

# 06 NETHERLANDS

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## FROM THE UNKNOWN TO THE HISTORIC

After the entirely new challenge of Silverstone, next up is the historic Dutch GP which this year celebrates its 80th anniversary.

After this year's slight modification to Ruskenhoek and remodelling of the circuit in 2006, Assen's track surface is inconsistent and the mix of newer and older asphalt offers differing levels of grip and abrasion, making it tricky for riders to get a constant feeling throughout a lap and very slippery in the wet. The new sections of tarmac are slippery, whereas the older parts are abrasive.



Generally, Assen is not so demanding for front tyres, but loads are high on the right shoulders of the rear tyres. Turns eleven to thirteen, Mandeven to Meeuwenmeer, are the toughest for the right shoulders because the bikes spend a long time on the side of the tyre at high speed and with the riders accelerating hard out of the corners, and this increases the temperature of the rubber.

**Turns eleven to thirteen, Mandeven to Meeuwenmeer, are the toughest for the right shoulders of the rear tyres**

This additional load on the right shoulder of the rear tyres demands the use of asymmetric slicks to provide good durability and high-speed stability through right-hand corners whilst providing good warm-up performance for the left-handers.

### TYRE TALK

**Tohru Ubukata** - Manager, Bridgestone Motorcycle Tyre Development

“ Assen is a smooth circuit that is demanding of the right shoulder of the rear tyres. Generally the loads on the tyres are not too high, but the right shoulders of the rear tyres reach a relatively high temperature because of the number and nature of the circuit's right-hand corners. This year we will bring asymmetric rear slicks to Assen to provide the riders with a better combination of warm-up performance and durability around Assen's asymmetric layout.

Following its modification in 2006 there are two distinct types of tarmac: the new part is slippery whilst the old is abrasive and this makes it tricky for riders to get a consistent feeling throughout the lap. Our tyres also have to cope with a wide range of corners from very slow to high speed so a wide operating range is particularly beneficial here and good shoulder grip and consistency is crucial. ”



## NETHERLANDS - ASSEN

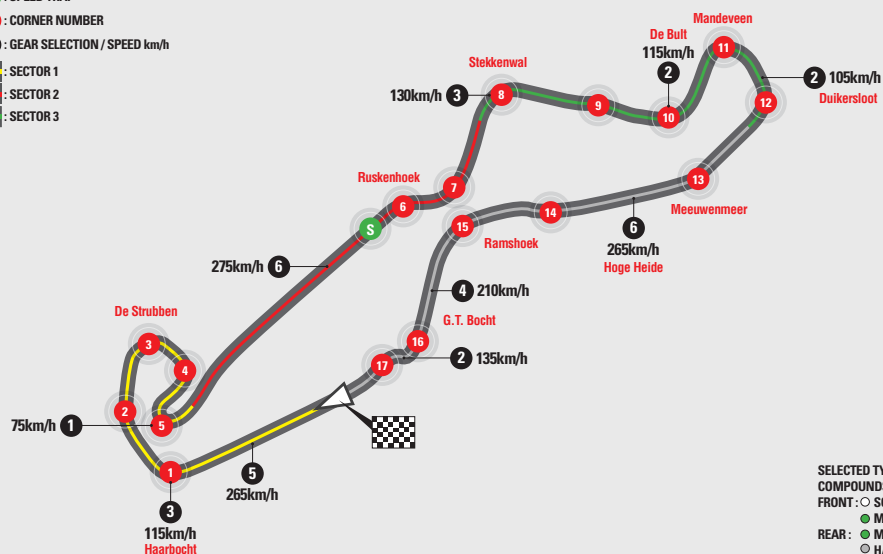
### CIRCUIT SEVERITY RATING

MILD			SEVERE
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FRONT TYRE	LEFT	CENTRE	RIGHT
REAR TYRE	LEFT	CENTRE	RIGHT

### EVENT SCHEDULE LOCAL TIME

THURSDAY	
12:40-13:40	125cc Free Practice 1
13:55-14:55	<b>MotoGP Free Practice 1</b>
15:10-16:10	Moto2 Free Practice 1
FRIDAY	
09:00-09:40	125cc Free Practice 2
09:55-10:55	<b>MotoGP Free Practice 2</b>
11:10-12:10	Moto2 Free Practice 2
13:00-13:40	125cc Qualifying Practice
13:55-14:55	<b>MotoGP Qualifying Practice</b>
15:10-15:55	Moto2 Qualifying Practice
SATURDAY	
08:40-09:00	125cc Warm Up
09:10-09:30	Moto2 Warm Up
09:40-10:00	<b>MotoGP Warm Up</b>
11:00	125cc Race (22 laps)
12:15	Moto2 Race (24 laps)
14:00	<b>MotoGP Race (26 laps)</b>

- S : SPEED TRAP
- 1 : CORNER NUMBER
- 1 : GEAR SELECTION / SPEED km/h
- : SECTOR 1
- : SECTOR 2
- : SECTOR 3



SELECTED TYRE COMPOUNDS:  
FRONT: ○ SOFT  
          ● MEDIUM  
REAR:   ○ MEDIUM  
          ○ HARD

### CIRCUIT INFORMATION

First race	1949
No. of GPs held	61
Laps	26 (MotoGP) 24 (Moto2) 22 (125cc)
Track length	4.542km / 2.822 miles (Width 10-14m)
Race distance	118.092km / 73.378 miles (MotoGP)
Longest straight	0.560km / 0.348 miles
Corners	17 (6 left, 11 right)

### RECORDS

Pole position	1m 35.520s (171.670km/h)
	Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
Fastest lap	1m 36.558s (169.825km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2009)
Race time	42m 12.337s (168.361km/h)
	Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
2009 Winner	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha)

### Fiat Yamaha Team

Machine: Yamaha YZR-M1 Web: www.yamaha-racing.com



**Valentino Rossi Bike number 46**  
Age: 31 DOB: 16/2/1979 Nationality: Italian  
GP Debut: RSA00 (500cc) GP Starts: 170 (MotoGP/500cc)  
Wins: 78 Poles: 49 Fastest laps: 63 Podiums: 132 Points: 3145  
Best championship position: 1st (x7, 2009\*)



**Jorge Lorenzo Bike number 99**  
Age: 23 DOB: 4/5/1987 Nationality: Spanish  
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 39 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 8 Poles: 10 Fastest laps: 7 Podiums: 23 Points: 566  
Best championship position: 2nd (2009)

### Repsol Honda Team

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: www.world.honda.com/motogp



**Dani Pedrosa Bike number 26**  
Age: 31 DOB: 29/9/1985 Nationality: Spanish  
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 74 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 9 Poles: 15 Fastest laps: 16 Podiums: 40 Points: 1013  
Best championship position: 2nd (2007)



**Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4**  
Age: 23 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian  
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 40 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 3 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 6 Points: 412  
Best championship position: 5th (2008)

### Ducati Team

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP10 Web: www.ducati.com



**Casey Stoner Bike number 27**  
Age: 24 DOB: 16/10/1985 Nationality: Australian  
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 70 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 20 Poles: 19 Fastest laps: 18 Podiums: 34 Points: 1021  
Best championship position: 1st (2007)



**Nicky Hayden Bike number 69**  
Age: 28 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American  
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 121 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 6 Podiums: 26 Points: 1143  
Best championship position: 1st (2006)

### Monster Yamaha Tech 3

Machine: Yamaha YZR-M1 Web: www.teamtech3.fr



**Colin Edwards Bike number 5**  
Age: 36 DOB: 27/2/1974 Nationality: American  
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 124 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 0 Poles: 3 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 11 Points: 977  
Best championship position: 4th (2005)



**Ben Spies Bike number 11**  
Age: 26 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American  
GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 9 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 1 Points: 85  
Best championship position: 19th (2008)

### San Carlo Honda Gresini

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: www.gresiniracing.com



**Marco Melandri Bike number 33**  
Age: 37 DOB: 7/8/1982 Nationality: Italian  
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 119 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 5 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 20 Points: 946  
Best championship position: 2nd (2005)



**Marco Simoncelli Bike number 58**  
Age: 23 DOB: 20/1/1987 Nationality: Italian  
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 5 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 32  
Best championship position: NA

### Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

Machine: Suzuki GSV-R Web: www.rizla-suzuki-motogp.co.uk



**Loris Capirossi Bike number 65**  
Age: 37 DOB: 4/4/1973 Nationality: Italian  
GP Debut: AUS95 (500cc) GP Starts: 193 (MotoGP/500cc)  
Wins: 9 Poles: 13 Fastest laps: 10 Podiums: 42 Points: 1766  
Best championship position: 3rd (2006\*)



**Álvaro Bautista Bike number 19**  
Age: 25 DOB: 21/1/1984 Nationality: Spanish  
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 4 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 12  
Best championship position: NA

### Pramac Racing Team

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP10 Web: www.pramacracing.com



**Mika Kallio Bike number 36**  
Age: 27 DOB: 8/11/1982 Nationality: Finnish  
GP Debut: QAT09 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 21 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 83  
Best championship position: 15th (2009)



**Aleix Espargarò Bike number 41**  
Age: 20 DOB: 30/7/1989 Nationality: Spanish  
GP Debut: IND09 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 9 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 38  
Best championship position: 18th (2009)

### LCR Honda MotoGP

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: www.lcr.mc



**Randy de Puniet Bike number 14**  
Age: 29 DOB: 14/2/1981 Nationality: French  
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 75 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 358  
Best championship position: 11th (2009\*)

Web: www.interwetten-honda-motogp.com

### Interwetten Honda MotoGP

Machine: Honda RC212V



**Hiroshi Aoyama Bike number 7**  
Age: 28 DOB: 25/10/1981 Nationality: Japanese  
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 4 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 18  
Best championship position: NA

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP10

Web: www.teamaspar.net

### Paginas Amarillas Aspar



**Héctor Barberá Bike number 40**  
Age: 23 DOB: 2/11/1986 Nationality: Spanish  
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 5 (MotoGP)  
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 24  
Best championship position: NA

## FACT

This Dutch Grand Prix is the 80th edition of the famous TT Assen weekend, which is traditionally held on the last Saturday in June. Past winners include greats such as Duke, Surtees, Hailwood, Agostini, Sheene, Roberts, Gardner, Lawson, Rainey, Schwantz, Doohan and Rossi.

## TOP RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

RIDER	TITLES	WINS	2NDs	3RDs	PODIUMS	POLES
Valentino Rossi	2	16	11	5	32	10
Casey Stoner	1	20	6	7	33	18
Jorge Lorenzo	-	7	7	3	17	6
Loris Capirossi	-	6	7	4	17	5
Dani Pedrosa	-	3	6	7	16	5
Makoto Tamada	-	2	1	1	4	3
Chris Vermeulen	-	1	3	3	7	3
Andrea Dovizioso	-	1	1	3	5	-
Troy Bayliss	-	1	-	-	1	-
Marco Melandri	-	-	3	1	4	-
Toni Elias	-	-	2	3	5	-
John Hopkins	-	-	1	3	4	1
Shinya Nakano	-	-	1	1	2	-
Randy de Puniet	-	-	1	1	2	-
Kenny Roberts Jr	-	-	1	-	1	1
Alex de Angelis	-	-	1	-	1	-
Colin Edwards	-	-	1	-	1	-
Oliver Jacque	-	-	1	-	1	-
Carlos Checa	-	-	-	2	2	-
Nicky Hayden	-	-	-	1	1	-
Ben Spies	-	-	-	1	1	-
Alex Barros	-	-	-	1	1	-
Jeremy McWilliams	-	-	-	-	0	1
Sete Gibernau	-	-	-	-	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>54</b>

Current riders in black

# CALENDAR & RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

RACE KEY	A	B	C	D	Losail	Jerez	Le Mans	Mugello	Silverstone	Assen	Catalunya	Sachsenring	Laguna Seca	Brno	Indianapolis	Misano	Motorland Aragon	Motegi	Sepang	Phillip Island	Estoril	Valencia	
AVAILABLE TYRE COMPOUNDS:	○ Soft	● Medium	● Hard	● Extra Hard	● Wet	QAT	SPA	FRA	ITA	GBR	HOL	CAT	GER	USA	CZE	IND	RSM	ARA	JPN	MAL	AUS	POR	VAL
	11/04/10	02/05/10	23/05/10	06/06/10	20/06/10	26/06/10	04/07/10	18/07/10	25/07/10	15/08/10	29/08/10	05/09/10	19/09/10	03/10/10	10/10/10	17/10/10	31/10/10	07/11/10					

ALLOCATED - FRONT TYRES	ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES	RACE WEATHER CONDITIONS	RACE TRACK CONDITIONS
● Medium ● Ex. Hard	● Medium ● Hard	☀ 24° ☀ 27°	DRY
● Medium ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium	☀ 25° ☀ 45°	DRY
○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	☀ 28° ☀ 48°	DRY
● Medium ● Hard	● Medium ● Hard	☀ 30° ☀ 49°	DRY
○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ● Hard	☀ 18° ☀ 36°	DRY

POS - RIDER	TOTAL WINS	PODIUM	PTS	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1 Jorge Lorenzo (99)	W 3	PD 5	115	F 2 R 3	F 1 R 2	F 1 R 2	F 2 R 2	F 1 R 1													
2 Andrea Dovizioso (4)	W -	PD 4	78	F 3 R 6	F 6 R 9	F 3 R 7	F 3 R 8	F 2 R 4													
3 Dani Pedrosa (26)	W 1	PD 2	73	F 7 R 9	F 2 R 1	F 5 R 3	F 1 R 1	F 8 R 3													
4 Valentino Rossi (46)	W 1	PD 3	61	F 1 R 2	F 3 R 4	F 2 R 1	DNS -	DNS -													
5 Nicky Hayden (69)	W -	PD -	52	F 4 R 9	F 4 R 5	F 4 R 5	AC - R 4	F 4 R 5													
6 Randy de Puniet (14)	W -	PD -	46	F 6 R 4	F 9 R 6	F 7 R 6	F 6 R 6	F 6 R 2													
7 Ben Spies (11)	W -	PD 1	36	F 5 R 11	RT - R 8	AC - R 11	F 7 R 7	F 3 R 7													
8 Casey Stoner (27)	W -	PD -	35	AC - R 1	F 5 R 3	AC - R 4	F 4 R 3	F 5 R 6													
9 Marco Melandri (33)	W -	PD -	32	F 13 R 17	F 11 R 10	F 6 R 12	F 5 R 11	AC - R 8													
10 Marco Simoncelli (58)	W -	PD -	32	F 11 R 15	F 11 R ??	F 10 R 13	F 9 R 11	F 7 R 9													
11 Colin Edwards (5)	W -	PD -	26	F 8 R 8	F 12 R 7	F 12 R 8	F 13 R 5	F 9 R 10													
12 Héctor Barberá (40)	W -	PD -	24	F 12 R 16	F 13 R 14	F 8 R 15	F 12 R 13	F 11 R 11													
13 Aleix Espargarò (41)	W -	PD -	22	AC - R 14	F 15 R 15	F 9 R 10	F 8 R 9	F 10 R 13													
14 Hiroshi Aoyama (7)	W -	PD -	18	F 10 R 10	F 14 R 12	F 11 R 14	F 11 R 10	DNS - R 12													
15 Mika Kallio (36)	W -	PD -	15	AC - R 12	F 7 R 17	F 13 R 16	AC - R 15	F 13 R 3													
16 Loris Capirossi (65)	W -	PD -	13	F 9 R 5	AC - R 11	AC - R 9	F 10 R 12	AC - R 14													
17 Álvaro Bautista (19)	W -	PD -	12	AC - R 13	F 10 R 13	DNS -	F 14 R 16	F 12 R 15													

## TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP

- [1. Fiat Yamaha Team - 176
- [2. Repsol Honda Team - 151
- [3. Ducati Team - 87
- [4. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 64
- [5. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 62
- [6. LCR Honda MotoGP - 46
- [7. Pramac Racing Team - 37
- [8. Rizla Suzuki MotoGP - 25
- [9. Paginas Amarillas Aspar - 24
- [10. Interwetten Honda MotoGP - 18

## CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

- [1. Yamaha - 120
- [2. Honda - 97
- [3. Ducati - 65
- [4. Suzuki - 23

## RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES BY SEASON

YEAR	TEAM AND RIDERS	RACES	CHAMPIONSHIP	TEAMS	WINS	POLES	PODIUMS
2002	2 Teams - 3 Riders	16	12th (Aoki)	7th (Proton)	0 (best 5th)	1	0
2003	2 Teams - 3 Riders	16	11th (Tamada)	9th (Pramac)	0 (best 3rd)	0	1
2004	3 Teams - 5 Riders	16	6th (Tamada)	3rd (Camel)	2 (x2 Tamada)	4	4
2005	3 Teams - 7 Riders	17	6th (Capirossi)	4th (Ducati)	2 (x2 Capirossi)	3	8
2006	3 Teams - 8 Riders	17	3rd (Capirossi)	3rd (Ducati)	4 (x3 Capirossi) (x1 Bayliss)	6	11
2007	5 Teams - 12 Riders	18	1st (Stoner)	1st (Ducati)	12 (x10 Stoner) (x1 Vermeulen) (x1 Capirossi)	6	33
2008	7 Teams - 13 Riders	18	1st (Rossi)	1st (Yamaha)	15 (x9 Rossi) (x6 Stoner)	12	35
2009	12 Teams - 22 Riders	17	1st (Rossi)	1st (Yamaha)	17 (x6 Rossi) (x4 Lorenzo) (x4 Stoner) (x2 Pedrosa) (x1 Dovizioso)	17	51
2010	10 Teams - 17 Riders	5			5 (x3 Lorenzo) (x1 Rossi) (x1 Pedrosa)	5	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>140</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>158</b>

## TEAM NEWS

### CHAMPIONSHIP LEADER FEELING STRONG

Silverstone winner and championship leader Jorge Lorenzo is looking forward to the next high-speed circuit on the calendar, Assen. "Next we go to Assen" said Lorenzo "which is a very special track, and beautiful. For my riding style it is also good." Consistency is the name of the game at this busy point in the season: "At the moment it is important not to crash for the three races in a row. I am feeling very strong mentally at this moment"



### DOVIZIOSO CONFIDENT OF IMPROVEMENTS

With his second position in the British Grand Prix, Andrea Dovizioso moved himself into second position in the championship and is confident ahead of the Dutch race. "The character of the Assen track is not the best for us, but this year we have improved everywhere so I'm sure we can be fast there too" said the Italian. Last year Dovizioso was fourth in the standings coming into the Dutch GP, but crashed out after qualifying eighth.



### ASSEN FAMILIAR TERRITORY FOR SPIES

On the back of his maiden MotoGP podium at Silverstone, Ben Spies is looking forward to Assen, a track at which he has raced, and won, before. "I like the track and have a little more confidence which is important. I followed and learned in Silverstone and tried to put it into play. The result will be hard to replicate but I know the track and we have data, but to run in the top five is not easy right now."



## LAST YEAR'S RACE - NETHERLANDS, ASSEN 2009

FASTEST RACE LAP: Valentino Rossi, Yamaha - Lap 4 - Average speed: 169.825 km/h - Time: 1m 36.558s

### 2009 QUALIFYING TIMES

POS	RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP
1	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	293.1	1m36.025s	
2	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	296.9	1m36.110s	+0.085s
3	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	292.4	1m36.393s	+0.368s
4	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	292.7	1m36.633s	+0.608s
5	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	293.4	1m36.760s	+0.735s
6	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	291.7	1m36.953s	+0.928s
7	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	292.3	1m37.194s	+1.169s
8	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	290.8	1m37.237s	+1.212s
9	James Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	287.6	1m37.323s	+1.298s
10	Randy de Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	294.4	1m37.473s	+1.448s
11	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	288.2	1m37.637s	+1.612s
12	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing	294.5	1m37.749s	+1.724s
13	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	295.4	1m37.759s	+1.734s
14	Marco Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	287.4	1m37.948s	+1.923s
15	Toni Elias	San Carlo Honda Gresini	294.4	1m38.136s	+2.111s
16	Sete Gibernau	Grupo Francisco Hernando	290.3	1m38.453s	+2.428s
17	Niccolo Canepa	Pramac Racing	287.2	1m38.605s	+2.580s
18	Yuki Takahashi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	291.7	1m38.619s	+2.594s
19	Gabor Talmacsi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	282.9	1m39.407s	+3.382s

### 2009 RACE RESULTS

POS	RIDER	TEAM	AVG KM/H	TIME	GAP
1	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	168.2	42m14.611s	
2	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	167.9	42m19.979s	+5.368s
3	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	166.7	42m37.724s	+23.113s
4	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	166.3	42m43.725s	+29.114s
5	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	166.0	42m48.216s	+33.605s
6	James Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	165.6	42m53.958s	+39.347s
7	Randy de Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	165.6	42m54.154s	+39.543s
8	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	165.6	42m54.434s	+39.823s
9	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	165.6	42m55.284s	+40.673s
10	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	165.2	43m00.621s	+46.010s
11	Marco Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	164.5	43m12.388s	+57.777s
12	Toni Elias	San Carlo Honda Gresini	165.6	43m14.385s	+59.774s
13	Sete Gibernau	Grupo Francisco Hernando	164.0	43m19.977s	+65.366s
14	Niccolo Canepa	Pramac Racing	163.7	43m24.508s	+69.897s
14	Yuki Takahashi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	163.7	43m24.541s	+69.930s
16	Gabor Talmacsi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	162.7	43m39.710s	+85.099s
NC	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing	165.7	41m14.211s	1 Lap
NC	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	166.6	16m24.548s	16 Laps
NC	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	165.5	6m36.388s	22 Laps

## FACT

This edition of the TT Assen is the 62nd time the circuit has been a part of the Motorcycle Grand Prix World Championship, making the Dutch venue the only track to have appeared on the calendar every year since the championship's inception in 1949.



## BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

**F1** The Formula One paddock heads to Valencia for the European Grand Prix on the same weekend as the TT Assen, 26-27th June. After eight races this season, Lewis Hamilton heads the standings ahead of McLaren Mercedes teammate Jenson Button. Red Bull's Mark Webber is third overall, just six points behind.

**GP2** The GP2 Series continues in Valencia on the 26-27th June, as the street circuit plays host to the fourth round of the season. After the first three rounds, totalling six races, Pastor Maldonado heads the championship standings, four points ahead of Dani Clos. Luiz Razia is third, a further three points adrift.

**IndyCar** The Iowa Corn Indy 250 held on 20 June was won by Tony Kanaan, ahead of Helio Castroneves and EJ Viso. Will Power moves into the lead of the championship, ahead of Scott Dixon and Dario Franchitti, with Castroneves in fourth. The next round will be held at Watkins Glen on 4 July.

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