

## #11 Red Bull Indianapolis Grand Prix

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### MotoGP facts & figures

■ **Jorge Lorenzo** has finished on the podium at both MotoGP races at the Indianapolis circuit. In 2008 his third place finish was his first wet weather podium in any class of Grand Prix racing. Last year he won by over nine seconds after taking the lead on lap nine. Having already won at Laguna Seca this year, by winning at Indianapolis Lorenzo would replicate the performance of Rossi two years ago when he became the first rider to win two MotoGP races in the USA in the same year.

■ **Dani Pedrosa** finished eighth in his first race on Bridgestone tyres, at the Indianapolis Grand Prix in 2008, having been on Michelin tyres during the early part of the year. Last year Pedrosa qualified on pole and led the race until crashing on the 4<sup>th</sup> lap. After re-mounting at the back of the pack he battled back to eventually finish 10<sup>th</sup>.

■ **Casey Stoner** was the fourth at Indianapolis in 2008, after starting from second place on the grid. Last year the Indianapolis Grand Prix was one of the races that he missed suffering from illness.



■ **Andrea Dovizioso** was fifth and the first non-factory rider across the line at Indianapolis in 2008, having led a MotoGP race for the first time at the end of the first lap. Last year he finished fourth, just half a second off the podium after qualifying down in eighth place on the grid.

■ **Valentino Rossi's** victory at Indianapolis in 2008 gave him the record for most premier-class Grand Prix victories with 69, one more than Giacomo Agostini who had held the record for 32 years. Last year Rossi crashed at turn two on lap ten, having lost the lead to Lorenzo on the previous lap. At the Czech Grand Prix, Rossi finished behind two other Yamaha riders for the first time since joining the factory Yamaha team at the start of 2004, in a dry weather race at which he had not crashed and re-started.

### Jorge Lorenzo continues record breaking year

Jorge Lorenzo continued his domination of the MotoGP championship by winning the Czech Grand Prix and in doing so continued his year of setting new records and passing significant milestones in his career:

With this win Lorenzo now has 33 Grand Prix victories across all three classes, which is the same number of GP wins as his great rival Dani Pedrosa. Only two Spanish riders have won more Grand Prix races: Angel Nieto with 90 wins and Jorge Martinez with 37.

Lorenzo is only the third rider in the 62 year history of Grand Prix racing to finish either first or second at the opening ten premier-class GP races of the year. The only other riders to have done this are Giacomo Agostini riding a MV Agusta and Mick Doohan on a Honda.

His win at Brno was his seventh race victory of the year. This is the greatest number of premier-class wins ever achieved by a Spanish rider in a single season, taking the record from Alex Criville who won six times on his way to taking the 500cc title in 1999.

He joins an elite group of riders who have taken seven or more premier-class victories in the first ten races of the year. The only other riders to have achieved this are Mick Doohan, Valentino Rossi, Giacomo Agostini, Mike Hailwood, Gary Hocking and John Surtees.

His victory in Brno extends his run of successive podium finishes to eleven, which includes the final race of 2009 at Valencia.



### Spain on target for best ever year

At the Czech Grand Prix, Spanish riders took all three Grand Prix victories, for the fourth time this year (also at Jerez, Le Mans and Sachsenring). This gives Spain a total of 22 Grand Prix wins across the three classes after ten GP events, which is equal to Spain's highest number of GP victories achieved previously in one season of racing. The following list shows the years in which a single nation has won 22 or more solo Grand Prix races in a single season:

37	Grand Prix wins: Great Britain – 1967
26	Grand Prix wins: Great Britain – 1966
25	Grand Prix wins: Italy – 2002
24	Grand Prix wins: Great Britain – 1965
23	Grand Prix wins: Italy – 1969 & 1972, Japan – 2001
22	Grand Prix wins: Spain 1988, 2006, 2009 & 2010, Italy - 1999

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■ **Nicky Hayden** has finished on the podium at both previous MotoGP races at Indianapolis. In 2008 he was second and last year his third place finish was his first podium riding a Ducati.



■ **Ben Spies** raced as a wild-card at Indianapolis in 2008, making the last of his three Grand Prix starts of the season on a factory Suzuki. He qualified as the top Suzuki rider in fifth place on the grid and finished the race in sixth, which is the best performance by a wild-card rider in the 800cc era of MotoGP and the best result for Suzuki at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

■ **Randy de Puniet** has not been fully fit on his two previous appearances at Indianapolis; in 2008 he finished 13<sup>th</sup> suffering with a wrist injury picked up in a crash at the previous race at Misano and last year he was 12<sup>th</sup> while still recovering from a broken ankle.

■ **Marco Melandri** has not had much success in the two previous MotoGP races at Indianapolis; in 2008 he was the last rider across the line in 19<sup>th</sup> place, struggling to get to grips with the factory Ducati, and last year he crashed on lap 26 while battling with James Toseland for sixth.

■ **Colin Edwards** was the last point scoring finisher at Indianapolis two years ago and last year was fifth. At the Indianapolis Grand Prix Edwards will become only the 13<sup>th</sup> rider to reach the milestone of 130 starts in the premier-class of Grand Prix racing.



Ben Spies' successful Rookie year in MotoGP

**B**en Spies has made an impressive start to his Grand Prix career, including a fourth place finish at the Czech Grand Prix in front of Valentino Rossi. The following facts and statistics illustrate the success that Spies has had so far in his Rookie MotoGP season:

- Following the Czech GP, Spies heads the race for Rookie of the year in MotoGP by 36 points from reigning 250cc world champion Marco Simoncelli.
- He is also the leading non-factory rider in the current championship standings with a 15 point advantage over the next best non-factory rider Randy de Puniet.
- He has been the first Rookie rider across the line at six of the first ten races of the year.
- He has finished as the best of the non-factory riders at five of the opening ten races of 2010.
- His third place finish at Silverstone is the only time this year that a Rookie rider has finished on the podium and it is the only podium finish for a non-factory rider so far in 2010.
- At the Czech Grand Prix he became the first Rookie this year to qualify on the front row of the grid.

The following table compares the performance by Ben Spies over his first 14 starts in MotoGP to that of Nicky Hayden in 2003. Hayden entered the MotoGP class with no previous Grand Prix experience, having previously raced in the American Superbike series. Spies' figures include the four MotoGP races he started prior to 2010 as a wild-card entry, three with Suzuki and one on a Yamaha. Spies has the advantage this season of having raced at a number of the circuits when competing in World Superbike. However, Hayden entered MotoGP in 2003 riding the full factory Honda machinery as team-mate to Valentino Rossi. The 2003 season by Hayden is the best performance by a Rookie MotoGP rider who had not had previous Grand Prix experience from racing in the 250cc class.

	PODIUMS	TOP 6 FINISHES	BEST QUALIFYING POSITION	POINTS
Nicky Hayden in 2003 (from first 14 races)	1	5	5	114
Ben Spies (after 14 races competing in MotoGP)	1	7	2	119



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■ **Marco Simoncelli** won the 250cc race last year at the Indianapolis Grand Prix.

■ In 2008 at Indianapolis, **Loris Capirossi** finished 16<sup>th</sup> after being pushed wide at the first corner and dropping to the back of the field. Last year he finished the first lap down in 14<sup>th</sup> but battled back through the pack to eventually finish seventh.

■ **Aleix Espargaro** made his debut in the MotoGP class last year at Indianapolis and finished 13<sup>th</sup>.

■ **Mika Kallio** had one of his best races of 2009 at the Indianapolis circuit, finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> after qualifying down in 15<sup>th</sup> place on the grid.

■ **Hiroshi Aoyama** was second last year at Indianapolis on his way to winning the 250cc world title.

### Moto2 facts & figures

■ **Toni Elias** has raced in the MotoGP race at Indianapolis for the last two years, finishing twelfth in 2008 and ninth last year.

■ After starting the season slowly, with no points at the first two races, **Andrea Iannone** now lies second in the title chase having scored points at the last seven successive races and finished on the podium four times in the last six races. Iannone crashed out of the 125cc race last year at Indianapolis on lap 21 while battling for 8<sup>th</sup> place.



■ **Julian Simon** qualified on pole last year for the 125cc race at Indianapolis, but never got to the front in the race and finished fifth.

■ **Shoya Tomizawa** did not start the 250cc race at Indianapolis last year after badly damaging his bike when he crashed in the Friday free practice session.

■ **Simone Corsi**'s third place in the 125cc race at Indianapolis last year was his only dry weather podium finish of 2009.

## Dani Pedrosa set to go fourth all-time point scorer

Even though he is still just 24 years old, Dani Pedrosa could become the fourth highest Grand Prix points scorer of all-time with a finish in the top seven at Indianapolis. The following table shows the top ten riders of all-time in terms of Grand Prix points across all classes:

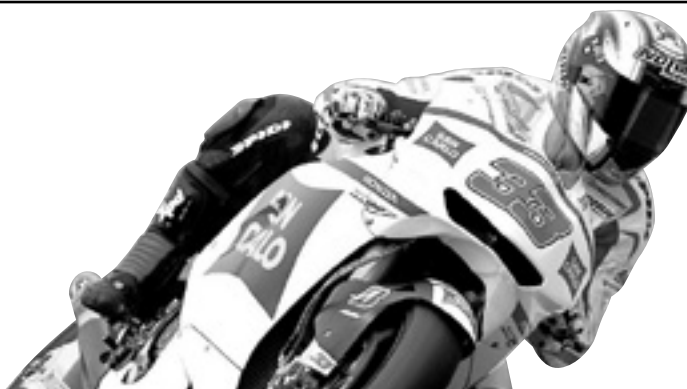
(Note: modern-day competitors are at an advantage due to the current point scoring system allocating more points to the leading riders).

CAREER POINTS TOTAL IN ALL CLASSES OF GP RACING					
Rider	Total	MotoGP/500cc	250cc	125cc	80/50cc
1 Valentino Rossi	4127	3185	510	432	
2 Loris Capirossi	3164	1789	968	407	
2 Max Biaggi	2892	1624	1268		
4 Mick Doohan	2298	2298			
5 Dani Pedrosa	2290	1098	626	566	
6 Alex Barros	2123	2079	30		14
7 Marco Melandri	2054	975	651	428	
8 Alex Criville	2012	1610	127	173	102
9 Angel Nieto	2008		6	1253	749
10 Luca Cadalora	1952	827	972	153	

## Marco Melandri to make 200<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix start

At the Indianapolis Grand Prix, Marco Melandri will become only the 14<sup>th</sup> rider in the 62 year history of Grand Prix racing to reach the milestone of 200 Grand Prix starts across all classes. Melandri becomes the youngest rider to reach the milestone of 200 Grand Prix starts, taking the record from Britain's Chas Mortimer, who raced in the 1970's at a time when it was normal to race in two or even three Grand Prix races in one day (for example, in 1972 Mortimer started 27 Grand Prix races). The following list shows the other riders who have made more than 200 Grand Prix starts:

	Total	MotoGP/500cc	350cc	250cc	125cc	80/50cc
Loris Capirossi	309	198		84	27	
Alex Barros	276	245		14		17
Jack Findlay	275	157	77	34	5	2
Brno Kneubuhler	261	71	46	50	86	8
Angel Nieto	260	1		16	156	87
Chas Mortimer	233	33	65	93	42	
Valentino Rossi	233	173		30	30	
Giacomo Agostini	231	119	109	3		
Roberto Locatelli	224			130	94	
Stefan Dorflinger	223			7	96	120
Carlos Checa	220	192		27	1	
Max Biaggi	214	127		87		
Phil Read	212	53	42	79	38	
Marco Melandri	199	123		47	29	



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■ **Stefan Bradl** finished third two years ago in the 125cc race at the Indianapolis Grand Prix.

### 125cc facts & figures

■ **Marc Marquez** has finished sixth in both of the previous 125cc Grand Prix races held at the Indianapolis circuit.

■ **Pol Espargaro** is the only rider to have finished on the podium in the 125cc class for both of the last two years at Indianapolis. In 2008 he was second after qualifying on pole position and last year he won the race from fourth place on the grid.

■ **Nico Terol** took his first ever Grand Prix victory at the Indianapolis Grand Prix two years ago. Last year he led the race for the first 21 laps, but lost out in the final couple of laps to eventually finish fourth.



■ **Bradley Smith** finished second last year at the Indianapolis Grand Prix and set a new 125cc lap record on the final lap of the race. Smith has finished in the top eight at the last sixteen successive races.



■ **Jasper Iwema's** eighth place finish at the Czech Grand Prix is the best result in the 125cc class for a Dutch rider since Loek Bodelier was third at the Dutch TT in 1994.

■ **Jonas Folger's** fourth place finish at the Czech Grand Prix is his best result since he was second at the French GP last year.

■ Seventeen year old Czech rider **Jakub Kornfeil** finished fifth at Brno, which is his best result so far in his debut season as a full-time Grand Prix rider.

## Grand Prix racing numbers

**276** – Nico Terol's victory in the 125cc race at Brno was the 276<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix win for Aprilia. This is one more victory than achieved by MV Agusta and makes Aprilia the most successful non-Japanese manufacturer of all time in terms of Grand Prix victories. The only manufacturers with more Grand Prix wins than Aprilia are Honda with 632 GP wins and Yamaha with 458.

**50** – Jorge Lorenzo's victory at Brno was the 50<sup>th</sup> GP win for Spanish riders in the premier-class. Spain are just the 5<sup>th</sup> nation to reach the milestone of 50 premier-class GP wins; the other nations to have achieved this are Italy, USA, Great Britain and Australia.

**34 years ago** – Race day at the Indianapolis Grand Prix is the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of multi-world champion Toni Mang winning his first Grand Prix in the 125cc class in West Germany at the Nurburgring in 1976.

**19** – Spanish riders have won the last nineteen 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 125cc GP wins by one nation in the 62 years history of Grand Prix racing.

**17** – This will be the 17<sup>th</sup> occasion that there has been a motorcycle Grand Prix held in the USA. The first two events in 1964 and 1965 were held at the famous Daytona circuit. Twelve GP events have taken place at the Laguna Seca circuit and this is the third to be held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

**14** – The first fourteen riders across the line in the Moto2 race at Brno were all former Grand Prix winners.

**4** – Indianapolis is one of just four circuits on this year's calendar (that have already held a Grand Prix event) where Ducati have not had a MotoGP win. The others are Le Mans, Silverstone and Estoril.

**3** – Indianapolis is one of just three circuits on this year's schedule (that have already held a Grand Prix event) where Honda have not taken a MotoGP victory. The other circuits are Misano and Silverstone.

**2** – Yamaha have won each of the two MotoGP races held previously at the Indianapolis circuit.

**1** – With the crash of Andrea Dovizioso at Brno, Jorge Lorenzo is now the only rider in the MotoGP class to have scored points at each of the first ten races of 2010.

