



MotoGP springs back into action at Estoril

It has been just over half a year since the Estoril circuit last played host to a MotoGP world championship event but significant improvements in bikes, tyres and riding performances over the winter will make for an even more competitive Portuguese GP this weekend.

Anticipating the race to April gives Estoril a spring-time calendar slot for only the second time since its first MotoGP race back in 2000, the last occasion being back in 2005. This year's event will be the ninth Portuguese GP, a race weekend that has traditionally not been easy for Bridgestone, although Makoto Tamada took pole position and scored a podium finish in 2004.

Improvements were also seen in last year's race with Ducati champion-in-waiting Casey Stoner taking a well deserved third place, crossing the line just 1.5s from the race-winner.



Fellow Bridgestone users Marco Melandri and John Hopkins also took impressive top six results in 2007 for their respective Honda Gresini and Suzuki teams.

Estoril is one of the most technically demanding circuits putting all aspects of the bike-tyre-rider package to the test. At this earlier time of the year, the weather could also play a contributory role with conditions likely to be cooler and more unsettled than last season.

Tyre talk

Tohru Ubukata Manager, Race Tyre Development

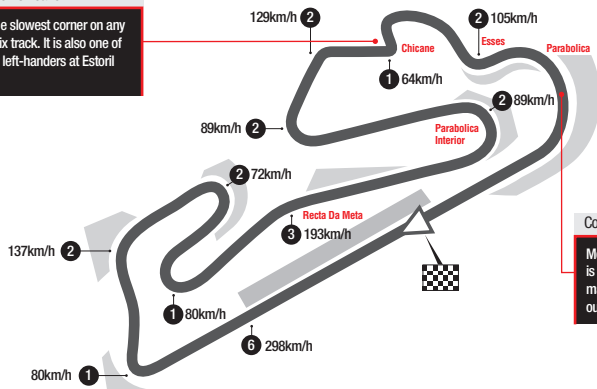
“ Estoril is a technically demanding track and has a very eclectic character with slow, medium and fast corners, a long 1km straight, a chicane and a disproportionate number of left and right-hand turns, nine right and four left. The track was partially resurfaced in 2006 and is not consistently the same type of asphalt over the entire lap. All of this combines to make life tough on tyres and for this reason we tend to prefer harder compound rear tyres. Estoril has been a generally difficult race venue for us, although we have also enjoyed a few successes there over the years with Tamada's pole and podium in 2004 and, more recently, Casey's third place last season. We have never seen a rider on Bridgestone tyres take victory in Estoril, and this is something that we are working hard to resolve. The competition is really intense in MotoGP at the moment, and even slight advantages in the overall package can make a big difference, so we continue to work closely with our six teams to give them that valuable extra grip in qualifying and race. ”



PORTUGAL Estoril

Corner 10 : Chicane

This is the slowest corner on any Grand Prix track. It is also one of only four left-handers at Estoril



GEAR SELECTION = 1

All speed and gear information taken from 2007

Corner 13: Parabolica

Most of this 180-degree corner is spent on constant throttle and maximum lean before powering out onto the straight

Circuit information

First race	2000
GPs held	8
Laps	28 (MotoGP), 26 (250cc), 23 (125cc)
Race distance	117.096km / 72.772 miles (MotoGP)
Track length	4.182 km / 2.599 miles
Track width	14m
Longest straight	0.986 km / 0.613 miles
Corners	13 (4 left, 9 right)

Circuit records

Pole position	1m36.200s (156.498km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2006)
Race lap	1m37.493s (154.423km/h)
	Nicky Hayden (Honda, 2007)
Race time	45m49.911s (153.294 km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2007)
MotoGP Wins	5 (Valentino Rossi 2001-2004, 2007)
2007 Winner	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha)



Riding perspective

Loris Capirossi Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

“ I am looking forward to going to Estoril. I really enjoy the track and I am sure it will suit the GSV-R quite well. It is a physically demanding circuit, quite tight and bumpy with some difficult and demanding corners which put all aspects of the bike-tyre-rider package to the test. Looking at tyre performance, Estoril was historically not a great track for Bridgestone, but they made really important developments last season and the improvement in tyre competitiveness and longevity was quite clear. I am sure we will see a further step ahead this weekend, which will be my first time using the Bridgestone tyres with Suzuki at Estoril. We had a good race at Jerez last time out and we also found a couple of things in the post-race test, but we are still not where we want to be and we know it's going to be tough in Portugal. The crew are all very focussed and know what is needed. The more we ride the bike, the more we are learning about it. ”

Event schedule Local time

FRIDAY 11 APRIL	SATURDAY 12 APRIL	SUNDAY 13 APRIL
09:00-09:45 125cc Free Practice 1	09:00-09:45 125cc Free Practice 2	08:55-09:15 250cc Warm-Up
10:00-11:00 MotoGP Free Practice 1	10:00-11:00 MotoGP Free Practice 3	09:25-09:50 MotoGP Warm-Up
11:15-12:15 250cc Free Practice 1	11:15-12:15 250cc Free Practice 2	10:00-10:20 125cc Warm-Up
13:10-13:40 125cc Qualifying Practice 1	13:10-13:40 125cc Qualifying Practice 2	11:15 250cc Race (26 Laps)
13:55-14:55 MotoGP Free Practice 2	13:55-14:55 MotoGP Qualifying Practice	13:00 MotoGP Race (28 Laps)
15:10-15:55 250cc Qualifying Practice 1	15:10-15:55 250cc Qualifying Practice 2	14:30 125cc Race (23 Laps)

Bridgestone teams and riders

All Bridgestone teams listed in alphabetical order

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:** 129 (46 in MotoGP, 48 in 250cc, 35 in 125cc) **Wins:** 10 (11 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 80

DOB: 24 June 1982 **Nationality:** French **GP Debut:** Czech Republic 2002 (MotoGP), Japan 2001 (250cc) **GP Starts:** 101 (21 in MotoGP, 80 in 250cc) **Wins:** 0 (Best result 15th in MotoGP, 3rd in 250cc, Assen 2003) **Poles:** 0 **Best MotoGP Championship:** 16th (2007 with Yamaha)

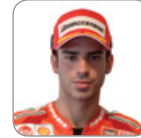
Ducati Corse

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:** 97 (36 in MotoGP, 31 in 250cc, 30 in 125cc) **Wins:** 18 (11 in MotoGP, 5 in 250cc, 2 in 125cc) **Poles:** 10 (6 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:** 157 (81 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:** 194 (134 in MotoGP/500cc, 30 in 250cc, 30 in 125cc) **Wins:** 88 (62 in MotoGP/500cc, 14 in 250cc, 12 in 125cc) **Poles:** 49 (39 in MotoGP/500cc, 5 in 250cc, 5 in 125cc) **Best MotoGP Championship:** 1st (2001*-03 with Honda, 2004-05 with Yamaha)

Six teams, five different manufacturers and 11 riders line up for the 2008 season equipped with Bridgestone tyres

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:** 120 (27 in MotoGP/500cc, 92 in 250cc, 1 in 125cc) **Wins:** 1 (1 in 250cc) **Poles:** 0 **Best MotoGP Championship:** 15th (2007 with Kawasaki)

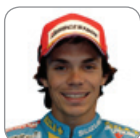


John Hopkins Bike number 21

DOB: 22 May 1983 **Nationality:** Anglo-American **GP Debut:** Japan 2002 (MotoGP) **GP Starts:** 98 (98 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:** 39 (39 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:** 268 (157 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:** 132 (2 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:** 133 (99 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

Bridgestone's Portuguese Lessons

Bridgestone is set to build even stronger relations with Estoril during the course of this season after nominating the circuit as its designated tyre testing track for the year.

Article 1.15.1.3 of the 2008 road racing championship sporting regulations states that MotoGP tyre manufacturers may nominate one circuit for private testing for a maximum of four days during the year. Testing may be carried out only after the GP has been held at that circuit and only for a maximum of four days, but testing may

technicalities of the track will also allow Bridgestone to carry out meticulous and thorough testing of all aspects of tyre performance.

Bridgestone's Manager of Race Tyre Development Tohru Ubukata explains this two-pronged approach: "Estoril is something of a problem track for us, so it was quite a natural



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also be held during the summer and winter breaks.

Estoril is one of only five circuits on this year's calendar at which a Bridgestone rider has never taken a MotoGP race victory. The company will use this valuable testing opportunity to understand better the complex nuances of the Portuguese circuit which has so far eluded it. The renowned

choice for us when we had to nominate a specific track for testing," he says. "The regulations are clear; we may use MotoGP machines for the tests, but not GP riders, and only for a maximum of four days. Therefore, it was important to choose a circuit that traditionally has nice weather to maximise our dry running time. Estoril's track

layout is also quite versatile with the different speed corners, the long straight and the chicane putting all aspects of tyre performance under the spotlight. We will be able to acquire a wide range of data which will be of good use for comprehensive tyre development."

Bridgestone will schedule its private Estoril test days for later in the season, but will make use of an open two-day test session at the track next week with all six of its teams planning to test on Monday.

Last year's race



2007 STARTING GRID

1	N Hayden Repsol Honda Team : 1m 36.301s : M	Pole+
2	C Stoner Ducati Corse : 1m36.341s : B	0.040
3	V Rossi Fiat Yamaha Team : 1m36.576s : M	0.275
4	M Tamada Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : 1m36.736s : D	0.435
5	D Pedrosa Repsol Honda Team : 1m36.829s : M	0.528
6	C Edwards Fiat Yamaha Team : 1m36.904s : M	0.603
7	M Melandri Honda Gresini Team : 1m37.157s : B	0.856
8	S Guintoli Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : 1m37.189s : D	0.888
9	T Elias Honda Gresini : 1m37.246s : B	0.945
10	J Hopkins Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : 1m37.280s : B	0.979
11	C Checa Honda LCR : 1m37.296s : M	0.995
12	C Vermeulen Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : 1m37.365s : B	1.064
13	S Nakano Konica Minolta Honda : 1m37.530 : M	1.229
14	A Barros Pramac d'Antin : 1m37.550s : B	1.249
15	L Capirossi Ducati Corse : 1m37.733s : B	1.432
16	A West Kawasaki Racing Team : 1m37.885s : B	1.584
17	A Hofmann Pramac d'Antin : 1m37.959s : B	1.658
18	R De Puniet Kawasaki Racing Team : 1m38.271s : B	1.970
19	Ku. Roberts Team Roberts : 1m39.017s : M	2.716

2007 PORTUGAL - ESTORIL STATISTICS

Round	14
Date	16 September 2007
Race distance	117.096 km / 72.760 miles
Weather	Dry
Temperature	34°C (Track), 28°C (Ambient)
Humidity	42%
Fastest lap	Nicky Hayden 1m37.493s : M

2007 RACE RESULTS

1	V Rossi Fiat Yamaha Team : M	45m49.911s
2	D Pedrosa Repsol Honda Team : M	+0.175
3	C Stoner Ducati Corse : B	+1.477
4	N Hayden Repsol Honda Team : M	+12.951
5	M Melandri Honda Gresini Team : B	+17.343
6	J Hopkins Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+18.857
7	C Checa Honda LCR : M	+31.524
8	T Elias Honda Gresini : B	+40.535
9	L Capirossi Ducati Corse : B	+43.107
10	C Edwards Fiat Yamaha Team : M	+44.674
11	S Nakano Konica Minolta Honda : M	+45.403
12	A West Kawasaki Racing Team : B	+54.562
13	C Vermeulen Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+1'00.002
14	S Guintoli Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+1 lap
NC	M Tamada Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+5 laps
NC	A Barros Pramac d'Antin : B	+6 laps
NC	R De Puniet Kawasaki Racing Team : B	+9 laps
NC	A Hofmann Pramac d'Antin : B	+17 laps
NC	Ku. Roberts Team Roberts : M	+26 laps

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Team news

■ Positive test leaves Stoner buoyant for Portugal

Ducati's Casey Stoner is in confident mood ahead of Estoril after a breakthrough in post-race testing at Jerez. "We tried some different front tyres that gave me a better feeling than I had in the race, especially under braking, so I can say it was a really positive test. It was the best day we've had at Jerez and it's left me with a good feeling going to Estoril."

■ Guintoli family gains new member

Alice Team rider Sylvain Guintoli has become a father for the second time after his wife Caroline gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Layla, on Friday 4 April. The baby was due on the Sunday of the Spanish GP in Jerez, and waited patiently even until her father had conducted his post-race testing duties. "Everything went well, the mother and the baby are in perfect conditions," said Sylvain. "Now I can really consider my self surrounded by girls, being the only man in the family with three ladies, my wife and the two little girls."

■ Kawasaki riders scream in Jerez

Kawasaki race duo John Hopkins and Anthony West, together with test and development rider Olivier Jacque, completed further laps aboard the screamer-powered Ninja ZX-RR in the post-Jerez test. "It's very different to the big bang version of the Ninja ZX-RR," said Hopkins. "But, while my first impression of the bike was good, I think there's still quite a bit of development work needed before we're ready to race it. I am looking forward to testing the bike again further down the development path."

2002-08 Cumulative statistics

- 102 Grands Prix
- 1 World Championship
- 21 Victories
- 20 Pole positions
- 59 Podiums (in 40 GPs)
- 63 Front Row starts (in 46 GPs)
- 3645 Championship Points



Rossi's second place in Jerez was the 59th MotoGP podium for a rider on Bridgestone tyres

Fast fact

With 2nd place in Jerez, Valentino Rossi became the 15th rider ever to take a MotoGP podium result using Bridgestone tyres. It also marked the first ever Yamaha-Bridgestone podium result in only the second race of collaboration."



Valentino Rossi took his first Bridgestone podium in Jerez



Bridgestone is hoping its latest specification race tyres will be competitive around the challenging Estoril track

Fast fact

Estoril has been the scene of some of the most thrilling MotoGP finales of all time. The margin by which Toni Elias pipped Valentino Rossi to the line in 2006 was a mere 0.002s, while the complete podium at that race was only separated by 0.176s.

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 Dani Pedrosa	41	R 3 Q 8	R 16 Q 2	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
2 Jorge Lorenzo	36	R 2 Q 1	R 20 Q 3	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
3 Valentino Rossi	31	R 5 Q 7	R 11 Q 2	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
4 Casey Stoner	30	R 1 Q 4	R 25 Q 7	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
5 Andrea Dovizioso	21	R 4 Q 9	R 13 Q 13	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
6 James Toseland	20	R 6 Q 2	R 10 Q 8	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
7 Nicky Hayden	19	R 10 Q 6	R 6 Q 4	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
8 Loris Capirossi	19	R 8 Q 13	R 8 Q 10	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
9 John Hopkins	13	R 12 Q 10	R 4 Q 7	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
10 Shinya Nakano	10	R 13 Q 15	R 3 Q 11	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
11 Colin Edwards	9	R 7 Q 3	R 9 Q 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
12 Marco Melandri	9	R 11 Q 16	R 5 Q 18	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
13 Randy de Puniet	7	R 9 Q 5	R 7 Q 6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
14 Chris Vermeulen	6	R 17 Q 11	R 10 Q 12	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
15 Anthony West	3	R 16 Q 18	R 13 Q 15	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
16 Toni Elias	3	R 14 Q 14	R 2 Q 16	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
17 Alex de Angelis	2	R -- Q 12	R -- Q 14	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
18 Sylvain Guintoli	1	R 15 Q 17	R 1 Q 17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

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	127	2	3rd (Rossi)	1 (Stoner)	0	2

Bridgestone Motorsport Round-Up



FORMULA ONE

Ferrari took maximum points at the Bahrain Grand Prix last weekend, as Felipe Massa scored his first victory of 2008. Massa's team-mate Kimi Raikkonen finished runner-up and now tops the drivers' championship after three races. BMW-Sauber's Robert Kubica took the final podium place in third.



GP2 ASIA SERIES

French driver Romain Grosjean claimed the maiden GP2 Asia Series title in Bahrain, the penultimate race weekend of the inaugural five-round series. Grosjean won Saturday's 34-lap feature race for his ART Grand Prix team, while Sunday's shorter 23-lap sprint race was won by Japanese driver Kamui Kobayashi for Dams.



INDYCAR SERIES

Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing driver Graham Rahal won the second round of this season's IndyCar Series at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg last weekend. Rahal fended off Helio Castroneves and Tony Kanaan for the win in a wet-dry race. Firestone's Firehawk rain tyres were used for the first time on a street circuit.

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