



Visions of Euro contest

A frenetic run of six European MotoGP events in two months gets underway at the Bugatti Circuit in Le Mans, France this weekend.

The French Grand Prix has been a fixture on the world championship calendar since 1951 but it has changed venue repeatedly. Albi, Rouen, Reims, Clermont-Ferrand, Paul Ricard, Nogaro, Magny-Cours and Le Mans have all shared French GP status over the years, but Le Mans has hosted the event uninterrupted since 2000. Le Mans also played host to the one-off 'Vitesse du Mans' GP in 1991.

Bridgestone had a hugely successful French GP in 2007 in torrential wet conditions, scoring its first ever wet weather win courtesy of an impressive Chris Vermeulen and his Suzuki team. Marco Melandri and Casey Stoner completed an all-Bridgestone podium



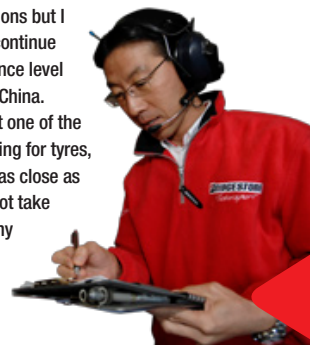
in second and third places for Honda Gresini and Ducati Corse respectively. Loris Capirossi also claimed a podium result for Ducati at Le Mans back in 2006 finishing less than two seconds from the race winner, so Bridgestone will be hoping for another strong performance after its Chinese successes a fortnight ago.

The Bugatti circuit has been slightly modified for this year's event with a larger run-off area at turn eight increasing the overall length of the circuit by five metres to 4.185km.

Tyre talk

Tohru Ubukata Manager, Race Tyre Development

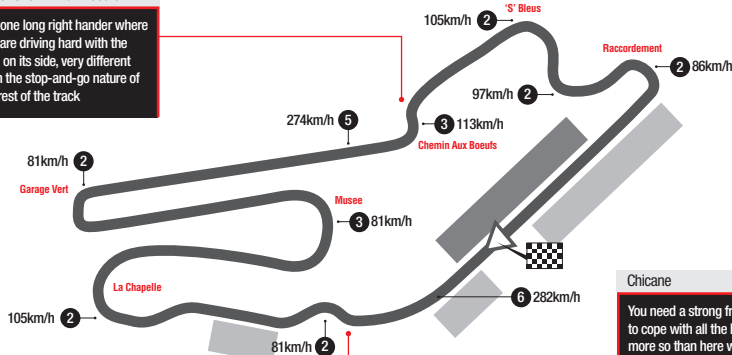
“ The Le Mans Bugatti track is composed of mainly slow-speed corners and it is quite a ‘stop-go’ type of circuit, which means that riders can not really get into a flowing rhythm. The track demands heavy braking and strong acceleration so in order to maximise tyre performance the key areas are stability under braking and traction. At this time of the year, we expect the weather conditions to be quite unstable and cool, which will likely mean we run softer rear compounds to enhance the grip levels around the lap. The frequency of hard braking points usually means that riders prefer medium or hard compound front tyres. However, we must be prepared to face a range of weather conditions over the weekend. We know our rivals are strong in the cooler track conditions but I am hopeful that we can continue with the sort of performance level that we demonstrated in China. The Le Mans circuit is not one of the most technically demanding for tyres, but with the competition as close as it is this season, we cannot take anything for granted at any race weekend, so we must prepare ourselves thoroughly. ”



FRANCE Le Mans

Exit of Chemin Aux Boeufs

The one long right hander where you are driving hard with the bike on its side, very different from the stop-and-go nature of the rest of the track



GEAR SELECTION = 1

All speed and gear information taken from 2007

Chicane

You need a strong front at Le Mans to cope with all the heavy braking, no more so than here where they come down from sixth to second gear



Riding perspective

Chris Vermeulen Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

“ This will be my third year of racing at Le Mans and although the circuit has changed quite a bit for other riders over the years, this layout is the only one I have ever known. It is a nice circuit with some up and downhill, as well as blind sections. The average speed of the lap is also quite low, but I enjoy it nevertheless. The last two trips I have made to Le Mans in 2006 and 2007 were quite wet weekends, so I think more dry running would still be advantageous, although we were quite competitive in the dry last year. The circuit holds good memories for me from our victory there last year. I am sure my subconscious will remind me that we have won there, but as soon as I am back on the bike when practice starts on Friday morning, I think my focus will quickly turn to the weekend ahead, rather than on last year's result. We have made good steps forward with the Suzuki in the first four races of this season so far, and there has also been some encouraging development from Bridgestone, so I am hopeful we can be on the pace this weekend. We are usually able to run softer compound tyres at Le Mans, but as usual our demands from the Bridgestone tyres will be all about rear edge grip, while we will also be asking for good front end stability under braking and good traction out of the corners. ”

Circuit information

First race	1969
GPs held	20
Laps	28 (MotoGP), 26 (250cc), 24 (125cc)
Race distance	117.18km / 72.8 miles (MotoGP)
Track length	4.185 km / 2.600 miles
Track width	13m
Longest straight	0.45 km / 0.28 miles
Corners	13 (4 left, 9 right)

Circuit records (4.180km track modified 2006)

Pole position	1m33.616s (160.741km/h)
	Colin Edwards (Yamaha, 2007)
Race lap	1m35.087s (158.255km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2006)
Race time	44m57.369s (156.206km/h)
	Marco Melandri (Honda, 2006)
MotoGP Wins	2 (Rossi 2002, 2005; Gibernau 2003-04)
2007 Winner	Chris Vermeulen (Suzuki)

Event schedule Local time

FRIDAY 16 MAY	SATURDAY 17 MAY	SUNDAY 18 MAY
09:00-09:45 125cc Free Practice 1	09:00-09:45 125cc Free Practice 2	08:40-09:00 125cc Warm-Up
10:00-11:00 MotoGP Free Practice 1	10:00-11:00 MotoGP Free Practice 3	09:10-09:30 250cc Warm-Up
11:15-12:15 250cc Free Practice 1	11:15-12:15 250cc Free Practice 2	09:40-10:05 MotoGP Warm-Up
13:10-13:40 125cc Qualifying Practice 1	13:10-13:40 125cc Qualifying Practice 2	11:00 125cc Race (24 Laps)
13:55-14:55 MotoGP Free Practice 2	13:55-14:55 MotoGP Qualifying Practice	12:15 250cc Race (26 Laps)
15:10-15:55 250cc Qualifying Practice 1	15:10-15:55 250cc Qualifying Practice 2	14:00 MotoGP Race (28 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:** 131 (48 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:** 103 (23 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:** 99 (38 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:** 159 (83 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:** 196 (136 in MotoGP/500cc, 30 in 250cc, 30 in 125cc) **Wins:** 89 (63 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:** 122 (29 in MotoGP/500cc, 92 in 250cc, 1 in 125cc) **Wins:** 1 (1 in 250cc) **Poles:** 0 **Best MotoGP Championship:** 15th (2007 with Kawasaki)

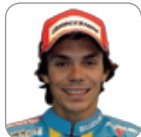


John Hopkins Bike number 21

DOB: 22 May 1983 **Nationality:** Anglo-American **GP Debut:** Japan 2002 (MotoGP) **GP Starts:** 100 (100 in MotoGP) **Wins:** 0 (Best result 2nd in MotoGP, Brno 2007) **Poles:** 1 (1 in MotoGP) **Best MotoGP Championship:** 4th (2007 with Suzuki)

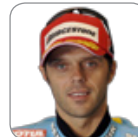
Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

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:** 41 (41 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:** 270 (159 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:** 134 (4 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:** 153 (119 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 French Connection

One of the newest additions to the Bridgestone family is Alice Team rider Sylvain Guintoli. The 25-year-old Frenchman defied the odds to briefly lead last year's GP in Le Mans in spectacular style, and after a difficult start to 2008, hopes this year's Le Mans event will mark a turning point in his debut season with Ducati and Bridgestone.

What positives can you draw from the season so far?

"It has been a tough start to the year, but the positive is that we have made some big progress, especially in the post-Estoril test. We are progressing and that is what we want to look at. We are working well together and the team is really keeping in a positive state of mind, so I hope that Le Mans will be another step for us."

How have you managed the switch to Ducati and Bridgestone?

"From the first time I stepped on the bike I felt

like everything was really different. The bike is so different to what I have ridden before. I felt very comfortable with the Bridgestone tyres straight away; I had a very good feeling with the front and I had this confidence straight away."

How do you find working with Bridgestone?

"I think the treatment for every team and every rider is very fair. I have never had any problems and definitely the relationship with my Bridgestone engineer Steve Jenkner is good. Because he was a rider, and a very fast rider, he understands very well what I am talking about. He is good, the relationship is good and he understands quickly."

And what does the Le Mans circuit mean for you as a French rider?

"I like the Le Mans track and the atmosphere for us is always brilliant. It is going to be something special this weekend and even more this year because of what happened last year with me and Randy (de Puniet) both briefly leading. It is going to be an emotional moment to start the first

practice there."

Do the French fans give you an extra boost?

"It is always extra motivation when you feel people are behind you, when your friends are there, family is there, you know everyone is there for the show. Yes, the extra motivation and having all the fans there, all the French public pushing us, is going to be good. I think this year is going to be bigger because of last year when we were both in front."



Last year's race



2007 QUALIFYING RESULTS

1	C Edwards Fiat Yamaha Team : 1m 33.616s : M	Pole+
2	C Stoner Ducati Corse : 1m 33.710s : B	0.094
3	C Checa Honda LCR : 1m 33.859s : M	0.243
4	V Rossi Fiat Yamaha Team : 1m 33.875s : M	0.259
5	J Hopkins Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : 1m 34.102s : B	0.486
6	T Elias Honda Gresini : 1m 34.125s : B	0.509
7	N Hayden Repsol Honda Team : 1m 34.247s : M	0.631
8	R De Puniet Kawasaki Racing Team : 1m 34.318s : B	0.702
9	M Melandri Honda Gresini : 1m 34.360s : B	0.744
10	D Pedrosa Repsol Honda Team : 1m 34.412s : M	0.796
11	S Guintoli Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : 1m 34.507s : D	0.891
12	C Vermeulen Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : 1m 34.574s : B	0.958
13	A Barros Pramac d'Antin : 1m 34.817s : B	1.201
14	S Nakano Konica Minolta Honda : 1m 34.834s : M	1.218
15	L Capirossi Ducati Corse : 1m 34.903s : B	1.287
16	M Tamada Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : 1m 35.346s : D	1.730
17	A Hofmann Pramac d'Antin : 1m 35.578s : B	1.962
18	Ke. Roberts Team Roberts : 1m 35.681s : M	2.065
19	F Nieto Kawasaki Racing Team : 1m 35.312s : B	2.696

2007 FRANCE - LE MANS STATISTICS

Round	5
Date	20 May 2007
Race distance	117.04 km / 72.716 miles
Weather	Wet
Temperature	16°C (Track), 13°C (Ambient)
Humidity	73%
Fastest lap	John Hopkins 1m38.678s : B

2007 RACE RESULTS

1	C Vermeulen Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	50m 58.713s
2	M Melandri Honda Gresini : B	+12.599
3	C Stoner Ducati Corse : B	+27.347
4	D Pedrosa Repsol Honda Team : M	+37.328
5	A Hofmann Pramac d'Antin : B	+49.166
6	V Rossi Fiat Yamaha Team : M	+53.563
7	J Hopkins Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+1m 01.073s
8	L Capirossi Ducati Corse : B	+1m 21.241s
9	M Tamada Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+1 lap
10	S Guintoli Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+1 lap
11	F Nieto Kawasaki Racing Team : B	+1 lap
12	C Edwards Fiat Yamaha Team : M	+3 laps
NC	A Barros Pramac d'Antin : B	1 lap
NC	Ke. Roberts Team Roberts : M	2 laps
NC	N Hayden Repsol Honda Team : M	3 laps
NC	S Nakano Konica Minolta Honda : M	8 laps
NC	R De Puniet Kawasaki Racing Team : B	20 laps
NC	T Elias Honda Gresini : B	21 laps
NC	C Checa Honda LCR : M	22 laps

B : Bridgestone M : Michelin D : Dunlop

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Team news

■ Elias targets top five

Alice Team rider Toni Elias scored his best finish of the season with eighth place in China, but believes that result is just the start of better things to come: "With the potential at our disposal we don't have any limit," he said. "To my point of view, we can enter the top five in every Grand Prix. Shanghai has only been the first step forward. We must work hard and soon we can do much better. With my technical director, Fabiano Sterlacchini, we are finding valid solutions to grow."

■ Rossi going for maximum points

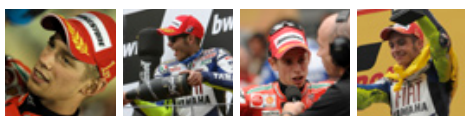
Chinese GP victor Valentino Rossi is setting his sights on the top step of the podium at Le Mans. "We're going to Le Mans on a real high after the fantastic result in China and I am confident that we can have a good weekend. Yamaha usually goes very well at Le Mans and, although it's obviously the first time we've been there with Bridgestone, I am confident that we will be strong there. We are nine points from the top of the championship but our rivals are very motivated too so there is no let-up and we must go for the maximum points again."

■ Le Mans to suit Kawasaki, says Hopper

Kawasaki rider John Hopkins believes the Le Mans circuit will suit his riding style and the character of his Ninja ZX-RR. "I'm looking forward to Le Mans, as it's a track that suits my riding style and it's one that I like racing on. The track features a lot of hard braking, quick changes of direction and hard acceleration, and that's exactly what the Ninja ZX-RR has been designed for. When you combine this with our Bridgestone tyres, which always seem to work well here, then I think we're in a strong position going into this weekend."

2002-08 Cumulative statistics

- 104 Grands Prix
- 1 World Championship
- 22 Victories
- 20 Pole positions
- 62 Podiums (in 42 GPs)
- 66 Front Row starts (in 48 GPs)
- 3793 Championship Points



Casey Stoner scored his 16th Bridgestone podium with 3rd place in China

Fast fact

With victory in China Valentino Rossi joined an elite group of six riders to have claimed MotoGP victory using Bridgestone tyres. The group includes Makoto Tamada (two wins), Loris Capirossi (six wins), Troy Bayliss (one win), Casey Stoner (11 wins) and Chris Vermeulen (one win).



Valentino Rossi opened his Bridgestone victory account in China



Chris Vermeulen and Suzuki led a Bridgestone 1-2-3 Le Mans last year

Fast fact

Chris Vermeulen's victory in the 2007 French Grand Prix marked the first ever wet weather win on Bridgestone tyres, and the second 1-2-3 result of the season for Bridgestone up to that point. It was to be the second of five podium clean sweeps for Bridgestone in 2007

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	81	R 3 Q 8	R 1 Q 2	R 2 Q 2	R 2 Q 5	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2 Jorge Lorenzo	74	R 2 Q 1	R 3 Q 3	R 1 Q 1	R 4 Q 4	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3 Valentino Rossi	72	R 5 Q 7	R 2 Q 5	R 3 Q 3	R 1 Q 2	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4 Casey Stoner	56	R 1 Q 4	R 11 Q 7	R 6 Q 10	R 3 Q 6	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5 Loris Capirossi	33	R 8 Q 13	R 5 Q 10	R 9 Q 12	R 7 Q 6	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6 James Toseland	33	R 6 Q 2	R 6 Q 8	R 7 Q 6	R 12 Q 7	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
7 Colin Edwards	31	R 7 Q 3	R -- Q 3	R 4 Q 5	R 13 Q 1	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
8 Nicky Hayden	29	R 10 Q 6	R 4 Q 4	R -- Q 4	R -- Q 10	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9 Andrea Dovizioso	26	R 4 Q 9	R 8 Q 13	R -- Q 7	R 11 Q 11	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10 John Hopkins	26	R 12 Q 10	R 7 Q 9	R 5 Q 11	R 14 Q 14	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11 Marco Melandri	23	R 11 Q 16	R 12 Q 18	R 13 Q 17	R 5 Q 12	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
12 Shinya Nakano	22	R 13 Q 15	R 9 Q 11	R 10 Q 11	R 10 Q 13	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
13 Toni Elias	15	R 14 Q 14	R 15 Q 16	R 12 Q 14	R 8 Q 15	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 Chris Vermeulen	14	R 17 Q 11	R 10 Q 12	R 8 Q 13	R -- Q 8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
15 Randy de Puniet	11	R 9 Q 5	R -- Q 6	R 15 Q 8	R 13 Q 9	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
16 Alex de Angelis	7	R -- Q 12	R 14 Q 14	R 11 Q 16	R 16 Q 16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
17 Sylvain Guintoli	4	R 15 Q 17	R 16 Q 17	R -- Q 18	R 15 Q 17	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
18 Anthony West	3	R 16 Q 18	R 13 Q 15	R 16 Q 15	R 17 Q 18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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	275	4	3rd (Rossi)	2 (x1 Stoner x1 Rossi)	0	5

Bridgestone Motorsport Round-Up



FORMULA ONE Ferrari's Felipe Massa jumped to second in the Formula One drivers' championship after a comfortable win in the Turkish Grand Prix last weekend, his second victory of the season. McLaren Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton took second place just 0.4s ahead of Massa's team-mate Kimi Raikkonen, who continues to lead the championship by seven points from Massa and Hamilton.

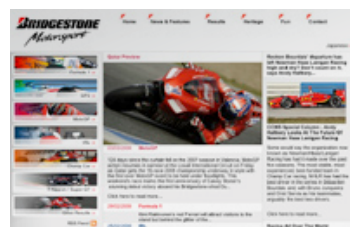


GP2 SERIES Italian Giorgio Pantano and Frenchman Romain Grosjean both took race wins in the second round of the GP2 season in Turkey last weekend. Pantano was victorious in the feature race and now heads the driver's table on 24 points, while Grosjean's first European GP2 win in Sunday's sprint race takes him to second on 19 points. GP2 has now seen four race winners in the first four races of the season.



INDYCAR SERIES Scott Dixon took pole position for the 92nd Indianapolis 500 after a thrilling Pole Day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway last Saturday. Dixon's Target Chip Ganassi team-mate Dan Wheldon took second place with Team Penske's Ryan Briscoe securing the final spot on the three-car front row. Helio Castroneves, Danica Patrick and Tony Kanaan filled the second row. The Indy 500 takes place on 25 May.

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