

## MotoGP facts & figures

■ The Sachsenring is one of just four of the current circuits where **Jorge Lorenzo** has not had a Grand Prix victory in any class, the others being Valencia, Laguna Seca and Aragon which is being used for the first time this year. In 2008 on his first ride in Germany on a MotoGP machine, he crashed without injury on lap three. Last year he was second while still suffering from injuries from a crash during qualifying for the previous race at Laguna Seca.

■ **Dani Pedrosa** has always been fast at the Sachsenring circuit – he had two victories in the 250cc class before moving up to race in MotoGP. He started from pole on his first visit to the Sachsenring riding a MotoGP machine in 2006 and finished 4th in a sprint to the line. He won the MotoGP race in Germany in 2007, and in 2008 arrived at the German GP leading the championship and had a significant lead in the race in wet conditions when he crashed on lap six. Last year at the German GP he was the top Honda rider in 3rd after qualifying down in 8th on the grid.

■ **Andrea Dovizioso** has finished in fourth place on three occasions in the smaller classes at the Sachsenring, but is still looking for his first podium there. In 2008, on his first ride at the circuit on a MotoGP machine, he qualified 4th and finished the race as top Michelin rider in 5th. In 2009 he had a disappointing German GP, qualifying down in 11th place on the grid and then retiring from the race on the 26th lap with machine problems.

■ **Nicky Hayden** has had more podium finishes at the Sachsenring than at any other circuit, having finished third for the four successive years 2004 to 2007. In 2008 he finished 13th after coming into the pits to change the rear tyre after just one lap. Last year he was 8th in the race after he had a big crash during qualifying when he collided into Canepa's bike, but his 4th place on the grid was his best qualifying result of the year.

■ **Randy de Puniet's** 8th place in 2008 riding a Honda is the only time he has completed a MotoGP race at the Sachsenring; in the previous two years when he had been riding for Kawasaki he had suffered mechanical failure. Last year he crashed on the first lap – one of only two races that he failed to finish in 2009.

■ **Casey Stoner** missed the MotoGP race in Germany in 2006 after crashing in the Sunday morning warm-up session. In 2007 he qualified on pole and then finished

## Grand Prix racing in Germany

The eni Motorrad Grand Prix Deutschland at the Sachsenring will be the 72nd Grand Prix event to be held on German soil. The following gives some facts and figures from the long history of Grand Prix racing in Germany:

The first motorcycle Grand Prix to be held in Germany was the West German Grand Prix held at the Solitude circuit in 1952, when it was reported that 400,000 spectators turned up to watch. Ireland's Reg Armstrong won the 350cc and 500cc races riding Nortons. The home crowd had plenty to cheer, with Rudi Felgenheier winning the 250cc race on a DKW and Werner Haas winning the 125cc race on a NSU.

The first East German Grand Prix was held at the Sachsenring road circuit in 1961. The original circuit used for this event was a closed road circuit 8.73km in length.

The East German GP continued to be held at the Sachsenring each year until 1972, after which the road circuit was considered too dangerous for Grand Prix racing.

The West German Grand Prix continued to be held every year from 1952 through to 1990, when East and West joined to become a unified Germany. Four different circuits were used during this period: Solitude, Schotten, Nurburgring and Hockenheim.

There has been a German Grand Prix held every year since unification – from 1991 to 1994 at the Hockenheim circuit, followed by three years at the Nurburgring and since 1998 at the new Sachsenring.

The newly built Sachsenring circuit was initially just 3.508km long with one short section of track from the old road circuit. Major modifications to the circuit in 2001 and then additional slight alterations in 2003 resulted in the current 3.671 km track layout.

In addition to those mentioned above, one other Grand Prix event has been held in Germany: the Baden-Wurtemberg GP held in 1986 at the Hockenheim circuit for just the 80cc and 125cc classes.



5th suffering from lack of grip in the latter stages. In 2008 he qualified on pole and took his only wet weather win of the year. Last year he led for ten laps in the mid-stages of the race only to fade in the latter stages to finish fourth, suffering the effects of the illness that ruined his year.

■ **Ben Spies** will be racing at the Sachsenring circuit for the first time; the sixth circuit so far in 2010 where he has had no previous racing experience. At the Catalan GP Spies extended his lead in the race to be top Rookie, to 20 points over **Marco Simoncelli**.

■ **Marco Melandri** has won in the 125cc class at the Sachsenring circuit and twice in the 250cc class, including his first GP win on a 250cc machine in 2001. His only podium in the MotoGP class at the Sachsenring was second behind Rossi in the tremendous battle in 2006. Last year he came through the field from down in 13th place on the grid to finish the race in seventh.

■ The Sachsenring circuit is one of **Marco Simoncelli's** most successful venues, where he won in the 250cc class in both of the last two years; the only other circuit where he has achieved this is Phillip Island.

■ **Colin Edwards'** fourth place finish in 2007, after qualifying down in 13th place on the grid, is his best result at the Sachsenring circuit. In 2008 he started from the front row for the first time in Germany but crashed out on lap 21. Last year he finished 9th in Germany, his second worst dry weather finishing position of the year; only in Japan where he had significant machinery issues did he have a worse result in the dry.

■ **Hector Barbera** twice finished on the podium at the Sachsenring whilst competing in the smaller classes: second in the 125cc class in 2004 and second in the 250cc class in 2008. Last year he was fifth in the 250cc GP in Germany, but finished just over a second behind the winner Simoncelli.

■ **Aleix Espargaro**, making just his second Grand Prix start of the year, finished seventh in the 250cc race in Germany last year.

■ **Alvaro Bautista** has had three podium finishes in the smaller classes at the Sachsenring circuit: second in the 125cc race in 2006 and third in the 250cc class for the last two years. His fifth place finish at the Catalan Grand Prix is the best result by a Suzuki rider so far in 2010.

### Record setting start to the year for Jorge Lorenzo

Jorge Lorenzo has had a tremendous start to the season and after seven races is already setting some new records and reaching a number of milestones in his career:

With his win at the Catalan Grand Prix he became the first Yamaha rider to win three successive premier-class races from pole since Eddie Lawson in 1986.

He has finished on the podium at each of the first seven races of the year, joining an elite group of riders who have achieved this previously in the premier-class: John Surtees, Mike Hailwood, Giacomo Agostini, Wayne Rainey, Mick Doohan, Kevin Schwantz and Valentino Rossi.

With his victory at the Catalan Grand Prix he becomes the second most successful Spanish rider of all-time in terms of premier-class GP wins with ten. Alex Criville with fifteen wins on a 500cc machine is the only Spanish rider with more premier-class victories.

He is the first rider since Valentino Rossi in 2005 to finish on the podium at the first seven MotoGP races of the year.

Following his victory at the Catalan Grand Prix, Lorenzo is one of only four riders who have scored three or more successive victories in both the 250cc class and the premier-class. The other three riders who have done this are: Mike Hailwood, Freddie Spencer and Valentino Rossi.

In the twenty races he has finished since the start of last season, only once has he been off the podium, which was a 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.



### Yamaha take 57th win with four-stroke MotoGP bike

Jorge Lorenzo's victory at the Dutch TT was the 57th victory for Yamaha since the introduction of the four-stroke MotoGP class at the start of 2002. Yamaha now head Honda in the following table of MotoGP wins:

#### FOUR-STROKE MOTOGP WINS BY MANUFACTURER

.....	57	1. Yamaha	(30 x 800cc, 27 x 990cc)
.....	56	2. Honda	(8 x 800cc, 48 x 990cc)
.....	28	3. Ducati	(21 x 800cc, 7 x 990cc)
	1	4. Suzuki	(1 x 800cc)

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■ **Loris Capirossi's** second place finish in 2007 is his best result from nine premier-class starts at the Sachsenring circuit. He finished down in 11th place last year at the German Grand Prix at a circuit which Suzuki have traditionally found tough – no Suzuki rider has finished in the top six in a dry weather Grand Prix at the Sachsenring during the four-stroke MotoGP era.

■ With Bautista finishing fifth at the Catalan Grand Prix and Capirossi seventh, it was the first time since Misano in 2008 that Suzuki have had two riders finish in the top seven.

■ **Mika Kallio** has had some good results in the smaller classes in Germany; he won the 125cc race from pole in 2005 and was second in the 250cc race after qualifying on pole in 2007. He was 14th in the MotoGP race last year in Germany still suffering from the hand injuries received in a crash on the last lap at Assen.

■ **Alex de Angelis** has an excellent record at the Sachsenring having finished on the podium for six successive years when racing in the smaller classes; in 2002 and 2003 in the 125cc class, and then four years in the 250cc class. De Angelis finished 4th in Germany in 2008 to equal the best result of his debut season in the MotoGP class. He had another good result last year finishing 5th, which was his best result at that stage of the season.

### Moto2 facts & figures

■ **Toni Elias'** only podium at the Sachsenring circuit was back in 2001 when he finished second in the 125cc class. He had a great MotoGP race in Germany last year, finishing sixth after having a big crash in qualifying and ending up 17th and last on the grid.

■ **Thomas Luthi's** single podium finish at the Sachsenring was second in 2005 on his way to taking the 125cc world title. Luthi has finished on the podium four times in the opening seven races of 2010, which is more top three finishes than any another rider in the Moto2 class

■ **Julian Simon's** victory in the 125cc race at the Sachsenring last year, from pole position, was the first time that he had finished on the podium at the Sachsenring circuit.

■ **Yuki Takahashi** won the 250cc race at the German Grand Prix in 2006. This was the last time he had stood on the top step of the podium before his victory in the Moto2 race at the Catalan GP.

## Derbi going for century of Grand Prix wins

Marc Marquez's victory at the Catalan Grand Prix was the 99th Grand Prix win for Derbi. One more win will result in Derbi becoming just the 6th manufacturer in the 62-year history of Grand Prix racing to reach the milestone of 100 GP victories. Aprilia are still one win away from becoming the most successful non-Japanese manufacturer, as shown in the following table.

### GRAND PRIX WINS BY MANUFACTURER

	Total	MotoGP	500cc	350cc	250cc	125cc	80cc	50cc
1 Honda	631	56	156	35	207	164		13
2 Yamaha	456	57	120	67	165	47		
3 MV-Agusta	275		139	76	26	34		
4 Aprilia	275				143	132		
5 Suzuki	155	1	89			35		30
6 Derbi	99				1	56	25	17
7 Kawasaki	85		2	28	45	10		
8 Kreidler	71							71
9 Gilera	59		35	4	12	8		
10 Garelli	51					44		7



## Marc Marquez wins four successive races

Marc Marquez followed up his maiden GP victory at Mugello with a second one at Silverstone just two weeks later, a third just six days later at the Dutch TT and a fourth at the Grand Prix of Catalunya. This makes him the youngest rider to win four successive Grand Prix races, taking the record from Valentino Rossi:

### YOUNGEST RIDERS TO WIN FOUR SUCCESSIVE GP RACES

1. Marc Marquez	17 years 137 days	125cc/Italy/Great Britain/Dutch TT/Catalunya/2010
2. Valentino Rossi	18 years 154 days	25cc/France/Dutch TT/Imola/Germany/1997
3. Haruchika Aoki	19 years 75 days	125cc/Japan/Spain/Germany/Italy/1995
4. Marco Melandri	19 years 341 days	250cc/Italy/Catalunya/Dutch TT/Great Britain/2002
5. Mike Hailwood	22 years 139 days	500cc/Dutch TT/Belgium/Ulster/E. Germany/1962

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■ **Karle Abraham's** fourth place finish at the Catalan Grand Prix is his best ever Grand Prix result; his previous best was sixth in the 250cc class which he achieved twice.

■ **Mike di Meglio** won the 125cc race at the German Grand Prix on his way to taking the world title in 2008. This is the only occasion he has finished in the top ten at the Sachsenring circuit.

■ **Gabor Talmacsi** had a couple of podiums at the German Grand Prix during his time in the 125cc class: a victory in 2007 from pole position and a third place finish in 2008, again after qualifying on pole.

### 125cc facts & figures

None of the riders starting the 125cc race at the German Grand Prix have previously won a GP at the Sachsenring circuit

■ **Marc Marquez's** ninth place finish two years ago is his best result at the German Grand Prix. If he wins in Germany he will become the first rider since Valentino Rossi in 1997 to win five or more successive races in the 125cc class.

■ **Pol Espargaro** had an excellent race last year in Germany to finish fifth after qualifying down in nineteenth place on the grid.

■ **Nico Terol** finished fourth last year at the German GP behind three riders who have all moved up to the Moto2 class – Simon, Gadea and Olive.

■ **Bradley Smith** had a disappointing race last year after qualifying in second place on the grid – he crashed on the first lap and re-started only to crash again on lap four.

■ **Tomoyoshi Koyama's** second place finish in 2007 is the only podium finish in Germany by any of the riders currently competing in the 125cc class.

■ Last year in Germany, **Marcel Schrotter** was making just his second wild-card appearance in Grand Prix racing and qualified in fourth place on the grid before finishing the race in twelfth.

■ At the Catalan Grand Prix, **Zulfahmi Khairuddin** finished fifteenth to become only the second GP point scoring rider from Malaysia. The other was Shahrol Yuzi who competed full-time in the 250cc GP class for three years from 2000 onwards.

■ **Sandro Cortese** finished fourth at the Catalan Grand Prix and Jonas Folger was ninth; the best results of the season for both of these German riders.

## Grand Prix racing numbers

**150** – The win by Marc Marquez at the Catalan GP was the 150th Grand Prix victory by Spanish riders in the 125cc class. Only Italy, with 220 GP wins, has had more success as a nation in the 125cc class.

**39 years ago** – On race day in Germany it will be exactly 39 years ago since Jarno Saarinen won the 350cc race at the Czech Grand Prix in 1971. This was the first ever Grand Prix victory by a Finnish rider.

**26** – Ben Spies celebrated his 26th birthday on Sunday between the Catalunya GP and the German GP.

**20** – On the first day of practice for the German Grand Prix, Johann Zarco will celebrate his 20th birthday.

**17** – Spanish riders have won the last seventeen 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 125cc GP wins by one nation in the 62 years history of Grand Prix racing.

**6** – Yamaha riders have won six of the first seven races of the year, which equals the best ever start to a premier-class season by the Yamaha factory which they achieved in 2005. Another victory by a Yamaha rider in Germany and it will be the highest ever number of wins achieved by Yamaha from the first eight races of the year.

**6** – Derbi riders have won the last six races in the 125cc race. This is the longest ever sequence of successive 125cc GP wins achieved by Derbi.

**5** – Valentino Rossi is the rider with most victories at the new Sachsenring circuit with 5 wins (1x 250cc, 4 x MotoGP), followed by 3 each for Marco Melandri (125 x 1, 250 x 2) and Dani Pedrosa (2 x 250cc, 1 x MotoGP).

**4** – Since the introduction of the four-stroke MotoGP class in 2002, Honda have been the most successful manufacturer at the Sachsenring circuit with four wins, followed by Yamaha with three and Ducati with a single victory in 2008.

**4 years** – The first day of practice at the German Grand Prix will be the 4th anniversary of Yuki Takahashi's last GP win in the 250cc class, which was at the German GP in 2006.

**3** – At the Catalunya Grand Prix, Marc Marquez at the age of 17 years 137 days, became the youngest ever rider to start from pole position at three successive GP races, taking the record from Valentino Rossi.

**3** – Since Grand Prix racing returned to the Sachsenring circuit in 1998 there have been three podium finishes by home riders: Ralf Waldmann was third in the 250cc race in 1999, Steve Jenkner was third in the 125cc race in 2002 and Stefan Bradl finished 2nd in the 125cc category in 2008.

**0.307 seconds** – The top four riders across the line in the 2006 MotoGP race at the Sachsenring were covered by just 0.307 seconds; the closest top four of all-time in the premier-class.