tyres. The downhill corners mean that the weight transfer of the bikes is naturally forward, increasing the load and therefore the temperature of the front tyres requiring a strong compound. The circuit's surface is also very abrasive, since its resurfacing in 2008, which makes tyre durability more of a challenge. The combination of these factors means that Brno is one of only four races in the season to which we will bring the extra hard compound front slicks.

The corners are generally fast and flowing so the lateral loads generated are high and require good shoulder stability from the rear tyres and good traction on corner exit. Excess sliding can rapidly accelerate tyre wear given the abrasive tarmac so machine setup and riding style play an influential role in tyre durability.”



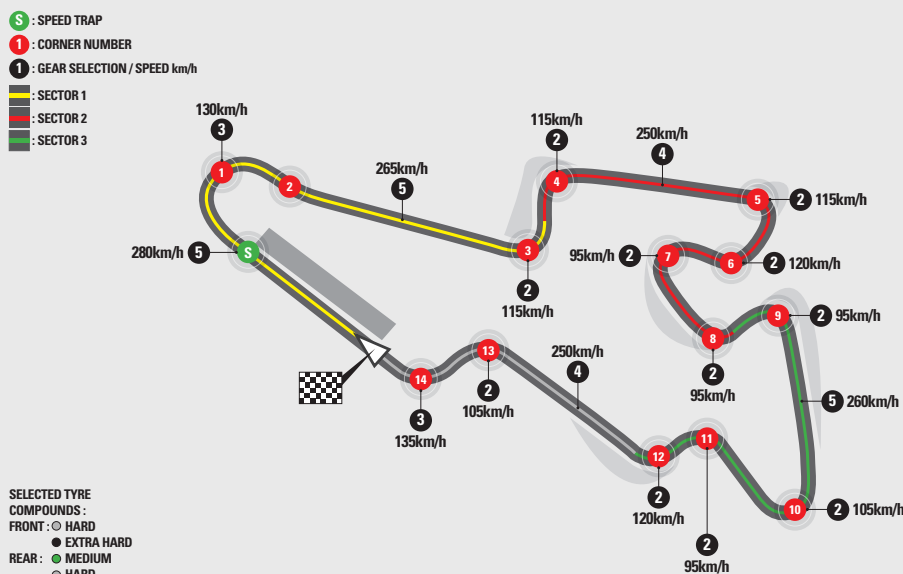
CZECH REPUBLIC - BRNO

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 (19 laps)
12:15	Moto2 Race (20 laps)
14:00	MotoGP Race (22 laps)



CIRCUIT INFORMATION

First race	1965
No. of GPs held	33
Laps	22 (MotoGP), 20 (Moto2), 19 (125cc)
Track length	5.403 km / 73.854 miles (Width 15m)
Race distance	118.866 km / 73.854 miles
Longest straight	0.636 km / 0.395 miles
Corners	14 (6 left, 8 right)

RECORDS

Pole position	1m 56.145s (167.469km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2009)
Fastest lap	1m 56.670s (166.716km/h)
	Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2009)
Race time	43m 08.991s (165.283km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2009)
2009 Winner	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha)

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: 172 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 78 Poles: 49 Fastest laps: 63 Podiums: 133 Points: 3174
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: 43 (MotoGP)
Wins: 11 Poles: 14 Fastest laps: 8 Podiums: 27 Points: 661
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: 78 (MotoGP)
Wins: 10 Poles: 15 Fastest laps: 18 Podiums: 44 Points: 1078
Best championship position: 2nd (2007)

**Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4**

Age: 24 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 44 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 6 Points: 443
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: 74 (MotoGP)
Wins: 20 Poles: 19 Fastest laps: 18 Podiums: 39 Points: 1089
Best championship position: 1st (2007)

**Nicky Hayden Bike number 69**

Age: 29 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 125 (MotoGP)
Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 6 Podiums: 26 Points: 1180
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: 128 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 3 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 11 Points: 999
Best championship position: 4th (2005)

**Ben Spies Bike number 11**

Age: 26 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American
GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 13 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 1 Points: 106
Best championship position: 19th (2008)

San Carlo Honda Gresini

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: www.gresiniracing.com

**Marco Melandri Bike number 33**

Age: 28 DOB: 7/8/1982 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 122 (MotoGP)
Wins: 5 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 20 Points: 967
Best championship position: 2nd (2005)

**Marco Simoncelli Bike number 58**

Age: 23 DOB: 20/1/1987 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 9 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 47
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: 197 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 9 Poles: 13 Fastest laps: 10 Podiums: 42 Points: 1789
Best championship position: 3rd (2006*)

**Álvaro Bautista Bike number 19**

Age: 25 DOB: 21/1/1984 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 8 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 25
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: 25 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 99
Best championship position: 15th (2009)

**Aleix Espargarò Bike number 41**

Age: 21 DOB: 30/7/1989 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: IND09 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 13 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 44
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: 78 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 381
Best championship position: 11th (2009*)

Web: www.interwetten-honda-motogp.com

Interwetten Honda MotoGP

Machine: Honda RC212V

**Alex De Angelis Bike number 15**

Age: 26 DOB: 26/02/1984 Nationality: San Marinense
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 37 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 1 Points: 182
Best championship position: 8th (2009)

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: 9 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 41
Best championship position: NA

FACT

Brno was the first race last season at which a qualifying record was beaten; an impressive feat given it was done using Bridgestone's race tyres. Valentino Rossi shaved 0.05s from the previous best, before taking victory the next day on almost exactly the same tyres.

TOP RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

RIDER	TITLES	WINS	2NDs	3RDs	PODIUMS	POLES
Valentino Rossi	2	16	11	6	33	10
Casey Stoner	1	20	7	10	37	18
Jorge Lorenzo	-	10	8	3	21	10
Loris Capirossi	-	6	7	4	17	5
Dani Pedrosa	-	4	8	7	19	5
Makoto Tamada	-	2	1	1	4	3
Chris Vermeulen	-	1	3	3	7	3
Andrea Dovizioso	-	1	1	3	5	-
Troy Bayliss	-	1	-	-	1	-
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	-
Ben Spies	-	-	-	1	1	-
Alex Barros	-	-	-	1	1	-
Jeremy McWilliams	-	-	-	-	0	1
Sete Gibernau	-	-	-	-	0	1
TOTAL	3	61	58	51	170	58

Current riders in black

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	Bnno	Indianapolis	Misano	Motorland Aragon	Motegi	Sepang	Phillip Island	Estoril	Valencia
		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	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard					
ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES		● Medium ○ Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard	○ Hard ● Ex. Hard					
RACE WEATHER CONDITIONS		24° 27°	25° 45°	28° 48°	30° 49°	18° 36°	25° 47°	33° 55°	23° 36°	19° 44°														
RACE TRACK CONDITIONS		DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	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)	6 PD 9	210	2 3	1 2	1 2	2 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	2 1	1 1													
2 Dani Pedrosa (26)	2 PD 5	138	7 9	2 1	5 3	1 1	8 3	2 7	2 4	1 3	2 5													
3 Andrea Dovizioso (4)	- PD 4	115	3 6	6 9	3 7	3 6	2 4	5 6	14 2	5 4	4 3													
4 Casey Stoner (27)	- PD 4	103	- -	5 3	- -	- 4	4 3	5 6	3 3	3 2	3 2	2 2												
5 Valentino Rossi (46)	1 PD 4	90	1 2	3 4	2 1	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	4 5	5 3	6 16												
6 Nicky Hayden (69)	- PD -	89	4 13	4 5	4 5	- -	4 5	7 5	8 11	7 5	9 11	5 16												
7 Ben Spies (11)	- PD 1	77	5 11	1 -	- -	- 11	7 9	3 7	4 4	6 5	10 8	8 13												
8 Randy de Puniet (14)	- PD -	69	6 10	9 6	7 9	6 6	6 10	6 10	4 3	DNS* - --	7 13	DNS - --												
9 Marco Melandri (33)	- PD -	53	13 3	11 8	6 12	5 10	- -	- 8	DNS - --	9 14	10 6	8 11												
10 Marco Simoncelli (58)	- PD -	49	11 5	11 6	10 13	9 11	7 9	9 8	- -	8 10	- -	6 9												
11 Colin Edwards (5)	- PD -	48	8 8	12 7	12 8	13 5	9 10	8 9	11 10	DNS* - --	- 12	7 8												
12 Héctor Barberá (40)	- PD -	41	12 16	13 4	8 15	12 13	11 11	12 14	10 6	9 7	- -	- 10												
13 Loris Capirossi (65)	- PD -	36	9 7	- -	- 9	- 9	10 12	- -	13 11	7 7	11 14	10 12												
14 Mika Kallio (36)	- PD -	31	- -	- 12	7 17	- -	- 15	13 16	11 3	12 5	- -	- 11	9 15											
15 Aleix Espargarò (41)	- PD -	28	- -	- 14	15 15	9 7	8 8	10 13	10 6	- -	DNS* - --	- -	- 13											
16 Álvaro Bautista (19)	- PD -	25	- -	- 13	DNS - --	- 6	- 2	14 16	12 4	14 2	DNS* - --	- -	- 14											
17 Hiroshi Aoyama (7)	- PD -	18	10 6	14 2	11 5	11 10	DNS - --	- 12	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --												
18 Alex De Angelis (15)	- PD -	8	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	12 17	12 16												
19 Roger Lee Hayden (95)	- PD -	5	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	- 5	- 5												
20 Kousuke Akiyoshi (64)	- PD -	4	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	15 15	13 16	DNS - --	DNS - --												
21 Wataru Yoshikawa (8)	- PD -	1	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	DNS - --	15 17	DNS - --	DNS - --												

*Sachsenring - Race stopped after 9 laps, restarted as 21 lap race (Colin Edwards, Randy De Puniet, Aleix Espargarò and Álvaro Bautista did not restart)

TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Fiat Yamaha Team - 301

2. Repsol Honda Team - 253
3. Ducati Team - 192

4. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 125

5. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 102

6. LCR Honda MotoGP - 74

7. Rizla Suzuki MotoGP - 61
8. Pramac Racing Team - 59

9. Paginas Amarillas Aspar - 41

10. Interwetten Honda MotoGP - 30

CONSTRUCTORS'

1. Yamaha - 215

2. Honda - 175
3. Ducati - 133

4. Suzuki - 48

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 - 21 Riders	9			9 (x6 Lorenzo) (x2 Pedrosa) (x1 Rossi)	9	27
TOTAL		144	3	3	61	58	170

TEAM NEWS

THE RETURN OF RANDY

Frenchman Randy de Puniet is planning a return to racing at the Czech GP for the LCR Honda squad after breaking his left leg in a crash that re-flagged the German Grand Prix four weeks ago. Having received intensive treatment using hyperbaric and ultrasound technology, he's positive of his recovery. "I use less and less my crutches and every day I go to the gym for cycling and training." The final decision will come after a medical at the circuit on Thursday 12 August.



HIRO'S HEALING

As Hiroshi Aoyama's recovery gathers pace and he eyes a MotoGP return, Alex de Angelis continues to take his seat at the Interwetten Honda team. "I feel I'm getting better every day" said Aoyama. "It is a little bit strange and a bit stressful. I have enough motivation to try again now but my back maybe is at 80%." MotoGP podium-finisher de Angelis expects to be in for "four or five races", of which two have already run, with Akiyoshi competing in the first two races that Aoyama missed.



BARBERA FEELING BUOYED

Despite the mechanical problem that brought his last GP to a premature end, the MotoGP rookie is feeling confident after his first nine races in the premier class. Were it not for this retirement, Hector would have been one of only three riders to score points from event race as he gets to grips with the Ducati and Bridgestone's MotoGP tyres. "Myself and the team are working better and better together with every race and this will be crucial for the second half of the season."



LAST YEAR'S RACE - CZECH REPUBLIC, BRNO 2009

FASTEST RACE LAP:
Jorge Lorenzo, Yamaha - Lap 16 - Average speed: 166.716 km/h - Time: 1m 56.670

2009 QUALIFYING TIMES

2009 RACE RESULTS

POS	RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP	POS	RIDER	TEAM	AVG KM/H	TIME	GAP
1	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	296.3	1m56.145s		1	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	165.3	43m08.991s	
2	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	296.9	1m56.195s	+0.050s	2	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	164.5	43m20.757s	+11.766
3	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	301.8	1m56.528s	+0.383s	3	Toni Elias	San Carlo Honda Gresini	164.0	43m29.747s	+20.756
4	Toni Elias	San Carlo Honda Gresini	295.6	1m56.817s	+0.672s	4	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	163.9	43m30.409s	+21.418
5	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	293.4	1m56.954s	+0.809s	5	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	163.9	43m30.529s	+21.538
6	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	296.4	1m57.108s	+0.963s	6	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	163.7	43m34.535s	+25.544
7	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	296.7	1m57.775s	+1.630s	7	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	163.7	43m34.667s	+25.676
8	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	294.8	1m57.803s	+1.658s	8	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	163.1	43m43.100s	+34.109
9	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	299.4	1m57.811s	+1.666s	9	James Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	163.0	43m44.608s	+35.617
10	Mika Kallio	Ducati Team	298.1	1m57.994s	+1.849s	10	Randy de Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	162.8	43m48.815s	+39.824
11	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	293.6	1m58.087s	+1.942s	11	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	162.7	43m49.767s	+40.776
12	Niccolò Canepa	Pramac Racing	294.4	1m58.208s	+2.063s	12	Niccolò Canepa	Pramac Racing	162.1	43m59.652s	+50.661
13	Randy de Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	294.4	1m58.298s	+2.153s	13	Gabor Talmacsi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	161.6	44m08.179s	+59.188
14	James Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	293.2	1m58.331s	+2.186s	NC	Mika Kallio	Ducati Team	163.6	39m38.278s	2 Laps
15	Marco Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	295.9	1m58.477s	+2.332s	NC	Marco Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	163.6	39m38.518s	2 Laps
16	Michel Fabrizio	Pramac Racing	295.5	1m58.680s	+2.535s	NC	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	165.7	33m15.284s	5 Laps
17	Gabor Talmacsi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	295.9	1m58.749s	+2.604s	NC	Michel Fabrizio	Pramac Racing	159.0	12m13.902s	16 Laps

FACT

Unsurprisingly perhaps, Italian riders have won 14 of the 33 premier class races held at Brno since 1965. British riders have won six times, in the early years, and Australians five. A Spanish rider has only climbed the top step twice though, in 1996 and 2004.



BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

F1 Formula One is into its summer break with the next round not until 29th August in Belgium. With seven rounds to go the championship top five are close. Mark Webber has a four point lead over Lewis Hamilton. Sebastian Vettel is six points back, Jenson Button is just four points behind him but only six ahead of Fernando Alonso.

GP2 Pastor Maldonado won the first GP2 race in Hungary to retain his championship lead over Sergio Perez and Dani Clos. Giacomo Ricci won the second event. The next stop for the GP2 Series is in Belgium on 29 August, at the Spa-Francorchamps circuit.

IndyCar Dario Franchitti won his second race of the season at Mid-Ohio last weekend ahead of Will Power, to close Power's lead of the championship with only five races remaining. Helio Castroneves finished third to move into fifth in the championship behind Scott Dixon and Ryan Briscoe. The next race is the Grand Prix of Sonoma on 22 August.

www.bridgestonemotorsport.com

Bridgestone Corporation Motorsport UK
Hurricane Way, Axis Park, Langley,
Slough, Berkshire SL3 8AG, UK.
Tel: +44 1753 589200 Fax: +44 1753 589201

Tom Tremayne - Press Officer
Email: tomt@bsmotorsport.com
Mob: +44 7590 265120



This sheet is available for download at: www.bridgestonemotorsportmedia.com