



History repeating

Assen hosted the third ever premier class motorcycle race back in 1949, and has hosted a race every year since as part of the infamous Dutch TT weekend. This year will be the 60th consecutive running of the GP, establishing Assen yet further as the most historic round of the championship.

Over the years Assen has seen a gradual reduction in track length from the 16km road circuit used back in 1949, to a 7.7km circuit course in 1955 to around 6km by the mid-1980s, and the most recent modification introduced in 2006 – shortening the lap to just 4.555km – the track layout that will be used for the third time this weekend.

Along with Estoril and Sachsenring, Assen is one of the few tracks on the calendar where Bridgestone is still to be victorious in



MotoGP, although results in the last two years have been close. Casey Stoner was a strong runner-up in last year's event, finishing just two seconds from Assen specialist Valentino Rossi. In 2006, Kawasaki took its best ever dry weather result when Shinya Nakano crossed the line in second position less than five seconds from winner Nicky Hayden.

Tyre talk

Tohru Ubukata Manager, Race Tyre Development

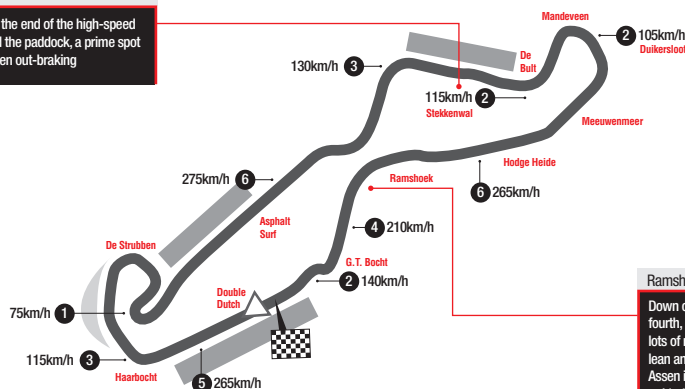
Assen's circuit characteristics are not dissimilar to those we saw at Donington last weekend with a disproportion of right and left-hand turns. There are an incredible 17 corners at Assen with the 11 right-hand corners placing the right-hand side of the tyre under great stress, and six left-hand corners demanding a good warm-up performance from that side of the tyre. However, Assen's most difficult aspect from a tyre point of view is the inconsistency of the asphalt around the lap, as a result of its substantial reprofiling for the 2006 event. The remodelled first sector has newer asphalt, while we must also contend with the older, more traditional track layout and asphalt. The first part of the lap is a very tight, slow section, similar in ways to the first corners at Shanghai, followed by a series of complex 90-degree angle corners. Usually, we run soft to medium compound rear tyres, as we again try to find the balance between the all-important factors of tyre grip and durability. The performance of our qualifying tyres will also be important because there are not many overtaking opportunities, although as we have seen, if the rider-bike-tyre package is competitive, then anything is possible!



NETHERLANDS Assen

Stekkenwal

The corner at the end of the high-speed slalom behind the paddock, a prime spot for drafting then out-braking



GEAR SELECTION = 1

All speed and gear information taken from 2007

Ramshoek

Down one gear to fourth, lots of throttle, lots of revs, lots of lean angle, this is why Assen is always called a rider's circuit

Circuit information

First race	1949
GPs held	59
Laps	26 (MotoGP), 24 (250cc), 22 (125cc)
Race distance	118.430 km / 73.580 miles
Track length	4.555 km / 2.830 miles
Track width	10-14m
Longest straight	0.560 km / 0.348 miles
Corners	17 (11 right, 6 left)

Circuit records

Pole position	1m 36.411s (170.084 km/h)
	John Hopkins (Suzuki, 2006)
Race lap	1m 37.106s (168.867 km/h)
	Nicky Hayden (Honda, 2006)
Race time	42m 27.404s (167.366 km/h)
	Nicky Hayden (Honda, 2006)
Most Wins	6 (Giacomo Agostini 1968-72, 74)
2007 Winner	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha)



Riding perspective

Valentino Rossi Fiat Yamaha Team

Assen is another of my preferred race tracks and I have some good memories from the past. Last year we had a great, great race when I was able to win starting from 11th. This year, I hope we can repeat such a performance, but hopefully starting from higher up on the grid. Like many riders, I enjoyed racing at the 'old' Assen, but nevertheless it remains a fantastic place for racing with a great atmosphere from the fans. We had a good race at Donington last weekend and, although I would have liked to battle more with Casey for the win, second place still enabled us to extend our lead of the championship. Assen represents the halfway point of the season, so there is still a lot to play for in this championship. We continue to make good progress with my M1 and Bridgestone tyres, and I hope we have the package to fight for the victory this weekend.

Event schedule Local time

THURSDAY 26 JUNE	FRIDAY 27 JUNE	SATURDAY 28 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 (22 Laps)
13:55-14:55 MotoGP Free Practice 2	13:55-14:55 MotoGP Qualifying Practice	12:15 250cc Race (24 Laps)
15:10-15:55 250cc Qualifying Practice 1	15:10-15:55 250cc Qualifying Practice 2	14:00 MotoGP Race (26 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:** 135 (52 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)

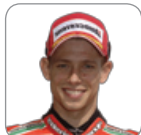


Sylvain Guintoli Bike number 50

DOB: 24 June 1982 **Nationality:** French **GP Debut:** Czech Republic 2002 (MotoGP), Japan 2001 (250cc) **GP Starts:** 107 (27 in MotoGP, 80 in 250cc) **Wins:** 0 (Best result 13th in MotoGP, 3rd in 250cc, Assen 2003) **Poles:** 0 **Best MotoGP Championship:** 16th (2007 with Yamaha)

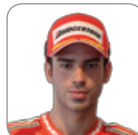
Ducati Corse

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:** 103 (42 in MotoGP, 31 in 250cc, 30 in 125cc) **Wins:** 19 (12 in MotoGP, 5 in 250cc, 2 in 125cc) **Poles:** 12 (8 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:** 163 (87 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:** 200 (140 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)

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:** 126 (33 in MotoGP/500cc, 92 in 250cc, 1 in 125cc) **Wins:** 1 (1 in 250cc) **Poles:** 0 **Best MotoGP Championship:** 15th (2007 with Kawasaki)

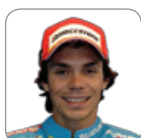


John Hopkins Bike number 21

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:** 45 (45 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:** 273 (162 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:** 138 (8 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:** 157 (123 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

Nakano's Return

Shinya Nakano is one of the most experienced riders using Bridgestone's MotoGP tyres, having raced on a Bridgestone-shod Kawasaki for three seasons from 2004 to 2006. He switched teams for the 2007 season, but made a welcome return to Bridgestone tyres for the 2008 season with the San Carlo Honda Gresini team.

In the eight races up to and including last weekend's British Grand Prix, Nakano finds himself back in the top ten of the championship table with a string of top ten race finishes to his credit, and cites the team and tyres as a reason for his recent rejuvenation.

"Bridgestone gives me a lot of confidence and I think they really suit my style. I know Bridgestone's working methods well and this is a very comfortable way for me."

"I am very happy being with the Honda Gresini team," he says. "I know this team well from my time as a 250cc rider when I was fighting with them on track, so I already knew how strong they are. I am very pleased also with my return

to Bridgestone tyres because I have many good memories from my time with them.

"Bridgestone works in a very precise way and this makes tyre selection much easier," he continues. "Also, it helps when giving the feedback to the engineers. Being a Japanese rider with a Japanese

machine and a Japanese tyre manufacturer, I am under a bit of pressure, but on the other hand, of course, it is easier for me to communicate with the engineers. If I have some specific questions, I can obviously ask them in my own language."



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Last year's race



2007 QUALIFYING RESULTS

1	C Vermeulen Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	1m 48.555s	Pole+
2	C Stoner Ducati Corse : B	1m 48.572s	0.017
3	R De Puniet Kawasaki Racing Team : B	1m 49.579s	1.024
4	M Melandri Honda Gresini : B	1m 49.679s	1.124
5	J Hopkins Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	1m 49.684s	1.129
6	C Edwards Fiat Yamaha Team : M	1m 49.691s	1.136
7	A West Kawasaki Racing Team : B	1m 49.807s	1.252
8	A Hofmann Pramac d'Antin : B	1m 49.927s	1.372
9	D Pedrosa Repsol Honda Team : M	1m 50.132s	1.577
10	L Capirossi Ducati Corse : B	1m 50.169s	1.614
11	V Rossi Fiat Yamaha Team : M	1m 50.392s	1.837
12	A Barros Pramac d'Antin : B	1m 50.402s	1.847
13	N Hayden Repsol Honda Team : M	1m 50.581s	2.026
14	Ku. Roberts Team Roberts : M	1m 51.259s	2.704
15	S Nakano Konica Minolta Honda : M	1m 51.827s	3.272
16	C Checa Honda LCR : M	1m 53.271s	4.716
17	S Guintoli Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	1m 54.253s	5.698
18	M Tamada Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	1m 57.525s	8.970
	T Elias Honda Gresini : B		

2007 NETHERLANDS - ASSEN

Round	9
Date	30 June 2007
Race distance	118.436 km / 73.592 miles
Weather	Dry
Temperature	32°C (Track), 21°C (Ambient)
Humidity	38%
Fastest lap	Valentino Rossi 1m 37.433s : M

2007 RACE RESULTS

1	V Rossi Fiat Yamaha Team : M	42m 37.149s
2	C Stoner Ducati Corse : B	+1.909
3	N Hayden Repsol Honda Team : M	+6.077
4	D Pedrosa Repsol Honda Team : M	+10.465
5	J Hopkins Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+13.138
6	C Edwards Fiat Yamaha Team : M	+15.139
7	A Barros Pramac d'Antin : B	+36.075
8	A Hofmann Pramac d'Antin : B	+41.768
9	A West Kawasaki Racing Team : B	+43.605
10	M Melandri Honda Gresini : B	+43.796
11	C Checa Honda LCR : M	+43.826
12	S Nakano Konica Minolta Honda : M	+47.896
13	M Tamada Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+54.068
14	S Guintoli Dunlop Yamaha Tech 3 : D	+57.718
15	Ku. Roberts Team Roberts : M	+1m 28.637
16	C Vermeulen Rizla Suzuki MotoGP : B	+1m 34.808
NC	L Capirossi Ducati Corse : B	9 laps
NC	R De Puniet Kawasaki Racing Team : B	15 laps

B : Bridgestone M : Michelin D : Dunlop

BRIDGESTONE Motorsport

Team news

■ Ant West favours Assen

Anthony West is looking forward to the Dutch TT after a breakthrough performance in Donington last weekend which saw the Australian qualify in seventh place and finish the race in tenth. "In Donington, the machine set-up felt good, as did the Bridgestone tyres, and although there are many more improvements to be made, I really believe we can work on these. The next round at Assen is one of my more favoured tracks so I'm really looking forward to racing there."

■ Spies happy with debut

MotoGP debutant Ben Spies was pleased with his Donington weekend, as stand-in rider for Loris Capirossi at Rizla Suzuki: "It was a tough race as I was still trying to learn the tyres, the bike and the track in the first few laps. I was running times towards the end that would have put us in the top-10 so I'm quite pleased with that. I was definitely getting more comfortable on the bike and even though the result wasn't what I wanted the times at the end were really fast and I'm happy with that."

■ Alice team optimistic

Technical Director of the Alice Team, Fabiano Sterlacchini is hopeful of further improvements in Assen after an encouraging performance at the British GP last weekend: "With all the difficulties we found, the eleventh position gives us good hopes. We knew that with these track conditions, much more similar to the last Barcelona test, we were more competitive. Next weekend in Assen we will try other solutions tried during the test to improve even more."

2002-08 Cumulative statistics

- 108 Grands Prix
- 1 World Championship
- 25 Victories
- 23 Pole positions
- 69 Podiums (in 46 GPs)
- 72 Front Row starts (in 52 GPs)
- 4095 Championship Points



Casey Stoner's Donington win was the 25th MotoGP victory on Bridgestone tyres

Fast fact

The strength in depth of Bridgestone's rider line-up for 2008 is proven by their combined prowess around Assen: Valentino Rossi has won in all three categories – 125cc, 250cc and MotoGP; Marco Melandri won in both 125cc and 250cc; Loris Capirossi twice in 250cc; Anthony West in 250cc; Toni Elias in 125cc; while Chris Vermeulen was three-time world superbike winner at the track.



Ant West has enjoyed victory in Assen



125cc Assen winner Steve Jenkner

Fast fact

Former riders Masao Azuma and Steve Jenkner, both now field engineers for Bridgestone, were also successful in the 125cc class at Assen. Jenkner won 2003's rain-hit race, while Azuma won using Bridgestone tyres in 1999.

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	162	R 5 Q 7	R 2 Q 5	R 3 Q 3	R 1 Q 2	R 1 Q 4	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1	R 2 Q 1
2 Dani Pedrosa	151	R 3 Q 4	R 1 Q 2	R 2 Q 2	R 2 Q 2	R 2 Q 1	R 4 Q 1	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2	R 3 Q 2
3 Casey Stoner	117	R 1 Q 4	R 1 Q 7	R 6 Q 9	R 3 Q 3	R 16 Q 3	R 2 Q 4	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3	R 2 Q 3
4 Jorge Lorenzo	104	R 2 Q 1	R 3 Q 1	R 1 Q 1	R 4 Q 4	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 7	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5	R 2 Q 5
5 Colin Edwards	82	R 7 Q 3	R 9 Q 3	R 4 Q 5	R 13 Q 1	R 7 Q 7	R 3 Q 2	R 5 Q 5	R 11 Q 5	R 5 Q 5	R 5 Q 5	R 5 Q 5	R 5 Q 5	R 5 Q 5	R 5 Q 5	R 5 Q 5	R 5 Q 5	R 5 Q 5	R 5 Q 5
6 Andrea Dovizioso	68	R 4 Q 9	R 13 Q 13	R 8 Q 7	R 11 Q 11	R 5 Q 10	R 6 Q 13	R 8 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 4 Q 7
7 Nicky Hayden	57	R 10 Q 6	R 4 Q 4	R 13 Q 4	R 10 Q 10	R 8 Q 6	R 13 Q 3	R 8 Q 3	R 7 Q 4	R 7 Q 4	R 7 Q 4	R 7 Q 4	R 7 Q 4	R 7 Q 4	R 7 Q 4	R 7 Q 4	R 7 Q 4	R 7 Q 4	R 7 Q 4
8 James Toseland	53	R 6 Q 2	R 10 Q 8	R 6 Q 6	R 12 Q 7	R 4 Q 7	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8	R 6 Q 8
9 Loris Capirossi	51	R 8 Q 13	R 5 Q 10	R 11 Q 12	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 6	R 7 Q 11	R 9 Q 3	R 7 Q 12	R 7 Q 12	R 7 Q 12	R 7 Q 12	R 7 Q 12	R 7 Q 12	R 7 Q 12	R 7 Q 12	R 7 Q 12	R 7 Q 12	R 7 Q 12
10 Shinya Nakano	49	R 13 Q 15	R 9 Q 11	R 10 Q 11	R 10 Q 13	R 6 Q 13	R 10 Q 9	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7
11 Chris Vermeulen	48	R 17 Q 11	R 10 Q 12	R 8 Q 13	R 8 Q 8	R 5 Q 8	R 11 Q 11	R 6 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 7 Q 8	R 7 Q 8
12 John Hopkins	32	R 12 Q 10	R 7 Q 9	R 9 Q 10	R 14 Q 14	R 2 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14	R 9 Q 14
13 Marco Melandri	29	R 11 Q 16	R 12 Q 18	R 4 Q 17	R 3 Q 12	R 11 Q 17	R 5 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18	R 11 Q 18
14 Toni Elias	29	R 14 Q 14	R 15 Q 16	R 12 Q 14	R 8 Q 15	R 8 Q 15	R 11 Q 14	R 12 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14	R 11 Q 14
15 Alex de Angelis	25	R 12 Q 12	R 14 Q 14	R 11 Q 16	R 16 Q 16	R 12 Q 15	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10	R 4 Q 10
16 Randy de Puniet	22	R 9 Q 5	R 7 Q 6	R 15 Q 8	R 13 Q 1	R 9 Q 3	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7	R 9 Q 7
17 Sylvain Guintoli	18	R 15 Q 17	R 16 Q 17	R 14 Q 18	R 15 Q 17	R 13 Q 16	R 13 Q 17	R 11 Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 13 Q 15	R 13 Q 15
18 Anthony West	16	R 16 Q 18	R 13 Q 15	R 16 Q 15	R 17 Q 18	R 17 Q 18	R 14 Q 19	R 15 Q 17	R 12 Q 4	R 12 Q 4	R 12 Q 4	R 12 Q 4	R 12 Q 4	R 12 Q 4	R 12 Q 4	R 12 Q 4	R 12 Q 4	R 12 Q 4	R 12 Q 4

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	578	8	1st (Rossi)	5 (x3 Rossi) (x2 Stoner)	3 (2x Stoner) (1x Rossi)	12

Bridgestone Motorsport Round-Up



FORMULA ONE Ferrari drivers Felipe Massa and Kimi Raikkonen took a 1-2 result at the French Grand Prix in Magny-Cours last weekend. Toyota's Jarno Trulli took the team's first podium of 2008 with third position. Massa leads the championship on 48 points, ahead of Robert Kubica (BMW Sauber) on 46, and Raikkonen on 43.



GP2 SERIES Giorgio Pantano inherited victory in the Magny-Cours feature race on Saturday after Bruno Senna and Romain Grosjean both retired from the lead. Arden duo Sebastien Buemi and Yelmer Buurman took a 1-2 result in Sunday's damp-drying sprint race. Pantano leads the series by seven points from Bruno Senna.



INDYCAR SERIES Chip Ganassi's Dan Wheldon took victory at the Iowa Speedway last weekend, winning ahead of Andretti Green drivers Hideki Mutoh and Marco Andretti. The win boosts Wheldon's third place in the championship, just one point adrift of Helio Castroneves but 49 behind class leader Scott Dixon.

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