



Italian studies put to test

One of the most technically demanding race tracks on the MotoGP calendar, Mugello is revered by teams, riders and fans alike. Located in the heart of the Tuscan countryside, the track is one of the longest and fastest of the season, often producing a thrilling racing spectacle for the passionate crowds in attendance.

Mugello first made a championship appearance back in 1976 when it hosted the Nations GP, but it was not until 1992 when it was given official Italian Grand Prix status, since when, with the exception of 1993, it has remained ever since.

Of the current crop of MotoGP riders, only two have won in the premier class at Mugello with Loris Capirossi back in 2000, and Valentino Rossi, who has an unbeaten run in Mugello dating back to 2002. A Bridgestone-



shod Ducati rider has scored a podium result each year since 2005 with Loris Capirossi in 2005 and 2006, and Alex Barros taking his Pramac d'Antin Ducati to third place in 2007.

Ducati riders have taken pole position for the last two seasons with Sete Gibernau in 2006 and Casey Stoner, using Bridgestone wet weather tyres, in last year's unpredictable rain-hit session, which was his and Bridgestone's first pole of the season.

Tyre talk

Shinji Aoki Assistant Manager, Race Tyre Development

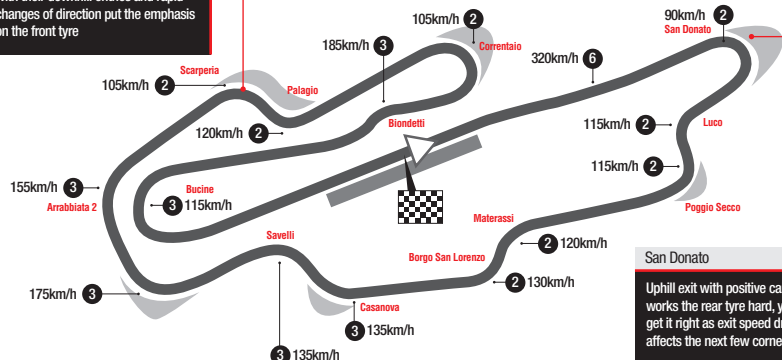
“We have one of our biggest technical challenges of the season around the demanding and complicated Mugello circuit. The lap is quite long, one of only a few over 5km in length during the year, and contains a wide range of fast and slow corners. We must also cater for the high-speed 1.1km Rettilineo main straight, which places stress on the central part of the tyre, and gives the overall lap a quite high average speed. The two Arrabbiata corners are very important for tyre performance, as is the Scarperia right-hander, and medium-speed left-hander Buccine which comes on to the main straight. Overall, it is a track that places every aspect of tyre performance under scrutiny, and gives us a great test. To combat such a long and punishing lap, we require medium to hard front and rear tyres to ensure the tyres are competitive over the complete race distance. In last year's race, the durability of our tyres was good, but we perhaps missed overall performance. Finding the best compromise between grip level and durability is any tyre manufacturer's greatest challenge, but I hope we can continue our recent run of improved performance around this circuit.”



ITALY Mugello

Scarperia

Mugello's many high-speed ess-bends with their downhill entries and rapid changes of direction put the emphasis on the front tyre



GEAR SELECTION = 1
All speed and gear information taken from 2007

Circuit information

First race	1976
GPs held	22
Laps	23 (MotoGP), 21 (250cc), 20 (125cc)
Race distance	120.635km / 74.957 miles (MotoGP)
Track length	5.245km / 3.259 miles
Track width	14m
Longest straight	1.141km / 0.709 miles
Corners	15 (9 right, 6 left)

Circuit records

Pole position	1m48.969s (173.278 km/h) Sete Gibernau (Ducati-Bridgestone, 06)
Race lap	1m50.117s (171.472 km/h) Max Biaggi (Honda, 2005)
Race time	42m39.610s (169.669 km/h) Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2006)
MotoGP Wins	6 (Doohan 1993-1998; Rossi 2002-07)
2007 Winner	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha)



Riding perspective

Marco Melandri Ducati Corse

“Mugello is one of the best circuits in the world and I don't say that just because I am Italian, but because it is a nice technical track. With MotoGP, it is even more difficult because we have one of the longest straights, which is not straight actually and is so difficult. The fast part of Mugello, going downhill into the first two right-hand corners is so nice. When you can be fast at that point, you can feel you are doing a good lap time; it is very special. Before the start of the race, we are on the lowest part of the track and you can see all the crowds around, and that is a big emotion. On the warm up lap, you can hear the noise, you can see the colours; for example the Ducati corner is completely red. The track is quite demanding from the front tyre, but the asphalt does not bite too much on the tyres, so we do not use too hard compounds normally. It is important to have a good front feeling to be fast and aggressive because we need to flick the bike into the corners very fast and we need to make the bike turn easily, so the front is more important than the rear. I can't wait to race at Mugello with Ducati, because they tested there some times, so I hope we can find something good to improve the bike and my feeling with it.”

Event schedule Local time

FRIDAY 30 MAY	SATURDAY 31 MAY	SUNDAY 1 JUNE
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 (20 Laps)
13:55-14:55 MotoGP Free Practice 2	13:55-14:55 MotoGP Qualifying Practice	12:15 250cc Race (21 Laps)
15:10-15:55 250cc Qualifying Practice 1	15:10-15:55 250cc Qualifying Practice 2	14:00 MotoGP 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:** 132 (49 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:** 104 (24 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:** 100 (39 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:** 160 (84 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:** 197 (137 in MotoGP/500cc, 30 in 250cc, 30 in 125cc) **Wins:** 90 (64 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

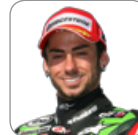
Kawasaki Racing Team

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:** 123 (30 in MotoGP/500cc, 92 in 250cc, 1 in 125cc) **Wins:** 1 (1 in 250cc) **Poles:** 0 **Best MotoGP Championship:** 15th (2007 with Kawasaki)

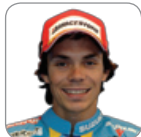


John Hopkins Bike number 21

DOB: 22 May 1983 **Nationality:** Anglo-American **GP Debut:** Japan 2002 (MotoGP) **GP Starts:** 101 (101 in MotoGP) **Wins:** 0 (Best result 2nd in MotoGP, Brno 2007) **Poles:** 1 (1 in MotoGP) **Best MotoGP Championship:** 4th (2007 with Suzuki)

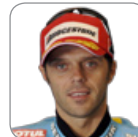
Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

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:** 42 (42 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:** 271 (160 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:** 135 (5 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:** 154 (120 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

From Race to Road

Bridgestone's participation in MotoGP has started to influence the next generation of street tyres with the latest Battlax road tyre, the BT-016, using features lifted directly from MotoGP. Unveiled in 2007, and launched to the media in March, the BT-016 is an advanced hypersport tyre designed to maximise the performance of sports bikes on the road.

Bridgestone has combined MotoGP construction technology with its latest multi-compound technology to produce a tyre that gives high-level grip performance in braking, cornering and acceleration. This allows riders to enjoy improved handling, stability and grip, as well as longer life and lower noise.

The BT-016 features a 3-Layer Compound

(3LC) for the front tyre, a centre compound for linear handling, flanked by a shoulder compound to secure high grip and strong contact. The rear tyre sees Bridgestone's new 5-Layer Compound (5LC) technology used for the first time on a street tyre, which means a centre compound for good stability, a shoulder compound, which has the highest tensile strength in circumferential direction of the three compounds to provide strong traction, and an edge compound for strong side grip at deep lean angles.

Ducati duo Casey Stoner and Marco Melandri, Kawasaki's Anthony West, Suzuki's Loris Capirossi, Honda Gresini's Alex de Angelis and Alice Team's Toni Elias were able to get first-hand experience of the new tyre performing demo laps around the Jerez track at an event back in March.

"My initial impressions of the tyre were good," said Stoner, "and so was my feeling with the Ducati 848 which has impressed me with the handling, the power delivery and the stability in braking."

His team-mate Melandri added: "The tyre offered a fantastic grip, the bike was amazing in every aspect: the front precise in the changes of direction,

the power simply great, the rear enjoyable when sliding entering the corners."

Capirossi was also full of praise: "The BT-016 is a great tyre, and gave me a really good feeling, especially at the front, which works really well and is very stable. The rear grip is also good, and it is the first time that I feel the road tyre is similar to the race tyre. I felt immediately comfortable."



Last year's race



2007 QUALIFYING RESULTS

1	C Stoner Ducati Corse : B	2m 00.359s	Pole+
2	C Vermeulen Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	2m 01.381s	1.022
3	V Rossi Fiat Yamaha Team : M	2m 01.695s	1.336
4	O Jacque Kawasaki Racing Team : B	2m 01.709s	1.350
5	L Capirossi Ducati Corse : B	2m 01.797s	1.438
6	M Melandri Honda Gresini : B	2m 02.001s	1.642
7	R De Puniet Kawasaki Racing Team : B	2m 02.443s	2.084
8	D Pedrosa Repsol Honda Team : M	2m 02.776s	2.417
9	J Hopkins Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	2m 02.932s	2.573
10	A Barros Pramac d'Antin : B	2m 03.025s	2.666
11	A Hofmann Pramac d'Antin : B	2m 03.920s	3.561
12	S Nakano Konica Minolta Honda : M	2m 04.185s	3.826
13	N Hayden Repsol Honda Team : M	2m 04.353s	3.994
14	C Checa Honda LCR : M	2m 04.971s	4.612
15	T Elias Honda Gresini : B	2m 05.592s	5.233
16	C Edwards Fiat Yamaha Team : M	2m 06.254s	5.895
17	S Guintoli Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	2m 06.426s	6.067
18	Ke. Roberts Team Roberts : M	2m 06.660s	6.301
19	Ku. Roberts Team Roberts : M	2m 07.571s	7.212
20	M Tamada Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	2m 09.080s	8.721

2007 ITALY - MUGELLO

Round	6
Date	3 June 2007
Race distance	120.635 km / 74.957 miles
Weather	Dry
Temperature	29°C (Track), 24°C (Ambient)
Humidity	20%
Fastest lap	Dani Pedrosa 1m50.357s : M

2007 RACE RESULTS

1	V Rossi Fiat Yamaha Team : M	42m 42.385s
2	D Pedrosa Repsol Honda Team : M	+3.074
3	A Barros Pramac d'Antin : B	+5.956
4	C Stoner Ducati Corse : B	+6.012
5	J Hopkins Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+13.244
6	T Elias Honda Gresini : B	+19.255
7	L Capirossi Ducati Corse : B	+19.646
8	C Vermeulen Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+22.810
9	M Melandri Honda Gresini : B	+22.837
10	N Hayden Repsol Honda Team : M	+24.413
11	A Hofmann Pramac d'Antin : B	+24.781
12	C Edwards Fiat Yamaha Team : M	+28.001
13	S Nakano Konica Minolta Honda : M	+36.733
14	S Guintoli Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+45.098
15	M Tamada Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+45.530
16	O Jacque Kawasaki Racing Team : B	+45.217
17	Ke. Roberts Team Roberts : M	+1m 27.222s
NC	C Checa Honda LCR : M	14 laps
NC	Ku. Roberts Team Roberts : M	20 laps
NC	R De Puniet Kawasaki Racing Team : B	22 laps

B : Bridgestone M : Michelin D : Dunlop

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Team news

■ Nakano makes test progress

Honda Gresini rider Shinya Nakano believes rear tyre development has helped him make an important step forward in the post Le Mans test: "I'm happy with how the test went- we mainly worked alongside Bridgestone, testing the new tyres that they made available to us. We were able to pinpoint a rear tyre that gave good results and allowed us to make another step forward with my race pace."

■ Capirossi fired up for home GP

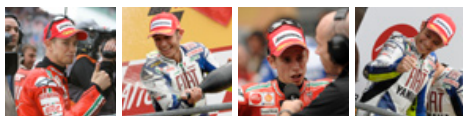
Loris Capirossi is ready for his first home grand prix as a Suzuki rider: "I am really looking forward to racing a Suzuki in Italy for the first time," he says. "It is a big moment for me and I know that there will be many fans there. I am very determined to do well at my home Grand Prix and will be doing all I can to make it happen."

■ Stoner upbeat for Ducati's home GP

Reigning world champion Casey Stoner draws positives from Le Mans as he chases a strong result in Ducati's home GP this weekend: "This year we arrive on the back of a tough race, where we had a problem that prevented us from scoring a podium, but on the whole it was a positive weekend because we had a fast and consistent pace going during practice. Hopefully we can manage to be just as fast at Mugello but have a good race too - for the fans, who always create such a special atmosphere in Italy, but mainly for everybody at Ducati and the guys in the team, who are working so hard and deserve a top result."

2002-08 Cumulative statistics

- 105 Grands Prix
- 1 World Championship
- 23 Victories
- 20 Pole positions
- 63 Podiums (in 43 GPs)
- 67 Front Row starts (in 49 GPs)
- 3858 Championship Points



Stoner's 3rd place on the Le Mans grid was his 14th front row for Ducati.

Fast fact

Loris Capirossi has the strongest record at Mugello for a rider using Bridgestone tyres. He took 3rd place for Ducati in 2005 and runner up by just half-a-second in 2006. He has also been on the front two rows of the grid for each of his Bridgestone-shod Mugello races with 6th place in '05, 2nd place in '06 and 5th place in '07.



Loris Capirossi has taken two podiums with Bridgestone at Mugello



Valentino Rossi has become the third rider ever to lead a MotoGP championship using Bridgestone tyres

Fast fact

With victory in Le Mans, Valentino Rossi took lead the lead of the championship, becoming the third rider ever to have led a MotoGP championship on Bridgestone tyres after Loris Capirossi in 2006 and Casey Stoner in 2007 and earlier this 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	97	R 5 Q 7	R 2 Q 5	R 3 Q 3	R 1 Q 2	R 1 Q 4	25	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
2 Jorge Lorenzo	94	R 2 Q 1	R 3 Q 3	R 1 Q 1	R 2 Q 4	R 1 Q 5	R 2 Q 4	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
3 Dani Pedrosa	94	R 3 Q 8	R 1 Q 2	R 2 Q 2	R 2 Q 5	R 4 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	20	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
4 Casey Stoner	56	R 1 Q 4	R 11 Q 7	R 6 Q 5	R 3 Q 1	R 3 Q 1	R 16 Q 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
5 Colin Edwards	47	R 7 Q 3	R -- Q 3	R 4 Q 5	R 7 Q 1	R 3 Q 1	R 9 Q 2	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
6 Loris Capirossi	42	R 8 Q 13	R 5 Q 10	R 9 Q 12	R 7 Q 6	R 7 Q 11	R 9 Q 6	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
7 Nicky Hayden	37	R 10 Q 6	R 4 Q 4	R -- Q 4	R -- Q 4	R 10 Q 6	R 8 Q 6	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
8 Andrea Dovizioso	36	R 4 Q 9	R 8 Q 13	R -- Q 7	R -- Q 11	R 6 Q 10	R 10 Q 10	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
9 James Toseland	33	R 6 Q 2	R 6 Q 8	R 7 Q 6	R 12 Q 7	R -- Q 7	R -- Q 7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
10 Shinya Nakano	28	R 13 Q 15	R 9 Q 11	R 10 Q 11	R 6 Q 10	R 10 Q 13	R 10 Q 13	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
11 John Hopkins	26	R 12 Q 10	R 7 Q 9	R 5 Q 10	R 14 Q 14	R -- Q 9	R -- Q 9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
12 Chris Vermeulen	25	R 17 Q 11	R 10 Q 12	R 8 Q 13	R 8 Q 8	R -- Q 8	R -- Q 8	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
13 Marco Melandri	24	R 11 Q 16	R 12 Q 18	R 13 Q 17	R 5 Q 12	R 15 Q 17	R 15 Q 17	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
14 Toni Elias	20	R 14 Q 14	R 15 Q 16	R 12 Q 14	R 8 Q 15	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
15 Randy de Puniet	18	R 9 Q 5	R -- Q 6	R 15 Q 8	R 13 Q 9	R 9 Q 12	R 9 Q 12	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
16 Alex de Angelis	11	R -- Q 12	R 14 Q 14	R 11 Q 16	R 16 Q 16	R 12 Q 15	R 12 Q 15	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
17 Sylvain Guintoli	7	R 15 Q 17	R 16 Q 17	R -- Q 18	R 15 Q 17	R 13 Q 16	R 13 Q 16	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
18 Anthony West	5	R 16 Q 18	R 13 Q 15	R 16 Q 15	R 17 Q 18	R 14 Q 18	R 14 Q 18	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	341	5	1st (Rossi)	3 (x1 Stoner x2 Rossi)	0	6

Bridgestone Motorsport Round-Up



FORMULA ONE McLaren Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton claimed victory honours in a turbulent Monaco Grand Prix last weekend, his second win of the year. BMW Sauber's Robert Kubica took the runner up spot ahead of Ferrari's Felipe Massa in the rain-hit race. Hamilton has now regained the lead of the drivers' classification on 38 points.

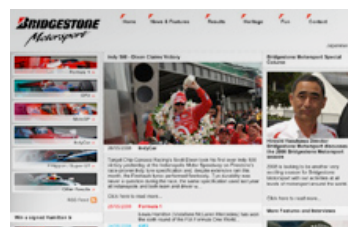


GP2 SERIES Bruno Senna and Mike Conway were both victorious around the streets of Monte Carlo in the GP2 Series with Senna taking the feature race win on Friday, and Conway winning his first ever GP2 race in Saturday's sprint race. Senna also finished fifth in the sprint race to lead the championship after three race weekends of the season.



INDYCAR SERIES Chip Ganassi racer Scott Dixon was triumphant in the legendary Indianapolis 500 race last Sunday beating Panther's Vitor Meira and Andretti Green's Marco Andretti after 200 frantic laps of the Motor Speedway. Dixon started from pole and led for over half the race which was beset with yellow flag periods.

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