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MotoGP™ Riders' Profiles

4. Andrea Dovizioso



Age: 29

	CAREER	2015
Starts	223 (125 x MotoGP, 49 x 250, 49 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	10 (1 x MotoGP, 4 x 250, 5 x 125)	2nd
Podiums	66 (25 x MotoGP, 26 x 250, 15 x 125)	1
Poles	16 (3 x MotoGP, 4 x 250, 9 x 125)	1
Last Win	GBR/09	-
Last Podium	QAT/15/2nd	QAT/2nd
Last Pole	QAT/15	QAT

- » Dovizioso qualified in 6th place on the grid at Austin in 2013 and finished the race as first Ducati across the line in 7th
- » Last year he finished third in Austin, which before the first race of 2015 in Qatar was his best dry weather result since joining the Ducati factory team at the start of 2013
- » After his 2nd place finish in Qatar, Dovizioso will be aiming to become first Ducati rider to have back-to-back podiums since Casey Stoner in 2010

6. Stefan Bradl



Age: 25

	CAREER	2015
Starts	140 (53 x MotoGP, 33 x Moto2, 54 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	7 (5 x Moto2, 2 x 125) (2nd in MotoGP)	16th
Podiums	19 (1 x MotoGP, 12 x Moto2, 6 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	8 (1 x MotoGP, 7 x Moto2)	18th
Last Win	GBR/11 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	USA/13/2nd	-
Last Pole	USA/13	-

- » Bradl qualified 5th and finished the race in the same position on the first visit to Austin in 2013
- » Last year he finished 4th in Austin, his equal best result of 2014

7. Hiroshi Aoyama



Age: 33

	CAREER	2015
Starts	168 (64 x MotoGP, 104 x 250)	0
Wins/best result	9 - all 250cc (4th in MotoGP)	-
Podiums	27 - all 250cc	0
Poles/best grid	8 (8 x 250cc) (7th in MotoGP)	-
Last Win	MAL/09 (250cc)	-
Last Podium	MAL/09/1st (250cc)	-
Last Pole	MAL/09 (250cc)	-

- » After missing the first race of the year, Aoyama joins the factory Honda Team to replace Dani Pedrosa, who is missing the race due to injury
- » He has previously raced in the Repsol Honda Team, replacing the injured Dani Pedrosa, at Assen in 2011
- » In 2013, Aoyama finished 17th in the MotoGP race in Austin, and last year he was 12th

8. Hector Barbera



Age: 28

	CAREER	2015
Starts	208 (86 x MotoGP, 75 x 250, 47 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	10 (4 x 250, 6 x 125) (5th in MotoGP)	15th
Podiums	32 (20 x 250, 12 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	9 (8 x 250, 1 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	15th
Last Win	VAL/09 (250cc)	-
Last Podium	VAL/09/1st (250cc)	-
Last Pole	POR/09 (250cc)	-

- » Barbera's best result from seven previous appearances in the MotoGP class in America is 9th at Laguna Seca in 2011
- » In 2013 he finished in 18th place in Austin, after getting a bad start from 15th place on the grid and finishing the first lap in 22nd
- » Last year in Austin he took the final point scoring position in 15th place

9. Danilo Petrucci



Age: 24

	CAREER	2015
Starts	51 - all MotoGP	1
Best result	8th	12th
Podiums	0	0
Best grid	9th	9th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	-	-
Last Pole	-	-

- » Petrucci retired from the MotoGP race at Austin in 2013 with mechanical problems after thirteen laps
- » He finished 17th last year in Austin, from 22nd place on the grid

15. Alex de Angelis

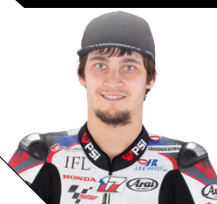


Age: 31

	CAREER	2015
Starts	249 (48 x MotoGP, 136 x 250/Moto2, 65 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	4 (3 x Moto2, 1 x 250) (2nd in MotoGP)	20th
Podiums	40 (1 x MotoGP, 32 x 250/Moto2, 7 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	11 (6 x 250/Moto2, 5 x 125) (4th in MotoGP)	24th
Last Win	MAL/12 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	MAL/12/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	AUS/11 (Moto2)	-

- » De Angelis has raced in the Moto2 class at Austin for the last two years - finishing 8th on both occasions
- » His only podium finish in the MotoGP class was achieved racing in the USA - 2nd place finish to Jorge Lorenzo at Indianapolis in 2009

17. Karel Abraham

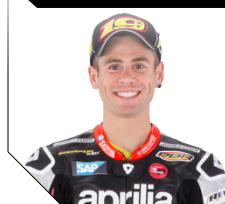


Age: 25

	CAREER	2015
Starts	150 (58 x MotoGP, 61 x 250/Moto2, 31 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	1 (1 x Moto2) (7th in MotoGP)	DNF
Podiums	2 (2 x Moto2)	0
Best grid	5th - 250cc (6th in MotoGP)	20th
Last Win	VAL/10 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	VAL/10/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	-	-

- » Abraham did not make the start in Austin in 2013 due to a broken collarbone suffered when he crashed in qualifying, in a collision with Bryan Staring
- » Last year he finished 14th in Austin after a bad start that left him in 22nd place at the end of the first lap

19. Alvaro Bautista



Age: 30


	CAREER	2015
Starts	203 (87 x MotoGP, 49 x 250, 67 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	16 (8 x 250, 8 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	DNF
Podiums	49 (3 x MotoGP, 28 x 250, 18 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	18 (1 x MotoGP, 9 x 250, 8 x 125)	21st
Last Win	CAT/09 (250cc)	-
Last Podium	FRA/14/3rd	-
Last Pole	GBR/12	-

- » Bautista finished 8th in Austin in 2013 after being passed on the last lap by Andrea Dovizioso
- » Last year in Austin he crashed on the sixth lap when in the group battling for third place

	CAREER	2015
Starts	68 (1 x MotoGP, 18 x Moto2, 49 x 125/Moto3)	1
Wins/best result	16 (4 x Moto2, 12 x 125/Moto3) (14th in MotoGP)	14th
Podiums	40 (9 x Moto2, 31 x 125/Moto3)	0
Poles/best grid	11 (1 x Moto2, 10 x 125/Moto3) (13th in MotoGP)	13th
Last Win	MAL/14 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	MAL/14/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	ARA/14 (Moto2)	-

- » Viñales finished 2nd in the Moto3 race at Austin in 2013, less than a quarter of a second behind Alex Rins
- » Last year he won the Moto2 race in Austin, in just his second start in the intermediate-class of grand prix racing

25. Maverick Viñales



Age: 20

	CAREER	2015
Starts	162 (34 x MotoGP, 51 x Moto2, 77 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	12 (8 x Moto2, 4 x 125)(3rd in MotoGP)	3rd
Podiums	25 (1 x MotoGP, 19 x Moto2, 5 x 125)	1
Poles/best grid	8 (5 x Moto2, 3 x 125) (2nd in MotoGP)	4th
Last Win	ITA/12 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	QAT/15/3rd	QAT/3rd
Last Pole	ARA/10 (Moto2)	-

- » At Austin in 2013, Iannone finished 10th in just his second appearance in the MotoGP class
- » Last year he finished 7th in Austin, dropping back in the latter stages of the race after battling for a podium finish up to lap fifteen

29. Andrea Iannone



Age: 25

	CAREER	2015
Starts	208 (132 x MotoGP, 47 x 250, 29 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	22 (5 x MotoGP, 10 x 250, 7 x 125)	21st
Podiums	62 (20 x MotoGP, 25 x 250, 17 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	9 (3 x 250, 6 x 125) (2nd in MotoGP)	25th
Last Win	AUS/06	-
Last Podium	FRA/09/2nd	-
Last Pole	VAL/02 (250cc)	-

- » Melandri is racing at the Austin circuit for the first time

33. Marco Melandri




Age: 32

	CAREER	2015
Starts	70 – all MotoGP	1
Best result	2nd	7th
Podiums	7 (7 x MotoGP)	0
Poles/best grid	2 (2 x MotoGP)	12th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	ARA/14/3rd	-
Last Pole	CZE/13	-

- » In 2013 Crutchlow qualified 4th and finished 4th in Austin - his best MotoGP result at any of the US circuits
- » Last year in Austin he stopped mid-race to change his rear tyre and then crashed on the 13th lap, suffering injuries to his right hand

35. Cal Crutchlow




Age: 29

	CAREER	2015
Starts	150 (37 x MotoGP, 33 x Moto2, 80 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	3 (3 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	8th
Podiums	24 (1 x MotoGP, 3 x Moto2, 20 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	9 (9 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	7th
Last Win	VAL/10 (125cc)	-
Last Podium	AUS/14/3rd	-
Last Pole	POR/10 (125cc)	-

- » Two years ago in Austin, Smith qualified in 11th place and finished the race 12th
- » Last year in Austin he was first Yamaha across the line in 5th place, which was his career best result in the MotoGP class at that time

38. Bradley Smith



Age: 24

	CAREER	2015
Starts	161 (77 x MotoGP, 61 x Moto2/250, 23 x 125)	1
Best result	2nd	11th
Podiums	2 (1 x MotoGP, 1 x Moto2)	0
Poles/best grid	1 (1 x MotoGP)	11th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	ARA/14/2nd	-
Last Pole	NED/14	-

- » In 2013 in Austin Aleix Espargaro was the first CRT rider across the line in 11th place
- » Last year in Austin he qualified in 4th place on the grid, behind three Honda riders
- » After a bad start he ended the first lap down in 12th place and eventually finished in 9th

41. Aleix Espargaro



Age: 25

	CAREER	2015
Starts	56 (1 x MotoGP, 55 x 125/Moto3)	1
Wins/best result	6 (6 x Moto3)	DNF
Podiums	10 (10 x Moto3)	0
Poles/best grid	8 (8 x Moto3) (22nd in MotoGP)	22nd
Last Win	VAL/14 (Moto3)	-
Last Podium	VAL/14/1st (Moto3)	-
Last Pole	MAL/14 (Moto3)	-

- » Miller finished 6th in the Moto3 race two years ago in Austin
- » last year he qualified on pole and won the Moto3 race at the COTA, after leading the race at the end of every lap

43. Jack Miller



Age: 20

	CAREER	2015
Starts	141 (19 x MotoGP, 51 x Moto2, 71 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	15 (10 x Moto2, 5 x 125)(4th in MotoGP)	9th
Podiums	44 (23 x Moto2, 21 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	17 (14 x Moto2, 3 x 125)(2nd in MotoGP)	10th
Last Win	JPN/13 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	JPN/13/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	VAL/13 (Moto2)	-

- » Two years ago in Austin Pol Espargaro crashed out of the Moto2 race on the fourth lap
- » Last year he passed Iannone on the last lap to finish in 6th place

44. Pol Espargaro



Age: 23

	CAREER	2015
Starts	119 (19 x MotoGP, 67 x Moto2, 33 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	4 (3 x Moto2, 1 x 125)(7th in MotoGP)	13th
Podiums	16 (14 x Moto2, 2 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	3 (3 x Moto2)(11th in MotoGP)	14th
Last Win	GBR/13 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	GBR/13/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	INP/13 (Moto2)	-

- » Redding qualified on pole for the Moto2 race in Austin in 2013, his first ever pole in grand prix racing; after leading the race in the early stages he eventually finish 5th
- » He crashed at Austin last year on the penultimate lap - the only race in his rookie MotoGP season that he failed to finish

45. Scott Redding



Age: 22

	CAREER	2015
Starts	313 (253 x MotoGP, 30 x 250, 30 x 125)	1
Wins	109 (83 x MotoGP, 14 x 250, 12 x 125)	1
Podiums	197 (161 x MotoGP, 21 x 250, 15 x 125)	1
Poles/best grid	60 (50 x MotoGP, 5 x 250, 5 x 125)	8th
Last Win	QAT/15	QAT
Last Podium	QAT/15/1st	QAT/1st
Last Pole	VAL/14	-

- » Rossi is one of only two riders to have competed at all previous eighteen MotoGP races held in the USA, along with Colin Edwards
- » Austin is one of just four current circuits where Rossi has not had a MotoGP victory, along with Aragon, Silverstone and Termas De Rio Hondo
- » Rossi finished 6th two years ago in Austin, and last year was 8th - his worst finishing position of 2014
- » Rossi has not won in the USA since 2008 at Indianapolis

46. Valentino Rossi



Age: 36

	CAREER	2015
Starts	31 (1 x MotoGP, 29 x 250, 1 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	13th - 250cc (18th in MotoGP)	18th
Podiums	0	0
Best grid	12th - 250cc (19th in MotoGP)	19th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	-	-
Last Pole	-	-

- » Laverty is racing at the COTA for the first time

50. Eugene Laverty



Age: 28

	CAREER	2015
Starts	185 (19 x MotoGP, 75 x Moto2/250, 91 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	5 (5 x 125)(12th in MotoGP)	19th
Podiums	13 (2 x 250, 11 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	3 (1 x 250, 2 x 125)(16th in MotoGP)	16th
Last Win	AUS/08 (125cc)	-
Last Podium	POR/09/2nd (250cc)	-
Last Pole	INP/09 (250cc)	-

- » Two years ago, Di Meglio finished 10th in the Moto2 race in Austin - his best result of 2013 in fully dry conditions
- » Last year he finished 18th in the MotoGP race in Texas from 23rd place on the grid

63. Mike di Meglio



Age: 27

	CAREER	2015
Starts	83 (52 x MotoGP, 31 x Moto2)	1
Best result	6th - Moto2 (7th in MotoGP)	10th
Podiums	0	0
Best grid	5th	5th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	-	-
Last Pole	-	-

- » Hernandez finished 15th in the MotoGP race at Austin in 2013, and last year he finished 13th

68. Yonny Hernandez

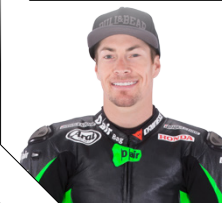


Age: 26

	CAREER	2015
Starts	199 - all MotoGP	1
Wins/best result	3 (3 x MotoGP)	17th
Podiums	28 (28 x MotoGP)	0
Poles/best grid	5	17th
Last Win	USA/06	-
Last Podium	SPA/11/3rd	-
Last Pole	POR/07	-

- » Hayden has twice won in MotoGP on home soil - at Laguna Seca in both 2005 and 2006
- » In his sixteen MotoGP starts in the USA he has only once failed to score points - at Laguna Seca in 2007
- » Two years ago in Austin he finished in 9th place
- » Last year he finished 11th in Austin and the first of the open class Hondas across the line

69. Nicky Hayden



Age: 33

	CAREER	2015
Starts	1 x MotoGP	1
Best result	22nd	22nd
Podiums	0	0
Best grid	23rd	23rd
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	-	-
Last Pole	-	-

- » Baz is racing at the COTA for the first time

76. Loris Baz



Age: 22

	CAREER	2015
Starts	115 (37 x MotoGP, 32 x Moto2, 46 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	45 (19 x MotoGP, 16 x Moto2, 10 x 125)	5th
Podiums	69 (30 x MotoGP, 25 x Moto2, 14 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	50 (22 x MotoGP, 14 x Moto2, 14 x 125)	3rd
Last Win	VAL/14	-
Last Podium	VAL/14/1st	-
Last Pole	MAL/14	-

- » In 2013 in Austin Marquez became the youngest ever rider to start on pole and the youngest to win in the premier-class - taking both records from Freddie Spencer
- » He repeated the results last year in Austin, again winning from pole position
- » He has won the last five MotoGP races that have taken place in the USA - Austin & Indianapolis for the last two years and Laguna Seca in 2013
- » In addition Marquez won the Moto2 races at Indianapolis in both 2011 & 2012, making it wins on his last seven visits to the US

93. Marc Marquez



Age: 22

	CAREER	2015
Starts	215 (121 x MotoGP, 48 x 250, 46 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	54 (33 x MotoGP, 17 x 250, 4 x 125)	4th
Podiums	123 (85 x MotoGP, 29 x 250, 9 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	56 (30 x MotoGP, 23 x 250, 3 x 125)	6th
Last Win	JPN/14	-
Last Podium	MAL/14/3rd	-
Last Pole	RSM/14	-

- » Lorenzo has finished on the podium eleven times from his fifteen MotoGP starts in the USA
- » His two victories in the US were at Indianapolis in 2009 and Laguna Seca in 2010
- » Austin is one of just four current circuits where Lorenzo has not taken a MotoGP win, along with Sachsenring, Sepang and Termas De Rio Hondo
- » Lorenzo qualified 3rd and finished 3rd in Austin two years ago
- » Last year at COTA he made a jump-start, came in for a ride-through penalty at the end the first lap and then fought his way back to finish 10th

99. Jorge Lorenzo



Age: 27

Grand Prix racing at Austin

This is the third successive year that a MotoGP Grand Prix has been held at the Austin circuit, and below is a selection of facts and stats related to this event:

In 2013 Austin became the fourth different circuit to be used for motorcycle grand prix racing in America. In total, there have been 26 previous grand prix events hosted in the USA: Daytona - 2, Laguna Seca - 15, Indianapolis - 7 and Austin - 2.

The same two riders have finished first/second in both the previous MotoGP races at Austin, Marc Marquez followed home by teammate Dani Pedrosa.

Last year at COTA, Marc Marquez topped every practice session, qualified on pole with a new pole position record lap, led every lap of the race and set a new race lap record.

Third place finisher in the MotoGP race at Austin last year was Andrea Dovizioso - his first podium finish on the factory Ducati.

The first Yamaha rider to cross the line last year in Austin was Bradley Smith, in fifth place.

Marquez won the MotoGP race in Austin last year by 4.124 seconds - his largest margin of victory in a MotoGP class, in a dry weather race.

Honda riders have won the last Ten MotoGP races in the USA. The last non-Honda MotoGP winner in the country was Jorge Lorenzo, at Laguna Seca in 2010.

Last year in Texas, Moto3™ world champion Maverick Viñales took his first Moto2™ GP win, in only his second outing in the class. This win by Viñales made him the second youngest rider to have won in the Moto2 class, at the age of 19 years 91 days; the only rider who has won in Moto2 at a younger age is Marc Marquez, at the age of 18 years 87 days. Viñales returns to Austin this year in the MotoGP class riding a Suzuki, who have returned to compete in MotoGP full-time with a factory team for the first time since 2011.

Jack Miller won the Moto3 race last year in Austin, repeating his victory from the opening event of the year in Qatar, which was his first ever GP win. These two wins gave Miller the honour of becoming first Australian rider to take back-to-back GP wins in the lightweight class (125cc/Moto3™) of grand prix racing. Last year in Texas Jack Miller started from pole for the first time in his grand prix career. It was the first pole in the lightweight class of Grand Prix racing by an Australian rider since Casey Stoner was on pole for the 125cc race at the Dutch TT in 2004.

At the GP of the Americas last year, 40-year-old Colin Edwards announced that 2014 would be his final season of racing before retiring.



Record books re-written at Qatar GP

The opening MotoGP race of the year in Qatar was significant in many ways in terms of records and milestones, and below are the details of the most significant:

This was the first grand prix event since the Chinese Grand Prix in 2005 that no Spanish riders were on the podium across the three GP classes.

The last time that none of the three championship tables were headed by a Spanish rider was following the Spanish GP at Jerez in 2009, then the tables were topped by: Valentino Rossi, Hiroshi Aoyama and Andrea Iannone.

For the first time since the Grand Prix of Valencia in 2011, none of the riders on pole position were from Spain.

MotoGP

The first all Italian MotoGP podium since the Japanese GP in 2006 at Motegi.

For the first time since 2003 there was no Spanish rider on the podium at the opening MotoGP race of the year.

After his win in Qatar Valentino Rossi heads the championship table for the first time since he won the opening race of 2010 in Qatar.

Valentino Rossi is the oldest rider to head the premier-class world championship table since Jack Findlay had joint-leadership of the 500cc world championship in 1977 with Barry Sheene, after Findlay had won the second race of the year in Austria - a race boycotted by many of the top riders.

Rossi is the oldest rider to win the opening premier-class grand prix of the year since Harold Daniell won the very first 500cc race counting toward the world championship title back in 1949 at the Isle of Man TT races.

Ducati had two riders on a MotoGP podium for the first time since the Aragon GP in 2010, when Casey Stoner won the race and Nicky Hayden finished third.

A non-Spanish rider heads the MotoGP championship table for the first time since Casey Stoner topped the table following his win in Portugal in 2012.

The last time that the reigning MotoGP champion did not finish on the podium at the opening race of the year was 2007, when the 2006 champion Nicky Hayden finished 8th in Qatar.

The MotoGP podium in Qatar was the first in the premier-class to include two Italian riders both riding for an Italian constructor since the Finnish Grand Prix in 1972 at Imatra, when Giacomo Agostini won the race and MV Agusta team-mate Alberto Pagani was second.

Moto2

Jonas Folger won for the first time since moving up to the Moto2 class at the start of 2014.

Following this win, Jonas Folger heads the world championship table for the first time in his career.

This was the first victory in the Moto2 class by a German rider since Stefan Bradl won at Silverstone in 2011.

Sam Lowes qualified on pole for the first time in his GP career. This was also the first pole for Speed Up since Gabor Talmacsi was on pole at Estoril in 2010.



Moto3

The Moto3 race in Qatar was the first all Honda podium in the lightweight-class of grand prix racing since the Rio Grand Prix in 1999.

Alexis Masbou qualified on pole for the first time in his grand prix career, in what was his 141st grand prix start.

The first nine riders across the line in the Qatar Moto3 race were covered by just 0.909 seconds. Never before have the first nine riders across the line been separated by such a small margin (in races that have run to full distance): the previous smallest margin was at the Czech GP last year, another race won by Alexis Masbou, when ninth place finisher Alex Rins crossed the line 0.910 seconds behind the winner - just one thousandth of a second more than the race in Qatar.



Nicky Hayden scheduled to make his 200th MotoGP start

At the grand prix in Austin, Nicky Hayden is scheduled to become only the fourth rider to reach the milestone of 200 starts in the premier-class of grand prix racing. Hayden is the first American rider to reach this milestone, as shown in the following list of the ten riders with most starts in the premier-class:

RIDER	PREMIER-CLASS GRAND PRIX STARTS
Valentino Rossi	253
Alex Barros	245
Loris Capirossi	217
Nicky Hayden	199
Colin Edwards	196
Carlos Checa	194
Kenny Roberts Jnr	167
Sete Gibernau	160
Jack Findlay	157
Dani Pedrosa	152

Grand Prix racing numbers

250 - At the Grand Prix of the Americas, Alex de Angelis is scheduled to make his 250th grand prix start. De Angelis, who made his grand prix debut at Imola in 1999 riding in the 125cc class, will be only the eighth rider in the 67 year history of motorcycle grand prix racing to reach the milestone of 250 GP starts, joining: Loris Capirossi, Valentino Rossi, Jack Findlay, Alex Barros, Angel Nieto, Brno Kneubuhler and Randy de Puniet.

200 - At the Grand Prix of the Americas, Thomas Luthi is scheduled to make his 200th grand prix start. Luthi is the third Swiss rider to reach this milestone, joining Bruno Kneubuhler (264 grand prix starts) and Stefan Dorflinger (223 grand prix starts).

88 - The win by Valentino Rossi in Qatar was the 88th victory in the MotoGP class by Italian riders since MotoGP became the premier-class of grand prix racing in 2002. This is one more win than Spanish riders have achieved in the MotoGP class over the same period.

43 years - Danny Kent's third place finish in Qatar is the first podium at the opening race of the year for a British rider in the light-weight class of GP racing since Chas Mortimer finished second at the Nurburgring in 1972.

26 - Following his third place finish in Qatar, Thomas Luthi now holds the record for the most podiums in the Moto2 class with twenty six, one more than Marc Marquez.

24 - Axel Pons celebrates his 24th birthday on the day before practice starts at the Grand Prix of the Americas.

17.435 seconds - The top ten riders across the line in the MotoGP race at Qatar were covered by just 17.435 seconds, which is the closest ever top ten finish in the MotoGP class since it was introduced as the premier-class of grand prix racing in 2002 (in races that have run to full distance).

8 - Valentino Rossi's last two MotoGP wins have been achieved from 8th place on the grid, at the first race of the year in Qatar and in Australia last year.

6 - Alexis Masbou made up six places on the final lap of the Moto3 race in Qatar to win the race, the same as at the Czech GP last year when taking his first GP win.

5 - Marc Marquez has won on each of the five occasions that he has raced in the MotoGP class in America; at Austin and Indianapolis for the last two years and at Laguna Seca in 2013. Only once in these five appearances in MotoGP in America has Marquez not been on pole; at Laguna Seca in 2013 when he qualified in second place on the grid behind Stefan Bradl.

5 - The fifth place finish by Marc Marquez in Qatar is his lowest finishing position in a MotoGP race where he has not crashed and re-started.



Photo: 2014 Season

Moto2 stats and facts

Tito Rabat has finished second in each of the previous two Moto2 races in Texas. Last year he qualified on pole for the Moto2 race in Austin; after getting pushed back to ninth on the second lap he battled his way back through the field to finish second.

Alex Rins is the only rider in the current Moto2 starting line-up to have won previously in Austin - the Moto3 race in 2013. Rins also finished 4th in the Moto3 race last year.

Mika Kallio finished third in the Moto2 race at Austin in 2013, and last year he finished fourth after qualifying down in 11th place on the grid.

There was a multi-rider crash at the first corner of the Moto2 race at Austin last year, involving; Josh Herrin, Luis Salom, Axel Pons, Nico Terol, Franco Morbidelli and Sam Lowes. With the exception of Luis Salom all of the riders managed to re-start and continue racing.

Dominique Aegerter took the final podium slot last year in Austin, after battling for the lead for much of the race with Xavier Simeon.

Championship leader Jonas Folger finished fourth in the Moto3 race at Austin in 2013. Last year he qualified in seventh place on the grid for the Moto2 race at Austin, and then crashed out on the fifth lap.

Xavier Simeon led the Moto2 race in Austin last year from the third lap up to lap thirteen, when he ran wide at Turn 1 and dropping back to fifth. He then crashed at the final corner on the penultimate lap when pushing to get back into podium contention.

Johann Zarco finished 6th in the Moto2 race two years ago in Austin, having started the race down in 17th place on the grid. Last year he was the second fastest Moto2 qualifier in Austin, but crashed out of the race on the second lap.

Thomas Luthi missed the race in Austin two years ago; he completed the first day of practice, but then withdrew from the event still suffering with injuries from a pre-season crash. Last year he finished 6th in Texas.

Sam Lowes qualified in 17th place on the grid last year in Austin in only his second Moto2 race. He was then involved in the multi-rider crash at the first corner which dropped him back to 32nd place at the end of the first lap; he fought back through the field and eventually just missed out on scoring points, finishing in 16th place.



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Moto3 stats and facts

None of the riders currently competing in the Moto3 class have won previously at the Austin circuit.

Two years ago in Austin the Moto3 race was stopped after twelve laps due to a heavy crash for Jasper Iwema. The race was re-started, with Alex Rins winning the shortened five-lap race.

Romano Fenati finished in second place last year in Austin, just 0.069 seconds behind race winner Jack Miller.

Efren Vazquez took the final podium place in the Moto3 race last year at Austin, from second place on the grid.

Jakub Kornfeil, who has his 22nd birthday on the Wednesday before the grand prix in Austin, finished fifth last year in Texas - his equal best grand prix result of 2014.

Following his win in Qatar, Alexis Masbou will be aiming to take back-to-back GP wins for the first time and to become the oldest rider to win back-to-back races in the lightweight-class since Lucio Cecchinello in 2002.

Enea Bastianini finished second in Qatar after starting down in 21st position on the grid. This is the lowest qualifying position from which a rider has achieved a podium finish in Moto3 since Alex Rins finished 3rd at Le Mans in 2012 from 26th place on the grid. Last year in Austin, Bastianini finished 13th in - his first point scoring ride in the Moto3 class in only his second GP start.



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