

MotoGP facts & figures

■ **Jorge Lorenzo** has finished on the podium sixteen times in the last twenty-one races since the start of the 2009 season. During this period, the only time he has finished a race and not been on the podium is the 4th place finish at the Malaysian Grand Prix last year, when he started from the back of the grid after problems with his bike resulted in him not taking his correct place on the grid.



■ **Dani Pedrosa** has scored points at the last fourteen races starting with his victory at Laguna Seca last year. During this 14 race period he has had ten podium finishes including three victories. Following his win at the Italian Grand Prix, Pedrosa will be aiming to take back-to-back MotoGP victories for the first time.



■ Spanish riders have won the last three MotoGP races. A win for a Spanish rider at Silverstone will equal the longest run of successive premier-class wins for Spain achieved by **Alex Criville** in his championship winning season of 1999.

■ Prior to this year, Spanish riders had only twice filled both of the top two places in the premier-class; at the French GP in 2004 and in Portugal in 2008. In the first four races of this year Spanish riders have already twice been one/two in the MotoGP class.

■ The British Grand Prix last year at Donington was the last time that there was a MotoGP podium without a Spanish rider.

Ten years of Grand Prix racing at Silverstone

Grand Prix racing returns to Silverstone after a gap of 23 years. The first Grand Prix to be held at Silverstone was in 1977, when the British round of the world championship was moved from its previously traditional home of the Isle of Man TT circuit. The Grand Prix was held for ten successive years at the Northampton circuit, before moving to Donington:

1977 – This was the final race of the season and British hopes were high for a win in the 500cc class by a home rider, with reigning champion Barry Sheene qualifying on pole on his factory Suzuki. However Sheene retired with mechanical problems on lap nine. This left the door open for team-mate Steve Parrish to lead the race into the closing stages only to crash with a couple of laps to go. Fellow Britain John Williams then moved into the lead before he also crashed out. Finally the third factory Suzuki rider, American Pat Hennen, took the victory. Kork Ballington had a double victory in the 350cc and 250cc classes on his private Yamaha machines and in the 125cc race, Pierluigi Conforti took his only ever GP victory.

1978 – The 500cc GP ended in chaos, after rain started to fall mid-way through the race. With no specific rules to deal with such a situation, the riders had to enter the pits to change tyres. Barry Sheene (Suzuki) was by far the quickest rider after the tyre change but suffered with a pit stop that took over 7 minutes. By contrast the eventual winner Kenny Roberts (Yamaha) was in the pits for less than 3 minutes. Splitting these two riders on the podium was Britain's Steve Manship, who had gambled on starting the race with intermediate tyres. Kork Ballington (Kawasaki) won the 350cc race from British riders Tom Herron and Mick Grant. Toni Mang scored the first of his record 33 victories in the 250cc class, with Herron once again finishing second. Angel Nieto won the 125cc race riding a Minarelli from British rider Clive Horton.

1979 – The two top riders of the day, Barry Sheene and Kenny Roberts, exchanged the lead throughout the 500cc race. Roberts eventually took the win by 0.03 seconds in one of the closest finishes of all-time. In the 250cc race Morbidelli factory rider Graziano Rossi (Valentino's father) fell on the final lap of the race when holding a two second lead. Kork Ballington (Kawasaki) took advantage of Rossi's misfortune to win the race and then did the double by winning the 350cc race. Angel Nieto repeated his 125cc victory of the previous year.

1980 – After a great battle early in the 500cc race, Randy Mamola (Suzuki) pulled clear of fellow American Kenny Roberts to win the race with Marco Lucchinelli finishing third and Graziano Rossi finishing fourth. Toni Mang (Kawasaki) won the 350cc race and Kork Ballington (Kawasaki) was once again victorious in the 250cc class. In the 125cc class Loris Reggiani (Minarelli) took his first ever Grand Prix win.

1981 – The edge was taken of this race as early as the third lap when race leader and pole position man Graeme Crosby crashed and took out Barry Sheene and forced championship leader Marco Lucchinelli into the catch fencing. Dutchman Jack Middelburg (Suzuki) went on to win the race from Randy Mamola and Kenny Roberts. This was the last time that a premier-class GP race was won by a true privateer rider. Toni Mang (Kawasaki) won both the 350cc and 250cc race. The home crowd were given something to cheer with Keith Huewen finishing second in the 350cc race. Angel Nieto (Minarelli) won in the 125cc class at Silverstone for the third time.

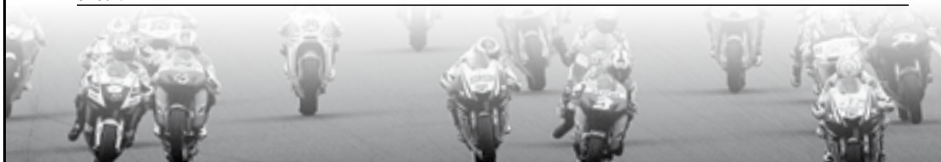
1982 – Barry Sheene had a huge crash in practice that eliminated him from the 500cc race and Kenny Roberts' race was short lived with a crash at the first corner. With his two main challengers out of the race, Franco Uncini (Suzuki) cruised to a comfortable victory which effectively sealed the world title. Jean-Francois Balde (Kawasaki) won a tremendous 350cc race and Martin Wimmer (Yamaha) won the 250cc race from pole having crashed out of the earlier 350cc race which he also started from pole. Angel Nieto won the 125cc race once again – this time riding a Garelli.

1983 – The 500cc race was run in two parts, after the race had been stopped due to a big crash in which Norman Brown and Peter Huber lost their lives. Kenny Roberts took overall victory from great rival Freddie Spencer with Randy Mamola making it an all USA podium. There was an historic win in the 250cc race with Jacques Bole giving Pernod their one and only GP victory. Angel Nieto won the 125cc race at Silverstone for the fifth time.

1984 – Riding as a replacement for the injured Freddie Spencer, Randy Mamola won first time out on the V-four Honda from fellow American Eddie Lawson and British rider Ron Haslam. Christian Sarron (Yamaha) won the 250cc race on the way to taking the world title and Angel Nieto won the 125cc race and in doing so clinched his 13th and last world title.

1985 – In horrendously wet conditions, Freddie Spencer (Honda) won the 500cc race after finishing fourth in the earlier 250cc race to clinch the world championship title. British rider Alan Carter had led the 250cc race until mid distance before crashing and re-starting to finish seventh. Toni Mang (Honda) took the 250cc race victory from Reinhold Roth and Manfred Herweh in an all German podium. Austrian rider August Auinger (Monnet) won the 125cc race.

1986 – As in the previous year, the event was held in terrible wet weather. Wayne Gardner (Honda) had a start to finish win in the main race after starting from pole position. Winner of the 250cc race was Dominique Sarron (Honda) – brother of the winner of the race in 1984. Alan Carter crashed out of the 250cc race once again; this time on the last lap while challenging for the lead. August Auinger (Bartol) repeated his 125cc win of the previous year. History was made in the 80cc race held in the dry weather on Saturday, when Ian McConnachie (Krauser) became the only British rider to win a Grand Prix race for solo motorcycles around the Silverstone circuit.



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■ **Andrea Dovizioso's** maiden MotoGP victory at Donington last year was his only podium finish of 2009. Dovizioso has already had three podium finishes in the first four races of 2010.

■ The MotoGP race at the Italian Grand Prix was the first time that two factory Honda Team riders have finished together on the podium since the German Grand Prix of 2007, when **Dani Pedrosa** won and Nicky Hayden finished third.

■ **Nicky Hayden's** crash at Mugello resulted in his first non-finish since he was knocked off by De Angelis on the first lap of the San Marino GP last year.

■ **Casey Stoner** is one rider who has raced previously at Silverstone, having won a 125cc race there on his way to finishing runner-up to **Leon Camier** in the British Championship in 2001. However since 2001 there have been substantial changes to the circuit.



■ **Randy de Puniet** has been the top qualifying non-factory rider at every MotoGP race so far this year.

■ **Marco Melandri's** fifth place finish at Mugello is his best dry weather result since he was 5th in Spain last year. Melandri has been the first non-factory Honda rider across the line for the last three races.

■ Silverstone will be the 42nd different venue at which **Loris Capirossi** will have raced at during his Grand Prix career.

■ **Alex Espargaro's** eighth place finish at Mugello is his best result since moving up to compete in the MotoGP class.



Silverstone Grand Prix facts and stats

Below are a collection of facts and statistics from the ten previous Grand Prix events held at the Silverstone circuit:

In addition to the Grand Prix races for solo motorcycles, there were also races included in each of the ten previous events, for Sidecar races.

Pat Hennen won the first ever 500cc GP held at Silverstone from fellow American Steve Baker. This was the first ever one-two finish for American riders in Grand Prix racing.

Just 0.03 seconds separated Kenny Roberts and Barry Sheene in the 500cc race at Silverstone in 1979. This is the closest recorded finish for a 500cc race in the era when timing was done to the nearest hundredth of a second.

In 1979 Honda debuted the NR500 four-stroke challenge to the established 2-stroke machines in the 500cc class. The bikes were ridden by Mick Grant and Takazumi Katayama. Grant crashed at the first corner and Katayama completed a handful of laps before retiring. Freddie Spencer rode an updated version of the NR500 at Silverstone in 1981 and ran as high as fifth place in the race before retiring with mechanical problems.

Toni Mang's win at Silverstone in 1985 made him the only rider to have won 250cc GP races on machines from three different Japanese manufacturers: Kawasaki, Yamaha and Honda.

Kork Ballington and Angel Nieto are the two riders with most GP victories at Silverstone, each having won there on six occasions.

Ten British riders have finished on the podium across all the solo classes of Grand Prix racing at Silverstone: Barry Sheene (1978/500cc/3rd, 1979/500cc/2nd), Tom Herron (1978/250cc/2nd, 1978/350cc/2nd), John Williams (1977/350cc/3rd), Steve Manship (1978/500cc/2nd), Mick Grant (1978/350cc/3rd), Clive Horton (1978/125cc/2nd), Keith Huewen (1981/350cc/2nd), Andy Watts (1984/250cc/2nd), Ron Haslam (1984/500cc/3rd) and Ian McConnachie (1986/80cc/1st)

The first five riders across the line in the 1983 250cc race at Silverstone were covered by just 0.4 seconds – the closest ever top five in the 61 year history of the 250cc class.

Only two riders won Grand Prix races at Silverstone and Donington: Wayne Gardner in the 500cc class and Toni Mang in the 250cc class.

The only British rider to have started from pole at Silverstone, across all solo GP classes, is Barry Sheene - in the 500cc race in 1977.

In the years 1977 to 1986, the Grand Prix races held at Silverstone would have as many as eight riders lining up along the front row of the grid.

In 1979, footage shot at Silverstone was used as a basis for the race scenes in the film "Silver Dream Racer" starring David Essex. The actual bike used was a British built Sparton ridden by Roger Marshall.

Valentino Rossi misses Italian Grand Prix

Following his crash at Mugello, Valentino Rossi missed out on starting a Grand Prix for the first time in his career. This brings to an end a record sequence of 230 successive Grand Prix starts. As shown in the following table, the only other rider who has had an unbroken sequence of more than 200 Grand Prix starts is Rossi's great rival Max Biaggi, who competed in 201 successive GP events starting with the 250cc race at Donington in 1992 and ending with his last GP race at Valencia at the end of 2005. Third rider on this list is MotoGP rider Randy de Puniet, who has the longest currently ongoing sequence of successive GP events. De Puniet is on target to reach the milestone of 200 races without missing by the end of this season, if he competes in each of the MotoGP races in 2010. The sequence of successive race starts by Rossi included 170 in the premier-class, which is also a record as shown in the second table. Following Rossi's accident at Mugello the current rider with the longest still ongoing sequence of successive starts in the premier-class is Colin Edwards, who has not missed a race since making his Grand Prix debut at the first race of 2003.

RIDERS WITH LONGEST SEQUENCE OF STARTS AT SUCCESSIVE GP EVENTS

Rider	Number of successive GP events	First race in sequence	Last race in sequence
1.Valentino Rossi	230 (125cc, 250cc, 500cc, MotoGP)	125cc/Malaysia/1996/Shah Alam	MotoGP/France/2010/Le Mans
2.Max Biaggi	201 (250cc, 500cc, MotoGP)	250cc/GB/1992/Donington	MotoGP/Valencia/2005/Ricardo Tormo
3.Randy de Puniet	186 (125cc, 250cc, MotoGP)	125cc/Malaysia/1999/Sepang	MotoGP/Italy/2010/Mugello
4.Alex de Angelis	165 (125cc, 250cc, MotoGP)	125cc/South Africa/2000/Welkom	Moto2/Qatar/2010/Losail
5.Alex Barros	158 (500cc/MotoGP)	500cc/Brazil/1992/Interlagos	MotoGP/Dutch TT/2003/Assen

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■ **Wayne Gardner** is the only rider to have won premier-class races at both Silverstone and Donington. There will be three riders competing at Silverstone this year who could match this achievement: **Dani Pedrosa, Casey Stoner and Andrea Dovizioso**.

Moto2 facts & figures

■ The top ten finishers in the Moto2 race in Italy were covered by just 8.931 seconds. This is the first time outside the 125cc class that a Grand Prix has run for the full race has had the first ten riders cross the line in less than 10 seconds.

■ Nine different riders have finished on the podium in the first four Moto2 races. Only **Toni Elias, Shoya Tomizawa** and **Simone Corsi** have finished on the podium twice.

■ At the Italian Grand Prix, **Andrea Iannone** became the first rider to win a Moto2 race from pole position. This was the first win for Iannone since he took the 125cc GP victory in Catalunya last year.

■ Only four riders have scored points in all four Moto2 races held so far; **Toni Elias, Simone Corsi, Sergio Gadea** and **Gabor Talmacsi**.

■ **Sergio Gadea's** second place finish in Italy was the first time he had stood on the podium since he was second in the 125cc GP in Germany last year.



■ **Simone Corsi** has finished third at the last two races, his first back-to-back podium finishes since the final two 125cc races of 2008 in Malaysia and Valencia.



RIDERS WITH LONGEST SEQUENCE OF SUCCESSIVE STARTS IN THE PREMIER-CLASS

Rider	Number of successive GP starts	First race in sequence	Last race in sequence
1. Valentino Rossi	170	South Africa/2000/Welkom	France/2010/Le Mans
2. Alex Barros	158	Brazil/1992/ Interlagos	Dutch TT/2003/Assen
3. Max Biaggi	127	Japan/1998/Suzuka	Valencia/2005/Ricardo Tormo
4. Shinya Nakano	124	Portugal/2001/Estoril	Valencia/2008/Ricardo Tormo
5. Colin Edwards	123	Japan/2003/Suzuka	Italy/2010/Mugello

Dani Pedrosa moving up the all-time winners list

Dani Pedrosa's win at Mugello was the 32nd victory of his Grand Prix career. As shown below, this places Pedrosa in 15th place in terms of all-time Grand Prix victories above such riders as four time world champions Kork Ballington and Eddie Lawson. One more victory for Pedrosa and he will equal the number of career wins of Geoff Duke, who won six world championship titles in the 1950's.

GRAND PRIX WINS – ALL SOLO CLASSES

Rider	Wins	MotoGP/500cc	350cc	250cc	125cc	80cc/50cc
1. Giacomo Agostini	122	68	54			
2. Valentino Rossi	104	78		14	12	
3. Angel Nieto	90				62	28
4. Mike Hailwood	76	37	16	21	2	
5. Mick Doohan	54	54				
6. Phil Read	52	11	4	27	10	
7. Jim Redman	45	2	21	18	4	
8. Max Biaggi	42	13		29		
Toni Mang	42		8	33	1	
10. Carlo Ubbiali	39			13	26	
11. John Surtees	38	22	15	1		
12. Jorge Martinez	37				15	22
13. Luca Cadalora	34	8		22	4	
14. Geoff Duke	33	22	11			
15. Dani Pedrosa	32	9		15	8	
16. Kork Ballington	31		14	17		
Eddie Lawson	31	31				
18. Luigi Taveri	30			2	22	6
19. Loris Capirossi	29	9		12	8	
20. Jorge Lorenzo	28	7		17	4	

Marc Marquez among youngest Grand Prix winners of all-time

At the Italian Grand Prix, Marc Marquez took his first ever Grand Prix victory to become the eighth youngest rider of all-time to stand on the top step of a Grand Prix podium, as shown in the following table:

YOUNGEST RIDERS TO WIN A GRAND PRIX

Rider	Age	Race
1. Scott Redding (GB)	15 years 170 days	125cc/Britain/2008/Donington
2. Marco Melandri (Ita)	15 years 324 days	125cc/Dutch TT/1998/Assen
3. Jorge Lorenzo (Spa)	16 years 139 days	125cc/Rio/2003/Nelson Piquet
4. Ivan Goi (Ita)	16 years 157 days	125cc/Austria/1996/A1-Ring
5. Hector Barbera (Spa)	16 years 253 days	125cc/Britain/2003/Donington
6. Daniel Pedrosa (Spa)	16 years 273 days	125cc/Dutch TT/2002/Assen
7. Marco Simoncelli (Ita)	17 years 103 days	125cc/Spain/2004/Jerez
8. Marc Marquez (Spa)	17 years 109 days	125cc/Italy/2010/Mugello
9. Loris Capirossi (Ita)	17 years 123 days	125cc/GB/1990/Donington
10. Valentino Rossi (Ita)	17 years 184 days	125cc/Czech/1996/Brno

125cc facts & figures

■ Every one of the first four 125cc GP podiums of the year have been filled by Spanish riders. The last time that one country dominated the podium to such an extent in the 125cc class was back at the very start of world championship motorcycle Grand Prix racing in 1949. Every one of the first seven 125cc GP podiums were filled by Italian riders.

■ Spanish riders have won the last fourteen 125cc races. The last non-Spanish winner in the 125cc class was **Andrea Iannone** at the Catalan Grand Prix last year. This is the longest sequence of successive race victories for Spanish riders in the 125cc class. A win by a Spanish rider at Silverstone and it will equal the longest sequence of successive 125cc GP wins by one Nation, which was achieved by Italian riders over the 1955/56/57 seasons.



■ Following his first ever Grand Prix win in Italy, if **Marc Marquez** repeats the success at Silverstone he will become the second youngest rider ever to have back-to-back GP wins after **Marco Melandri**.

■ With his second place finish in Italy, **Nico Terol** is the first rider since **Alvaro Bautista** in 2006 to finish on the podium at the opening four 125cc GP races of the year. The last rider to start the season with five successive podiums in the 125cc class was **Haruchika Aoki** in 1996.



■ **Pol Espargaro** has finished in the top four in eight successive races, which has included six podiums and three victories.

Grand Prix racing numbers

150 — At the British GP, former 125cc world champion **Gabor Talmacsi**, is scheduled to make his 150th Grand Prix start. Talmacsi made his GP debut as a wild-card rider at the Czech GP in 2000 before becoming a full-time Grand Prix rider at the start of the 2001 season.

45 years ago — On the first day of practice at Silverstone it will be exactly 45 years since **Mike Hailwood** won the 500cc race in the Isle of Man in 1965 after crashing in the heavy rain and re-starting.

31 — **Kenny Noyes** will celebrate his 31st birthday on the first day of practice at Silverstone.

12 — The first twelve riders across the line in the Moto2 race at Mugello were all former Grand Prix winners.

11 years ago — Race day at Silverstone will be the 11th anniversary of **Alex Criville** winning the Catalan GP in 1999 having won the previous three races at Jerez, Paul Ricard and Mugello. This was the first time that a European rider had won four successive 500cc races since **Giacomo Agostini** in 1972.

9 — **Dani Pedrosa's** victory at the Italian Grand Prix means he has now won at least one Grand Prix for nine successive seasons. Only seven other riders have won GP races in nine or more successive seasons: **Valentino Rossi**, **Max Biaggi**, **Angel Nieto**, **Giacomo Agostini**, **Luca Cadalora**, **Mick Doohan** and **Stefan Dorflinger**.

9 — **Dani Pedrosa's** win in Italy was his 9th victory in the MotoGP class. This is the same number of wins in the premier-class as **Sete Gibernau**. The only Spanish rider with more victories in the premier-class is **Alex Criville** with fifteen.

0.161 seconds — The time covering the first four riders across the line in the 125cc race at Mugello. This is the third closest top four of all-time in the 125cc class; the only two races that have been closer have also been at Mugello, in 2007 and 2008.

