



## Shanghai hosts Chinese challenge

After a brief break, MotoGP gets back on track with the Chinese Grand Prix at the state-of-the-art Shanghai International Circuit this weekend. China is one of the newest additions to the MotoGP calendar, having made its debut as recently as 2005, and this year's event will be just the fourth MotoGP event to be held in Shanghai.

No rider has claimed more than one victory in any of the three classes in the three previous visits to China, though Casey Stoner took a 250cc win in 2005 and MotoGP honours in 2007. Stoner's win last year was the first for a rider on Bridgestone tyres in Shanghai, but Bridgestone has a reasonably strong record at the track with Kawasaki's Olivier Jacque finishing second in the wet in 2005 and John Hopkins taking fourth place for Suzuki in 2006. Hopkins also took his first ever MotoGP



podium in last year's event finishing third, just six seconds behind Stoner. After three difficult opening races to this competitive 2008 season, Bridgestone is looking to regain lost ground and a return to winning ways. Valentino Rossi and Casey Stoner are the highest placed Bridgestone-shod riders in the championship, occupying third and fourth positions in the table respectively.

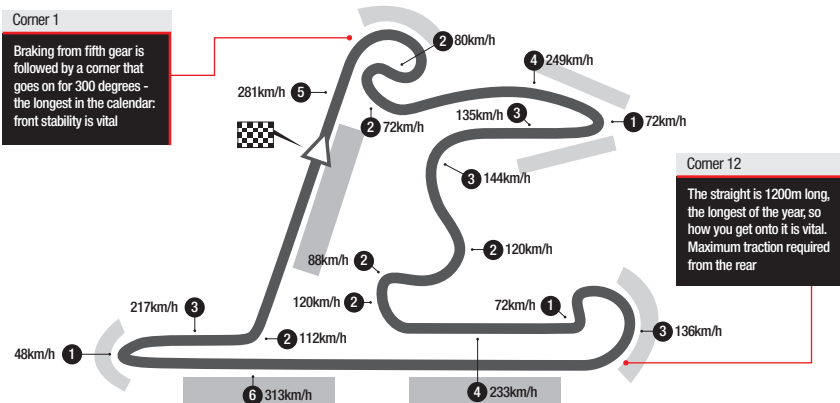
## Tyre talk

**Shinji Aoki** Assistant Manager, Race Tyre Development

“ The Shanghai International Circuit is one of the longest circuits on the calendar and presents us with a variety of different challenges from a tyre perspective. We have two long straights, one of which is the longest and fastest straight of the season linking turns 12 and 13, followed by heavy braking. Such a deceleration from high speed places the central part of the tyre under stress. To compensate for this aggressive braking into slower corners, we tend towards harder compound front tyres. The first part of the lap is quite tricky, as riders have to negotiate the twisty snake-like opening corners which follow an almost 360-degree loop before flicking into a left-hander. There are a further three first-gear corners around the lap, including the very slow penultimate corner, all of which demand good edge grip from the tyres. The track has a very unique layout, and it is actually the only circuit on the entire calendar with a complete parity of right and left-hand corners, with seven of each. We expected a difficult start to this season, and so it has proved, but we performed well in China last year with Casey winning, John in third, and a total of seven riders in the top ten, so we are hopeful that China will be a better weekend for Bridgestone. ”



## CHINA Shanghai



### Circuit information

<b>First race</b>	2005
<b>GPs held</b>	3
<b>Laps</b>	22 (MotoGP), 21 (250cc), 19 (125cc)
<b>Race distance</b>	116.182km / 72.182 miles (MotoGP)
<b>Track length</b>	5.281 km / 3.281 miles
<b>Track width</b>	14m
<b>Longest straight</b>	1.202 km / 0.747 miles
<b>Corners</b>	14 (7 left, 7 right)

### Circuit records

<b>Pole position</b>	1m58.424s (160.538km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2007)
<b>Race lap</b>	1m59.318s (159.335km/h)
	Dani Pedrosa (Honda, 2006)
<b>Race time</b>	44m07.734s (157.967 km/h)
	Dani Pedrosa (Honda, 2006)
<b>MotoGP Wins</b>	1 (Rossi 2005, Pedrosa 06, Stoner 07)
<b>2007 Winner</b>	Casey Stoner (Ducati Corse)



## Riding perspective

**John Hopkins** Kawasaki Racing Team

“ I'm really looking forward to China because we had a strong result in Estoril and a successful post race test, so we have built up some good momentum. Shanghai is a special track for me, as it was the scene of my first ever MotoGP podium last year. It is a pretty demanding track, where we have to be fast down the straight, hard on the brakes and get a good rhythm through the slower corners. The Ninja ZX-RR has been working well this season, as have the Bridgestone tyres, but we made a step forward with our race set-up after Estoril. We also continued our close collaboration with Bridgestone to test a lot of rear tyre options, which gave me a good feeling, and which we hope to benefit from this weekend. We also made some alterations to the chassis which have improved the rear traction of the machine. All in all, I am in a relaxed and confident mood ahead of China. I hope we can build on what we have achieved so far, and hope to get back on the Shanghai podium, this time with Kawasaki. ”

## Event schedule Local time

FRIDAY 2 MAY	SATURDAY 3 MAY	SUNDAY 4 MAY
<b>09:00-09:45</b> 125cc Free Practice 1	<b>09:00-09:45</b> 125cc Free Practice 2	<b>09:40-10:00</b> 125cc Warm-Up
<b>10:00-11:00</b> MotoGP Free Practice 1	<b>10:00-11:00</b> MotoGP Free Practice 3	<b>10:10-10:30</b> 250cc Warm-Up
<b>11:15-12:15</b> 250cc Free Practice 1	<b>11:15-12:15</b> 250cc Free Practice 2	<b>10:40-11:05</b> MotoGP Warm-Up
<b>13:10-13:40</b> 125cc Qualifying Practice 1	<b>13:10-13:40</b> 125cc Qualifying Practice 2	<b>12:00</b> 125cc Race (19 Laps)
<b>13:55-14:55</b> MotoGP Free Practice 2	<b>13:55-14:55</b> MotoGP Qualifying Practice	<b>13:15</b> 250cc Race (21 Laps)
<b>15:10-15:55</b> 250cc Qualifying Practice 1	<b>15:10-15:55</b> 250cc Qualifying Practice 2	<b>15:00</b> MotoGP Race (22 Laps)

### 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: 130 (47 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)

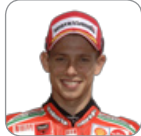


**Sylvain Guintoli** Bike number 50

DOB: 24 June 1982 Nationality: French GP Debut: Czech Republic 2002 (MotoGP), Japan 2001 (250cc) GP Starts: 102 (22 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: 98 (37 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: 158 (82 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: 195 (135 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: 121 (28 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: 99 (99 in MotoGP) Wins: 0 (Best result 2nd in MotoGP, Brno 2007) Poles: 1 (1 in MotoGP) Best MotoGP Championship: 4th (2007 with Suzuki)

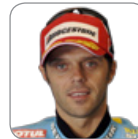
### Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

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: 40 (40 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: 269 (158 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: 133 (3 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: 134 (100 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

## The Ex Factor

Bridgestone is able to utilise first-hand riding experience in pursuit of better on-track performance through three of its paddock staff, who are former world championship riders themselves.

Ten-time 125cc race winner Masao Azuma, 125cc winner Steve Jenkner and top five 250cc rider Klaus Noehles all form an important part of Bridgestone's on-site team as Field Engineers for the Ducati Corse, Alice Team and Honda Gresini Team respectively.

Chief Co-ordinator Thomas Scholz believes that the presence of three former GP riders greatly benefits Bridgestone, and ultimately its teams and riders. "The job of the Field Engineer is basically to act as a crucial liaison between the teams, their riders and Bridgestone in order to form the best tyre direction for each race weekend," he says.

"Having Masao, Steve and Klaus on board is a real advantage for us. They are experienced racers

and know what a rider needs from a tyre. This allows them to have an automatic connection with the riders during the weekend and to interpret what they need, where they need to improve and how we, as their tyre supplier, can help them."

All three riders started their first full racing seasons using Bridgestone tyres and subsequently used them during their GP careers as well. 125cc rider Azuma took five race wins on Bridgestone tyres in the 1999 season en route to a career-best third in the championship, with a total of 20 podiums overall. Germans Jenkner and Noehles experienced both 125cc and 250cc categories in their careers with Jenkner victorious at Assen in 125cc in 2003, and Noehles claiming a pair of fifth places in the 250 races at Germany and Portugal in 2000.

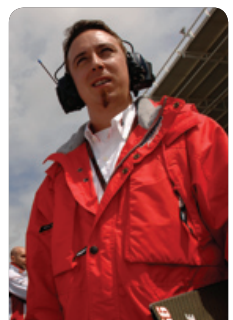
Scholz continues: "These guys not only know their racing, but they also know Bridgestone, and it is a real testament to our relationships over the years that we are now able to draw on their expertise in their new roles. We remember their racing days well, and as part of our two-wheeled racing heritage in the lower classes, it is an honour for us to have them working with us now in MotoGP."



Masao Azuma



Steve Jenkner



Klaus Noehles

## Last year's race



### 2007 QUALIFYING RESULTS

1	<b>V Rossi</b> Fiat Yamaha Team : 1m58.424s : M	Pole+
2	<b>J Hopkins</b> Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : 1m59.315s : B	0.891
3	<b>C Edwards</b> Fiat Yamaha Team : 1m59.406s : M	0.982
4	<b>C Stoner</b> Ducati Corse : 1m59.516s : B	1.092
5	<b>D Pedrosa</b> Repsol Honda Team : 1m59.602s : M	1.178
6	<b>M Melandri</b> Honda Gresini Team : 1m59.863s : B	1.439
7	<b>R De Puniet</b> Kawasaki Racing Team : 1m59.985s : B	1.561
8	<b>A Barros</b> Pramac d'Antin : 2m00.052s : B	1.628
9	<b>N Hayden</b> Repsol Honda Team : 2m00.087s : M	1.663
10	<b>S Nakano</b> Konica Minolta Honda : 2m00.157s : M	1.733
11	<b>A Hofmann</b> Pramac d'Antin : 2m00.175s : B	1.751
12	<b>T Elias</b> Honda Gresini : 2m00.205s : B	1.781
13	<b>C Checa</b> Honda LCR : 2m00.319s : M	1.895
14	<b>L Capirossi</b> Ducati Corse : 2m00.369s : B	1.945
15	<b>C Vermeulen</b> Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : 2m00.680s : B	2.256
16	<b>Ke. Roberts</b> Team Roberts : 2m00.763s : M	2.339
17	<b>S Guintoli</b> Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : 2m00.157s : D	2.733
18	<b>M Tamada</b> Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : 2m01.178s : D	2.754
19	<b>O Jacque</b> Kawasaki Racing Team : B	No Time

### 2007 CHINA - SHANGHAI STATISTICS

Round	4
Date	6 May 2007
Race distance	116.162 km / 72.182 miles
Weather	Dry
Temperature	32°C (Track), 23°C (Ambient)
Humidity	21%
Fastest lap	Casey Stoner 1m59.857s : B

### 2007 RACE RESULTS

1	<b>C Stoner</b> Ducati Corse : B	44m 12.891s
2	<b>V Rossi</b> Fiat Yamaha Team : M	+3.036
3	<b>J Hopkins</b> Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+6.663
4	<b>D Pedrosa</b> Repsol Honda Team : M	+14.090
5	<b>M Melandri</b> Honda Gresini Team : B	+17.276
6	<b>L Capirossi</b> Ducati Corse : B	+26.256
7	<b>C Vermeulen</b> Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+26.591
8	<b>R De Puniet</b> Kawasaki Racing Team : B	+27.025
9	<b>A Hofmann</b> Pramac d'Antin : B	+28.108
10	<b>C Checa</b> Honda LCR : M	+32.957
11	<b>C Edwards</b> Fiat Yamaha Team : M	+35.053
12	<b>N Hayden</b> Repsol Honda Team : M	+37.327
13	<b>S Guintoli</b> Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+50.705
14	<b>A Barros</b> Pramac d'Antin : B	+55.264
15	<b>Ke. Roberts</b> Team Roberts : M	+57.736
NC	<b>S Nakano</b> Konica Minolta Honda : M	+19 laps
NC	<b>M Tamada</b> Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+19 laps
NC	<b>T Elias</b> Honda Gresini : B	Not finished first lap

B : Bridgestone M : Michelin D : Dunlop

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## Team news

### ■ De Angelis pleased with progress

Honda Gresini rookie Alex de Angelis is hopeful of making improvements in China after a positive Bridgestone tyre test after the Portuguese Grand Prix. The San Marino rider said: "The new material provided by Bridgestone for the Estoril tests completely satisfied my expectations in terms of performance. In fact I improved on my best lap time, compared to the race. I'm happy with these tests results because I feel that there are positive chances to make a good race during the Grand Prix of China".

### ■ Vermeulen has sights on front

Suzuki's Chris Vermeulen hopes that recent testing developments will enable him to fight closer to the front. "We made some steps forward in the test after Portugal and I hope we can carry those improvements forward into the weekend. I got my best result of the season at Estoril, but it is not nearly good enough. I need to be challenging at the front and going for podiums - Shanghai seems like a good place to start doing that."

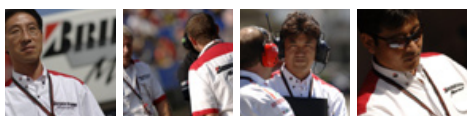
### ■ Stoner sure test steps will help

Last year's Chinese victor Casey Stoner believes results from post-Estoril testing will be advantageous in Shanghai: "We modified a few things that made the bike a little less nervous over the bumps and allowed me to lap in 1'37s with more consistency. We also tried a few new tyres and found some interesting things. I'm really happy with the work we've done and the pace we found. I'm sure the improvements will help us in China."

Pramac Grand Prix of China

## 2002-08 Cumulative statistics

- 103 Grands Prix
- 1 World Championship
- 21 Victories
- 20 Pole positions
- 60 Podiums (in 41 GPs)
- 64 Front Row starts (in 47 GPs)
- 3717 Championship Points



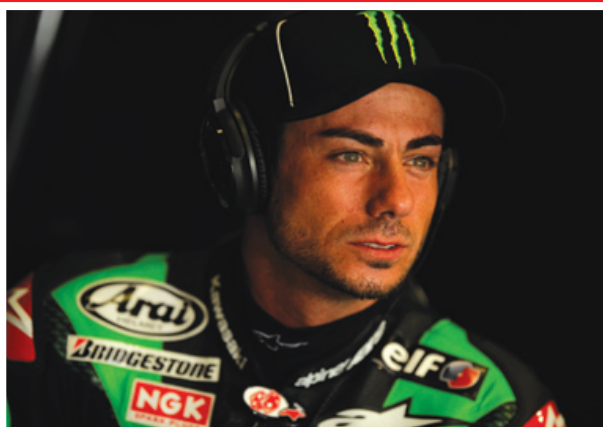
Rossi's third place in Estoril was the 60th MotoGP podium for a rider on Bridgestone tyres

## Fast fact

Last year's Chinese Grand Prix marked the first ever MotoGP podium for Bridgestone rider John Hopkins after his strong ride to third place. He was the highest-placed Bridgestone finisher in Shanghai in 2006 in fourth and was also a front-runner at the maiden Chinese MotoGP in 2005, when he finished seventh.



Valentino Rossi took a second consecutive Bridgestone podium in Portugal



John Hopkins has a strong record in China

## Fast fact

Casey Stoner's Qatar win and Valentino Rossi's podiums in Jerez and Estoril mark the first occasion in its MotoGP history that Bridgestone has had riders on the podium consecutively in the opening three races of the 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	Jorge Lorenzo	61	R 2 Q 1	R 3 Q 1	R 1 Q 1	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2	Dani Pedrosa	61	R 3 Q 8	R 16 Q 2	R 25 Q 2	R 20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3	Valentino Rossi	47	R 5 Q 7	R 11 Q 5	R 20 Q 3	R 16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4	Casey Stoner	40	R 1 Q 4	R 25 Q 7	R 5 Q 9	R 10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5	James Toseland	29	R 6 Q 2	R 10 Q 8	R 10 Q 6	R 9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6	Loris Capirossi	26	R 8 Q 13	R 8 Q 10	R 11 Q 9	R 7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
7	John Hopkins	24	R 12 Q 10	R 7 Q 9	R 9 Q 10	R 11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
8	Colin Edwards	22	R 7 Q 3	R 9 Q 3	R -- Q 5	R 13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9	Andrea Dovizioso	21	R 4 Q 9	R 13 Q 8	R 8 Q 7	R --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10	Nicky Hayden	19	R 10 Q 6	R 6 Q 4	R 4 Q 13	R --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	Shinya Nakano	16	R 13 Q 15	R 3 Q 11	R 9 Q 11	R 10 Q 11	R 6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
12	Chris Vermeulen	14	R 17 Q 11	R -- Q 12	R 6 Q 13	R 8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
13	Marco Melandri	12	R 11 Q 16	R 5 Q 18	R 4 Q 17	R 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14	Randy de Puniet	8	R 9 Q 5	R -- Q 6	R -- Q 8	R 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
15	Alex de Angelis	7	R -- Q 12	R 14 Q 14	R 2 Q 16	R 5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
16	Toni Elias	7	R 14 Q 14	R 2 Q 16	R 1 Q 14	R 4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
17	Anthony West	3	R 16 Q 18	R -- Q 15	R 3 Q 15	R --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
18	Sylvain Guintoli	2	R 15 Q 17	R 1 Q 17	R -- Q 18	R 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

## 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	199	3	3rd (Rossi)	1 (Stoner)	0	3

## Bridgestone Motorsport Round-Up



**FORMULA ONE** Ferrari continued their strong form as Formula One took to the Circuit de Catalunya in Spain last weekend to lead the constructors' championship after four races. A dominant victory by Kimi Raikkonen extended his lead of the drivers' classification to nine points as team-mate Felipe Massa finished second. McLaren-Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton took third to reclaim second in the classification.



**GP2 SERIES** The first GP2 Series weekend of the 2008 season saw Portugal's Alvaro Parente take opening honours on Saturday ahead of Bruno Senna and Andreas Zuber. Sunday morning's sprint race was won by Kamui Kobayashi with Sebastien Buemi and Giorgio Pantano completing the podium. Parente leads the championship from Senna with both drivers on 11 points after two races.



**INDYCAR SERIES** Target Chip Ganassi's Dan Wheldon won the Road Runner Turbo Indy 300 at the Kansas Speedway on Sunday. His team-mate Scott Dixon had to settle for an eventual third spot having led for most of the race. Sandwiching the two drivers on the podium was Andretti Green's Tony Kanaan. Helio Castroneves leads the drivers' standings ahead of next month's Indianapolis 500.

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