



## The Full Monterey

Laguna Seca made a welcome return to the MotoGP calendar in 2005 and holds its fourth consecutive United States Grand Prix this weekend. The Monterey-located track was a fixture in the championship in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and this weekend's event will be the tenth premier class US GP to be held at the world renowned circuit.

Laguna Seca will be the first of two MotoGP races to be held on American soil this season with the addition of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which makes its debut on the calendar in September.

Bridgestone enjoyed a great result at last year's Laguna Seca event with a 1-2-3 result on race day led by the Ducati of Casey Stoner, who started from pole position and dominated the gruelling 32-lap race, winning by a margin of almost 10 seconds. Suzuki's



Chris Vermeulen took a fine second place with Marco Melandri completing the podium in third for Honda Gresini.

The 125cc and 250cc classes do not make the trip to Laguna Seca, but the challenges of the circuit, which include the revered and demanding Corkscrew, will offer MotoGP teams and riders an exciting final flourish before the championship heads into its traditional summer break.

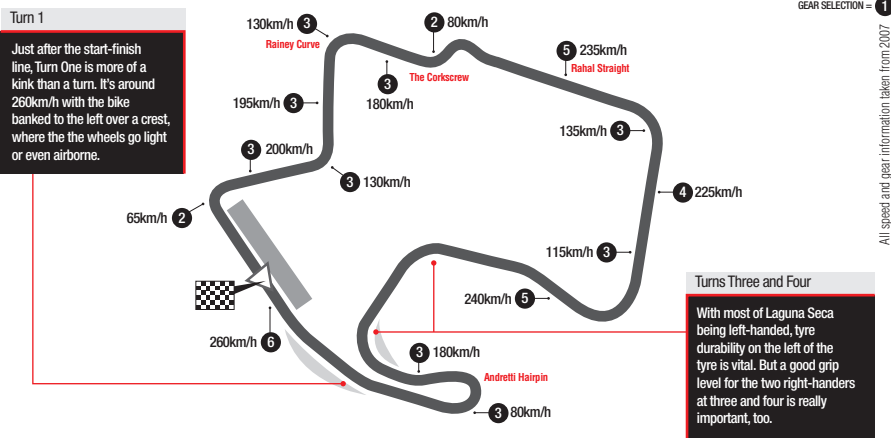
## Tyre talk

**Tohru Ubukata** Manager, Race Tyre Development

“Laguna Seca is the shortest race track that we visit during the season at just 3.610km, marginally shorter than Sachsenring where we were last weekend. It is a challenging circuit for bikes, riders and tyre manufacturers, with the very well known Corkscrew turn, which really puts the whole package to the test. Like Sachsenring there is a disproportion with the number of left and right-hand corners – four right and seven left - and this asymmetrical layout over 32 tough laps offers us a nice challenge. The track was resurfaced before last year's event and the asphalt is quite slippery. The usually hot weather conditions also play an important part and we have to keep durability as a focal point over the weekend. Finding the all-important compromise between performance, grip and life is always the tyre technician's target. We have been gradually improving our tyre performance at Laguna Seca over the few seasons we have been visiting the track. We had a good weekend last year with a 1-2-3 in the race, led by Casey. I hope we can enjoy a similarly competitive weekend this year.”



## USA Laguna Seca



### Circuit information

<b>First race</b>	1988
<b>GPs held</b>	9
<b>Laps</b>	32 (MotoGP)
<b>Race distance</b>	115.520 km / 71.776 miles
<b>Track length</b>	3.610 km / 2.243 miles
<b>Track width</b>	15m
<b>Longest straight</b>	0.966 km / 0.6 miles
<b>Corners</b>	11 (4 right, 7 left)

### Circuit records

<b>Pole position</b>	1m 22.292s (157.925 km/h) Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2007)
<b>Race lap</b>	1m 22.542s (157.447 km/h) Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2007)
<b>Race time</b>	44m 20.325s (156.324 km/h) Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2007)
<b>Premier Class Wins</b>	3 (Wayne Rainey 1989, 1990-1)
<b>2007 Winner</b>	Casey Stoner (Ducati)



## Riding perspective

**Anthony West** Kawasaki Racing Team

“I like Laguna, and I really enjoy the whole California lifestyle thing. I had my best result of 2007 at this track with seventh place, and I hope for more success this time. It's one of the most exciting circuits on the calendar, and it's physically very demanding. After my crash at Sachsenring, I'm not in the best condition, but I hope the back injury won't cause too many problems!”

Laguna has a lot of complex, blind and banked turns, which require a lot of confidence in the machine and the Bridgestone tyres. Turn one is scary because it's very fast - around 260km/h at full lean in fifth gear over a rise, followed by the double apex of turn two. We need a good front-end set-up to make the bike stick at turns three and four because they're off-camber and notorious for riders tucking the front.

Corners five to eight are all blind, cambered turns, where you need confidence in the track direction, as well as a balanced set-up with a positive feeling and a lot of stability.

Then there's the famous Corkscrew, which is like no other turn in MotoGP. On the approach you brake hard, then flick the bike in left, which feels like you're dropping off the edge of the earth because the track disappears. Then you switch to the right, over a bump where the G-forces kick in before getting on the gas out of the turn.

The section from turns eight to 11 is like a rollercoaster of fast, cambered turns. These lead up to the final bend where it's important not to lose time and to get a good drive on corner exit for the straight.

The Ninja ZX-RR needs to have a stable set-up for the technical sections of this track and a Bridgestone tyre combination that will last the race in the Californian heat.”

## Event schedule Local time

FRIDAY 18 JULY	SATURDAY 19 JULY	SUNDAY 20 JULY
08:00-08:40 AMA Supersport Free Practice	08:45-09:25 AMA Superbike Free Practice 2	09:40-10:05 MotoGP Warm-Up
10:00-11:00 MotoGP Free Practice 1	10:00-11:00 MotoGP Free Practice 3	10:15-10:40 AMA Superbike Qualifying Grp 2
11:25-12:00 AMA Superbike Free Practice 1	11:15-11:35 AMA Supersport Warm-Up	10:45-11:10 AMA Superbike Qualifying Grp 1
13:55-14:55 MotoGP Free Practice 2	13:55-14:55 MotoGP Qualifying Practice	14:00 <b>MotoGP Race (32 Laps)</b>
15:30-15:55 AMA Supersport Qualifying Grp 2	16:35 <b>AMA Supersport Race (17 Laps)</b>	15:45 <b>AMA Superbike Race (28 Laps)</b>
16:00-16:25 AMA Supersport Qualifying Grp 1		

### Alice Team

MACHINE Ducati Desmosedici GP8 Sat WEB www.aliceteam.com



**Toni Elias** Bike number 24

DOB: 26 March 1983 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: Spain 2005 (MotoGP), Japan 2002 (250cc), Spain 1999 (125cc) GP Starts: 137 (54 in MotoGP, 48 in 250cc, 35 in 125cc) Wins: 10 (1 in MotoGP, 7 in 250cc, 2 in 125cc) Poles: 9 (5 in 250cc, 4 in 125cc) Best MotoGP Championship: 9th (2006 with Honda)



**Sylvain Guintoli** Bike number 50

DOB: 24 June 1982 Nationality: French GP Debut: Czech Republic 2002 (MotoGP), Japan 2001 (250cc) GP Starts: 109 (29 in MotoGP, 80 in 250cc) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Best MotoGP Championship: 16th (2007 with Yamaha)

### Ducati Corse

MACHINE Ducati Desmosedici GP8 WEB www.ducati.com



**Casey Stoner** Bike number 1

DOB: 16 October 1985 Nationality: Australian GP Debut: Spain 2006 (MotoGP), Japan 2002 (250cc), Britain 2001 (125cc) GP Starts: 105 (44 in MotoGP, 31 in 250cc, 30 in 125cc) Wins: 21 (14 in MotoGP, 5 in 250cc, 2 in 125cc) Poles: 14 (10 in MotoGP, 2 in 250cc, 2 in 125cc) Best MotoGP Championship: 1st (2007 with Ducati)



**Marco Melandri** Bike number 33

DOB: 7 August 1982 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: Japan 2003 (MotoGP), South Africa 2000 (250cc), Czech Republic 1997 (125cc) GP Starts: 165 (89 in MotoGP, 47 in 250cc, 29 in 125cc) Wins: 22 (5 in MotoGP, 10 in 250cc, 7 in 125cc) Poles: 9 (3 in 250cc, 6 in 125cc) Best MotoGP Championship: 2nd (2005 with Honda)

### Fiat Yamaha Team

MACHINE Yamaha YZR-M1 WEB www.yamaha-racing.com



**Valentino Rossi** Bike number 46

DOB: 16 February 1979 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: South Africa 2000 (500cc), Japan 1998 (250cc), Malaysia 1996 (125cc) GP Starts: 202 (142 in MotoGP/500cc, 30 in 250cc, 30 in 125cc) Wins: 91 (65 in MotoGP/500cc, 14 in 250cc, 12 in 125cc) Poles: 50 (40 in MotoGP/500cc, 5 in 250cc, 5 in 125cc) Best MotoGP Championship: 1st (2001\*-03 with Honda, 2004-05 with Yamaha)

**Jamie Hacking will replace injured rider John Hopkins at the Kawasaki Racing Team at Laguna Seca. Hacking will ride bike number 12**

### Kawasaki Racing Team

MACHINE Kawasaki Ninja ZX-RR WEB www.kawasaki-motogp.com



**Anthony West** Bike number 13

DOB: 17 July 1981 Nationality: Australian GP Debut: South Africa 2001 (500cc), Malaysia 1999 (250cc), Australia 1998 (125cc) GP Starts: 128 (35 in MotoGP/500cc, 92 in 250cc, 1 in 125cc) Wins: 1 (1 in 250cc) Poles: 0 Best MotoGP Championship: 15th (2007 with Kawasaki)



**John Hopkins** Bike number 21

DOB: 22 May 1983 Nationality: Anglo-American GP Debut: Japan 2002 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 104 (104 in MotoGP) Wins: 0 (Best result 2nd in MotoGP Brno 2007) Poles: 1 (1 in MotoGP) Best MotoGP Championship: 4th (2007 with Suzuki)

### Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

MACHINE Suzuki GSV-R WEB www.rizla-suzuki-motogp.co.uk



**Chris Vermeulen** Bike number 7

DOB: 19 June 1982 Nationality: Australian GP Debut: Australia 2005 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 47 (47 in MotoGP) Wins: 1 (1 in MotoGP) Poles: 3 (3 in MotoGP) Best MotoGP Championship: 6th (2007 with Suzuki)



**Loris Capirossi** Bike number 65

DOB: 4 April 1973 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: Australia 1995 (500cc), Japan 1992 (250cc), Japan 1990 (125cc) GP Starts: 274 (163 in MotoGP/500cc, 84 in 250cc, 27 in 125cc) Wins: 29 (9 in MotoGP/500cc, 12 in 250cc, 8 in 125cc) Poles: 41 (13 in MotoGP/500cc, 23 in 250cc, 5 in 125cc) Best MotoGP Championship: 3rd (2006 with Ducati)

### San Carlo Honda Gresini

MACHINE Honda RC212V WEB www.gresiniracing.com



**Alex De Angelis** Bike number 15

DOB: 26 February 1984 Nationality: San Marinese GP Debut: Qatar 2008 (MotoGP), South Africa 2004 (250cc), Imola 1999 (125cc) GP Starts: 140 (10 in MotoGP, 65 in 250cc, 65 in 125cc) Wins: 1 (1 in 250cc) Poles: 0 Best MotoGP Championship: n/a



**Shinya Nakano** Bike number 56

DOB: 10 October 1977 Nationality: Japanese GP Debut: Japan 2001 (500cc), Japan 1998 (250cc) GP Starts: 159 (125 in MotoGP/500cc, 34 in 250cc) Wins: 6 (6 in 250cc) Poles: 5 (5 in 250cc) Best MotoGP Championship: 5th (2001\* with Yamaha)

\* Indicates 500cc class

# Back on the Case

Casey Stoner got his 2008 campaign off to a flying start in the season-opening Qatar Grand Prix back in March, winning the race in a manner that reflected his dominant 2007 season in which he took his, Ducati's and Bridgestone's first ever MotoGP championship title.

The subsequent races were to prove more complicated for the 22-year-old Australian, but a recent resurgence has seen him regain valuable ground to championship leaders Valentino Rossi and Dani Pedrosa.

Podium results in Mugello and Catalunya were followed by back-to-back victories in Donington, Assen and last weekend at the Sachsenring. The results over the past five races have seen Stoner net 111 points from a possible 125 to re-emerge as a strong championship contender in this year's closely-fought and competitive season.

"We had a good start to the season in Qatar, but for various reasons we were not able to continue this momentum in the races that followed," said Stoner heading into this weekend's Laguna Seca race.

"We made big progress in the post-Catalunya test, especially with the bike set-up, that allowed us to get our season back on track and fight that bit harder."

"Our recent level of performance is a credit to the hard work of Filippo Preziosi (General Director of Ducati Corse), Vittorio Guareschi (Ducati MotoGP test rider) and the whole Ducati team. Bridgestone also continues to provide us with very good support and they have worked a lot to provide us with race-winning tyres. They have also made big improvements to the qualifying rubber this season."

"We have only just passed the halfway point of the season, so I am not really thinking of the championship, but it is nice to know that we are back on the pace again. The bike has been



perfect in these last races and we have been consistently competitive, so I am also hopeful of a good result in Laguna this weekend, a track where we had such a strong performance last season. It would be nice to repeat this, but we still don't know really what to expect at each race weekend, so we are just going to have to see how it goes."

## Last year's race



### 2007 QUALIFYING RESULTS

1	<b>C Stoner</b> Ducati Corse : B	1m 22.292s	Pole+
2	<b>D Pedrosa</b> Repsol Honda Team : M	1m 22.501s	0.209
3	<b>C Vermeulen</b> Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	1m 22.590s	0.298
4	<b>N Hayden</b> Repsol Honda Team : M	1m 22.624s	0.332
5	<b>V Rossi</b> Fiat Yamaha Team : M	1m 22.683s	0.391
6	<b>L Capirossi</b> Ducati Corse : B	1m 22.914s	0.622
7	<b>J Hopkins</b> Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	1m 22.933s	0.641
8	<b>C Edwards</b> Fiat Yamaha Team : M	1m 22.943s	0.651
9	<b>S Nakano</b> Konica Minolta Honda : M	1m 23.006s	0.714
10	<b>M Melandri</b> Honda Gresini : B	1m 23.018s	0.726
11	<b>M Tamada</b> Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	1m 23.036s	0.744
12	<b>A West</b> Kawasaki Racing Team : B	1m 23.091s	0.799
13	<b>R De Puniet</b> Kawasaki Racing Team : B	1m 23.113s	0.821
14	<b>S Guintoli</b> Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	1m 23.207s	0.915
15	<b>C Checa</b> Honda LCR : M	1m 23.263s	0.971
16	<b>R Hayden</b> Kawasaki Racing Team : B	1m 23.425s	1.133
17	<b>A Barros</b> Pramac d'Antin : B	1m 23.557s	1.265
18	<b>Ku. Roberts</b> Team Roberts : M	1m 23.662s	1.370
19	<b>M Duhamel</b> Honda Gresini : B	1m 23.923s	1.631
20	<b>C Davies</b> Pramac d'Antin : B	1m 24.098s	1.806

### 2007 USA - LAGUNA SECA

Round	11
Date	22 July 2007
Race distance	115.520 km / 71.776 miles
Weather	Dry
Temperature	46°C (Track), 30°C (Ambient)
Humidity	39%
Fastest lap	Casey Stoner 1m 22.542s : B

### 2007 RACE RESULTS

1	<b>C Stoner</b> Ducati Corse : B	44m 20.325s
2	<b>C Vermeulen</b> Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+9.865
3	<b>M Melandri</b> Honda Gresini : B	+25.641
4	<b>V Rossi</b> Fiat Yamaha Team : M	+30.664
5	<b>D Pedrosa</b> Repsol Honda Team : M	+35.622
6	<b>R De Puniet</b> Kawasaki Racing Team : B	+38.306
7	<b>A West</b> Kawasaki Racing Team : B	+41.422
8	<b>M Tamada</b> Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+42.355
9	<b>A Barros</b> Pramac d'Antin : B	+43.520
10	<b>R Hayden</b> Kawasaki Racing Team : B	+43.720
11	<b>C Edwards</b> Fiat Yamaha Team : M	+47.376
12	<b>S Nakano</b> Konica Minolta Honda : M	+52.848
13	<b>S Guintoli</b> Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+58.410
14	<b>C Checa</b> Honda LCR : M	+1m 15.366
15	<b>J Hopkins</b> Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+2 laps
16	<b>C Davies</b> Pramac d'Antin : B	+3 laps
NC	<b>N Hayden</b> Repsol Honda Team : M	+10 laps
NC	<b>M Duhamel</b> Honda Gresini : B	+22 laps
NC	<b>Ku. Roberts</b> Team Roberts : M	+27 laps
NC	<b>L Capirossi</b> Ducati Corse : B	+29 laps

B : Bridgestone M : Michelin D : Dunlop

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## Team news

### ■ Hacking's top ten hopes

Jamie Hacking, who is standing in for injured John Hopkins at Kawasaki this weekend, has set his sights on a top ten finish in his first MotoGP event: "I'm really excited about riding Kawasaki's Ninja ZX-RR in the USGP at Laguna Seca. We've completed two days of testing with the bike in Japan, and I felt pretty comfortable straight away. It's an amazing machine. I'll be up against some of the best riders in the world on a bike on which I've only had limited testing time. If I come away from the weekend with a top ten finish, then I'll be happy."

### ■ Rossi aims for championship extension

Second place at Sachsenring helped Valentino Rossi regain the lead of the championship, something that the Fiat Yamaha rider hopes to consolidate at Laguna Seca this weekend: "Laguna hasn't been one of my favourite tracks in the three years since we've been going there and it's one of the only ones on the calendar where I haven't won. We're aiming to win this week, that's for sure! It's been a hard track for our bike but it's been a very good track for Bridgestone and I am confident that our package will work very well there."

### ■ Teamwork key for Guintoli in Germany

Alice Team rider Sylvain Guintoli has praised teamwork for his excellent sixth place at the Sachsenring. "It was a good day for us. It was a weekend with ups and downs but the race went much better, a pity only for the problem with the traction control. I preferred to switch it off. In this way I had to play a lot with the accelerator and I had a lot of fun. I have to thank my team, Ducati and Bridgestone: their support has been really important to reach this result. We will continue to work well together to conquer many more good results."

## 2002-08 Cumulative statistics

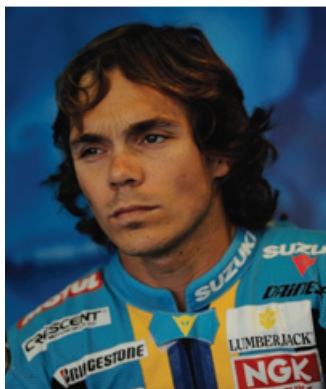
- 110 Grands Prix
- 1 World Championship
- 27 Victories
- 25 Pole positions
- 73 Podiums (in 48 GPs)
- 75 Front Row starts (in 54 GPs)
- 4265 Championship Points



In Sachsenring, Casey Stoner took his 14th win from 28 starts for Ducati and Bridgestone

## Fast fact

Bridgestone-shod riders have taken pole position at the Laguna Seca track for the past two seasons with Chris Vermeulen taking the honours for Rizla Suzuki in 2006, and Casey Stoner for Ducati in 2007.



Chris Vermeulen took pole at Laguna Seca in 2006



Casey Stoner leads the all-Bridgestone podium at wet Sachsenring

## Fast fact

The 1-2-3 result from Sachsenring with Casey Stoner, Valentino Rossi and Chris Vermeulen was the sixth occasion in Bridgestone's MotoGP career that it scored a podium clean sweep after Turkey, France, USA, San Marino and Japan last season.

R - Race result | Q - Qualifying Position

## 2008 MotoGP championship classification

POS. / RIDER	POINTS	2008																	
		QAT 09/03/08	SPA 30/03/08	POR 13/04/08	CHI 04/05/08	FRA 18/05/08	ITA 01/06/08	CAT 08/06/08	GB 22/06/08	HOL 28/06/08	GER 13/07/08	USA 20/07/08	CZE 17/08/08	RSM 31/08/08	IND 14/09/08	JPN 28/09/08	AUS 05/10/08	MAL 19/10/08	VAL 26/10/08
1 Valentino Rossi	187	R 5 Q 7	R 2 Q 5	R 3 Q 3	R 1 Q 2	R 1 Q 4	R 1 Q 1	R 2 Q 9	R 2 Q 2	R 11 Q 3	R 2 Q 7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
2 Dani Pedrosa	171	R 3 Q 8	R 16 Q 2	R 25 Q 2	R 20 Q 5	R 20 Q 1	R 13 Q 2	R 16 Q 2	R 25 Q 9	R 16 Q 2	R 20 Q 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
3 Casey Stoner	167	R 1 Q 4	R 25 Q 7	R 5 Q 9	R 10 Q 3	R 16 Q 3	R 16 Q 4	R 20 Q 1	R 16 Q 1	R 25 Q 1	R 25 Q 1	R 25	--	--	--	--	--	--	
4 Jorge Lorenzo	114	R 2 Q 1	R 20 Q 1	R 3 Q 1	R 16 Q 1	R 25 Q 4	R 13 Q 5	R 20 Q 7	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R 6 Q 17	R 10 Q 7	R 6 Q 7	R 10 Q 5	--	--	--	
5 Colin Edwards	98	R 7 Q 3	R 9 Q 3	R -- Q 3	R 4 Q 5	R 13 Q 1	R 7 Q 2	R 9 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 16 Q 5	R 11 Q 5	R 11 Q 5	R 4 Q 5	R 13 Q 5	R 16 Q 6	R -- Q 3	--	--	
6 Andrea Dovizioso	90	R 4 Q 9	R 13 Q 10	R 8 Q 7	R -- Q 8	R -- Q 11	R 11 Q 10	R 5 Q 13	R 6 Q 7	R 10 Q 6	R 8 Q 11	R 8 Q 11	R 4 Q 6	R 5 Q 11	R 5 Q 4	--	--	--	
7 Chris Vermeulen	73	R 17 Q 11	R -- Q 12	R 6 Q 13	R 8 Q 8	R -- Q 8	R 11 Q 11	R 6 Q 8	R 9 Q 3	R 8 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 9 Q 8	R 3 Q 14	R 16	--	--	--	--	
8 Nicky Hayden	73	R 10 Q 6	R 4 Q 4	R -- Q 4	R -- Q 4	R 6 Q 10	R 8 Q 6	R 3 Q 3	R 8 Q 4	R 9 Q 4	R 13 Q 4	R 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	
9 James Toseland	65	R 6 Q 2	R 10 Q 6	R 8 Q 6	R 10 Q 6	R 9 Q 7	R 12 Q 4	R 4 Q 7	R -- Q 8	R 6 Q 10	R 6 Q 10	R 10 Q 16	R 9 Q 13	R 7 Q 11	R 5	--	--	--	
10 Shinya Nakano	64	R 13 Q 15	R 3 Q 11	R 9 Q 11	R 7 Q 11	R 10 Q 13	R 6 Q 13	R 6 Q 9	R 7 Q 9	R 7 Q 10	R 7 Q 10	R 8 Q 9	R 8 Q 9	R 7	--	--	--	--	
11 Loris Capirossi	60	R 8 Q 13	R 8 Q 10	R 5 Q 11	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 7 Q 11	R 9 Q 9	R 7 Q 9	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R 7 Q 13	R 9	--	--	
12 Alex De Angelis	38	R -- Q 12	R -- Q 14	R 14 Q 16	R 2 Q 16	R 11 Q 16	R 5 Q 15	R -- Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 13 Q 10	R -- Q 13	R 15 Q 12	R 1	R -- Q 12	R 4 Q 10	R 13	--	--	
13 Toni Elias	37	R 14 Q 14	R 2 Q 16	R 1 Q 14	R 4 Q 14	R 8 Q 15	R 8 Q 14	R 5 Q 16	R 4 Q 13	R -- Q 18	R -- Q 18	R 5 Q 14	R 4 Q 12	R 4	R 12 Q 12	R 4	--	--	
14 Sylvain Guintoli	34	R 15 Q 17	R 1 Q 17	R -- Q 18	R -- Q 18	R 2 Q 17	R 1 Q 16	R 3 Q 17	R 5 Q 15	R 3 Q 12	R 3 Q 10	R 6 Q 15	R 10 Q 15	R 10	--	--	--	--	
15 John Hopkins	32	R 12 Q 10	R 4 Q 9	R 7 Q 5	R 9 Q 11	R 14 Q 14	R 2 Q 9	R -- Q 14	R -- Q 14	R 10 Q 11	R -- Q 11	R -- Q 15	R -- Q 15	R -- Q 15	R -- Q 15	R -- Q 15	--	--	
16 Marco Melandri	32	R 11 Q 16	R 5 Q 12	R 18 Q 17	R 4 Q 17	R 13 Q 17	R 3 Q 17	R 5 Q 12	R 11 Q 17	R -- Q 18	R -- Q 18	R 11 Q 15	R 5 Q 16	R 16 Q 17	R 3 Q 16	R -- Q 16	--	--	
17 Randy de Puniet	30	R 9 Q 5	R 7 Q 6	R -- Q 6	R 15 Q 8	R 1 Q 9	R 13 Q 9	R 3 Q 12	R 9 Q 7	R -- Q 12	R -- Q 12	R 12 Q 4	R -- Q 5	R -- Q 5	R 8 Q 6	R 8	--	--	
18 Anthony West	22	R 16 Q 18	R -- Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 3 Q 15	R 16 Q 18	R -- Q 18	R 17 Q 18	R -- Q 19	R 2 Q 19	R 15 Q 17	R 1 Q 7	R 4 Q 6	R 6 Q 16	R -- Q 17	R 10 Q 17	R 6	--	
19 Ben Spies	2	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	
20 Tadayuki Okada	2	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	R -- Q --	

## Bridgestone MotoGP archive

YEAR	TEAMS AND RIDERS	POINTS	RACES	CHAMPIONSHIP	WINS	POLES	PODIUMS
2002	Kanemoto Racing J.vd Goorbergh Proton Team KR N.Aoki, J.McWilliams	182	16	12th (Aoki)	0 (Best finish: 5th)	1 (1x McWilliams)	0
2003	Pramac Honda M.Tamada Proton Team KR N.Aoki, J.McWilliams	133	16	11th (Tamada)	0 (Best finish: 3rd)	0	1
2004	Camel Honda M.Tamada, Kawasaki Racing A.Hofmann, S.Nakano Suzuki MotoGP J.Hopkins, K.Roberts Jr	373	16	6th (Tamada)	2 (Tamada)	4 (1x Roberts Jr 3x Tamada)	4
2005	Ducati Corse L.Capirossi, C.Checa Kawasaki Racing A.Hofmann S.Nakano, O.Jacque (6 races) Suzuki MotoGP J.Hopkins, K.Roberts Jr	571	17	6th (Capirossi)	2 (Capirossi)	3 (3x Capirossi)	8
2006	Ducati Corse L.Capirossi, S.Gibernau, A.Hofmann (3 races), T.Bayliss (1 race) Kawasaki Racing R.de Puniet, S.Nakano Rizla Suzuki MotoGP J.Hopkins, C.Vermeulen	695	17	3rd (Capirossi)	4 (x3 Capirossi x1 Bayliss)	6 (2x Capirossi 2x Vermeulen 1x Hopkins 1x Gibernau)	11
2007	Ducati Corse L.Capirossi, C.Stoner Honda Gresini T.Elias, M.Melandri Rizla Suzuki MotoGP J.Hopkins, C.Vermeulen Pramac d'Antin A.Barros, A.Hofmann, C.Davies (3 races) Kawasaki Racing R.de Puniet, A.West, O.Jacque (4 races)	1563	18	1st (Stoner)	12 (x10 Stoner x1 Vermeulen x1 Capirossi)	6 (x5 Stoner x1 Vermeulen)	33
2008	Alice Team Toni Elias, Sylvain Guintoli Ducati Corse Casey Stoner, Marco Melandri Fiat Yamaha Team Valentino Rossi Kawasaki Racing Team Anthony West, John Hopkins Rizla Suzuki MotoGP Chris Vermeulen, Loris Capirossi San Carlo Honda Gresini Alex De Angelis, Shinya Nakano	748	10	1st (Rossi)	7 (x4 Stoner x3 Rossi)	5 (x4 Stoner x1 Rossi)	16

## Bridgestone Motorsport Round-Up



**FORMULA ONE** For the third time this season, Formula One will take place on the same weekend as MotoGP, with the Hockenheimring hosting the German Grand Prix on Sunday. The leading three drivers in the championship, Lewis Hamilton, Kimi Raikkonen and Felipe Massa all have 48 points with fourth-placed Robert Kubica just two points further adrift.



**GP2 SERIES** GP2 will hold its sixth race weekend of the season at the Hockenheimring with the longer feature race taking place on Saturday with the shorter sprint race on Sunday morning. After a total of ten races over the five previous race meetings, Giorgio Pantano leads the championship on 49 points, 12 clear of second-placed Bruno Senna.



**INDYCAR SERIES** Scott Dixon took victory in last weekend's rain-hit Nashville Superspeedway event, extending his overall lead of the championship after eleven of this season's 18 rounds. His Ganassi team-mate Dan Wheldon finished in second place just one second adrift, while Penske's Helio Castroneves completed the podium line-up in third.

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