

## #17 bwin Grande Prémio de Portugal

Estoril

### MotoGP facts & figures

■ **Jorge Lorenzo** has dominated the Portuguese GP for the last two years. He took his first MotoGP victory in 2008 in Portugal, in only his third race in the big class. He won again last year at Estoril; after taking the lead on the first lap, he pulled steadily away to take the win by over six seconds. He also started from pole at the Portuguese GP in both of the last two years.

■ **Dani Pedrosa's** second place finish in 2007, after a race long battle with Rossi, was his first podium finish in any class of Grand Prix racing at the Estoril circuit. In each of the last two years he has been the first Honda across the line; in second place in 2008 and third last year. Estoril is one of just four current circuits where Pedrosa has not had a win in any class of GP racing; the others are Losail, Aragon and Silverstone.

■ **Casey Stoner** has had two podium finishes in the MotoGP class at Estoril; third in 2007 and second last year on his return after missing three races with health problems. He crashed out of the MotoGP race at Estoril in 2006 and in the process took out **Sete Gibernau**. In 2008 he finished sixth while having to deal with a TV control box that had become detached from its mountings. Stoner also won the 250cc race at Estoril in 2005 from current MotoGP rivals **Andrea Dovizioso** and Randy de Puniet; this was Stoner's first 250cc GP win.

■ **Valentino Rossi's** fourth place finish last year at Estoril was the first time in his ten visits to the circuit that he had failed to finish on the podium. The nine podium finishes he has had at Estoril include five race wins. Rossi has started from pole on just one occasion at Estoril – in 2006.

■ **Andrea Dovizioso** finished on the podium on all three occasions when he raced in the 250cc class at Estoril, including a race victory in 2006. In 2008 he crashed out on lap 16 and suffered his only non-finish of his debut year riding in the MotoGP class. The Portuguese GP last year was one his less successful weekends; he qualified in eighth and he finished in seventh, just behind Elias on the non-factory bike.

■ **Ben Spies** has never previously raced at the Estoril circuit. At the Australian GP Spies clinched the Rookie of the Year award and also ensured that he would be the top non-factory rider in MotoGP in 2010.

### Portuguese Grand Prix facts and figures

There has been a Portuguese Grand Prix held on twelve previous occasions. Below are some facts and figures from these twelve events:

The first two Portuguese Grand Prix were actually held in Spain. The first in 1987 was at Jarama and the 1988 event was held at Jerez. Following an eleven year break the Portuguese Grand Prix returned in 2000 at the Estoril circuit, where it has been held every year since.

Valentino Rossi is the rider with most victories at Estoril, having won the premier-class race on five occasions. The next most successful are Toni Elias and Alvaro Bautista who have both had three wins at Estoril.

Toni Elias' MotoGP victory in 2006 came after he had qualified down in eleventh place on the grid. His winning margin of 0.002 seconds equalled the closest ever recorded finish in the premier-class since the introduction of electronic timing which was also the margin of victory for Alex Criville over Mick Doohan at Brno in 1996.

Toni Elias' win in 2006 is the only one of the ten premier-class races held at Estoril that has been won by a rider not qualifying on the front row of the grid.

Honda and Yamaha have each had four MotoGP victories since the class was introduced in 2002.

Kenny Roberts' fourth place finish in 2002 is the best result for the Suzuki four-stroke MotoGP machine at Estoril.

Estoril is one of just four circuits on this year's calendar where Ducati have not had a MotoGP win. The others are Indianapolis, Le Mans and Silverstone.

Casey Stoner's second place finish last year is the best ever finish by a Ducati rider at Estoril.

### Casey Stoner is eighth in all-time winner list

Casey Stoner's third win of the year at the Australian Grand Prix was his 23rd MotoGP victory. This moves him above three multi-world champions in the following list of riders with most wins in the premier-class of Grand Prix racing. He now has just one win less than three times world champion Wayne Rainey, but still has some way to go to reach the 54 wins of Mick Doohan, who is the most successful Australian rider of all-time. However it should be noted, that having just celebrated his 25th birthday, Stoner is still younger than both Doohan and Rainey were at the time of their first Grand Prix win.

#### RIDERS WITH MOST WINS IN MOTOGP/500CC CLASS

.....	79. Valentino Rossi
.....	68. Giacomo Agostini
.....	54. Mick Doohan
.....	37. Mike Hailwood
.....	31. Eddie Lawson
.....	25. Kevin Schwantz
.....	24. Wayne Rainey
.....	23. Casey Stoner
.....	22. Geoff Duke
	Kenny Roberts
	John Surtees



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■ **Nicky Hayden's** 4th place three years ago is his best ever finish at the Estoril circuit, when he also started from pole for the only time in 2007. In 2006 Hayden was knocked off by his team-mate Pedrosa on lap five, in 2008 he crashed out of 4th place on lap 17 and last year he finished eighth. Hayden needs to score just four more points in the remaining two races to achieve his highest points' total since winning the MotoGP championship in 2006.

■ Tenth in 2006 is the best result for **Randy de Puniet** in his four MotoGP starts at Estoril. He retired from the Portuguese GP with a mechanical problem in 2007; in 2008 he slid off while in seventh with just two laps remaining and re-started to finish 15th. Last year he qualified well in sixth but had problems with his right boot coming unfastened early in the race which dropped him to the back of the field, then picked his way past a few riders to finish eleventh.

■ **Marco Simoncelli** has finished on the podium for the last two years in the 250cc class at the Portuguese GP, finishing second in 2008, after starting from pole for the first time in the 250cc class, and winning the race last year.

■ **Marco Melandri's** 4th place finish in 2005 on a Honda is his best result from seven MotoGP starts at Estoril. He has not had much success over the last couple of years in Portugal; he was thirteenth on the Ducati in 2008 and last year he finished twelfth after qualifying in sixteenth place on the grid.

■ **Colin Edwards'** fourth place finishes in 2006 and 2008 are his best results at the Estoril circuit. He had another decent result at Estoril last year, finishing in fifth and first of the non-factory riders.

■ **Hector Barbera** qualified on pole for the 250cc race at Estoril last year and then finished third – his first podium at the circuit in the 250cc class. Barbera won the 125cc race at Estoril back in 2004 when he shared the podium with the new MotoGP champion **Jorge Lorenzo**, who finished third.

■ Prior to last year, **Alvaro Bautista** had won for three successive years in Portugal – the 125cc race in 2006 and the 250cc race in both 2007 and 2008. Last year he was in the leading group in the 250cc race at Estoril when his engine seized which resulted in a crash.

## Historic top four in Australia

All three riders on the podium in Australia were either current or past MotoGP world champions. Only twice before, in the 62-year history of Grand Prix racing, has a podium consisted of three riders who were either reigning or past world champions in the premier-class, as detailed below. However, with Nicky Hayden finishing in fourth place in Australia, for the first time ever the top four riders across the line were all either reigning or past world champions in the premier-class

### RACES WHERE ALL PODIUM FINISHERS WERE CURRENT OR PAST PREMIER-CLASS CHAMPIONS

Australian GP in 2008 – Casey Stoner won from Valentino Rossi and Nicky Hayden.  
Czech GP in 1990 - Wayne Rainey clinched that year's world title by winning the race in front of Wayne Gardner and Eddie Lawson.

## Another milestone in sight for Valentino Rossi

Valentino Rossi's latest victory at Sepang came more than 14 years after he took his first GP victory, in the 125cc race at the Czech GP in 1996. This makes him the rider with the fourth longest winning career in Grand Prix racing, as shown in the table below. When Rossi next takes a GP win he will move up to third in this table above Phil Read.

### LONGEST WINNING CAREERS IN GRAND PRIX RACING- ALL SOLO CLASSES

Rider	First GP win	Last GP win	Length of winning GP career
1. Loris Capirossi	125cc/GB/1990	MotoGP/Japan/2007	17 years 49 days
2. Angel Nieto	50cc/E. Germany/1969	80cc/France/1985	16 years 8 days
3. Phil Read	350cc/GB/1961	500cc/Czech/1975	14 years 71 days
4. Valentino Rossi	125cc/Czech/1996	MotoGP/Malaysia/2010	14 years 53 days
5. Loris Reggiani	125cc/GB/1980	250cc/Czech/1993	13 years 12 days
6. Max Biaggi	250cc/South Africa/1992	MotoGP/Germany/2004	11 years 316 days
7. Toni Mang	125cc/W. Germany/1976	250cc/Japan/1988	11 years 211 days
8. Alex Barros	500cc/FIM/1993	MotoGP/Portugal/2005	11 years 203 days
9. Luigi Taveri	125cc/Spain/1955	125cc/Italy/1966	11 years 133 days
10. Giacomo Agostini	350cc/W. Germany/1965	500cc/W. Germany/1976	11 years 126 days



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■ **Alex Espargaro's** best result at Estoril is eleventh in the 250cc race in 2008. He did not compete at the Portuguese GP last year as he was without a Grand Prix ride at that time.

■ **Hiroshi Aoyama's** second place finish in the 250cc race in 2006 on a KTM is his only podium at the Estoril circuit. He finished fourth last year at Estoril on his way to taking the 250cc world title.

■ **Loris Capirossi** has had two podium finishes at Estoril; in 2001 on the 500cc Honda and in 2003 riding the Ducati after he had qualified in pole position. Last year in Portugal he retired on the 20th lap with a technical problem.

■ **Carlos Checa** will be making his first appearance in MotoGP since the final race of 2007 at Valencia. The 800cc Ducati that he will ride in Portugal is the sixth different machine he has ridden in the premier-class, adding to the following list: 500cc 2-stroke Honda, 500cc 2-stroke Yamaha, 990cc Yamaha, 990cc Ducati, 800cc Honda.

### Moto2 facts & figures

■ **Toni Elias** has a fantastic record at the Estoril circuit, having won three times; the 250cc GP race in 2003 and 2004, and the MotoGP race in 2006 after he had qualified down in eleventh place on the grid. Last year in the MotoGP race at Estoril he had a great ride to finish sixth after qualifying down in thirteenth.

■ **Julian Simon's** fifth place in the 125cc class in 2006 is his best result at the Estoril circuit. Last year he dominated practice and qualifying for the 125cc Portuguese Grand Prix and was leading comfortably when he crashed out on the 17th lap; he re-started to finish 12th.

■ **Andrea Iannone** has not had a top ten finish in his four GP starts at Estoril in the 125cc class; his best result at the circuit is 11th in 2008.

■ **Simone Corsi** qualified on pole, won the race and set the fastest lap in the 125cc GP at Estoril in 2008

■ **Alex de Angelis'** victory in the Moto2 race in Australia came after a gap of almost four years since his other GP win at the final race of 2006 in Valencia in the 250cc class.

## Marc Marquez could clinch 125cc title in Portugal

With a 12 point lead at the head of the 125cc world championship standings, following his win in Australia, Marc Marquez is in a position to clinch the world title with a good result in Portugal, depending on where his two closest rivals Nico Terol and Pol Espargaro finish in the race.

The following scenarios would give Marquez the world title:

If Marquez wins the race and Espargaro does not finish second and Terol finishes no higher than fifth.

If Marquez is second and Espargaro finishes no higher than fifth and Terol finishes no higher than ninth.

If Marquez is third and Espargaro finishes no higher than eighth and Terol finishes no higher than thirteenth.

If Marquez is fourth and Espargaro finishes no higher than eleventh and Terol fails to score any points.

If Marquez takes the world championship title this year he will become the second youngest world champion in the 62-year history of Grand Prix racing, after the 1990 world champion and current MotoGP rider Loris Capirossi. Marquez' age on the day of the Portuguese Grand Prix will be 17 years 256 days.

Rider	Age on winning Championship	Year
1. Loris Capirossi	17 years 165 days	1990
2. Dani Pedrosa	18 years 13 days	2003
3. Valentino Rossi	18 years 196 days	1997
4. Andrea Dovizioso	18 years 201 days	2004
5. Manuel Poggiali	18 years 262 days	2001



## Marc Marquez takes ninth win of the year

Marc Marquez took his ninth win of 2010 at the Australian Grand Prix, which equals the highest number of wins achieved in a single season in the 125cc class by a Spanish rider, a record set in 1998 by Jorge Martinez. If Marquez wins the final two races of the year he would equal the all-time record for most GP wins in a single season in the 125cc class as shown in the following table:

### NUMBER OF WINS IN THE 125CC CLASS IN A SINGLE SEASON

- 11. Valentino Rossi (Aprilia) - 1997
- 10. Fausto Gresini (Garelli) - 1987
- 9. Jorge Martinez (Derbi) - 1988
- Dirk Raudies (Honda) - 1993
- Marc Marquez (Derbi) - 2010
- 8. Bill Ivy (Yamaha) - 1967
- Dave Simmonds (Kawasaki) - 1969
- Angel Nieto (Minarelli) - 1979 & 1981
- Alvaro Bautista (Aprilia) - 2006



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■ **Mike di Meglio's** sixth place finish in the Moto2 race in Australia is his best result so far in 2010. Di Meglio finished second last year in the 250cc race at Portugal, in front of **Hector Barbera** in a photo finish after the two riders could not be separated by the timekeepers; this was Di Meglio's best result of 2009.

■ **Scott Redding's** second place finish in Australia is his best GP result since he won the 125cc race at the British GP in 2008. Redding has not had much success in the last two years competing in the 125cc class at Estoril, having finished outside a point scoring position on both occasions.

■ **Fonsi Nieto** had an incredible win in the very wet 250cc race in 2002, after crashing on lap thirteen and re-joining the race down in seventh place and then re-starting to battle back to the front of the field.

■ **Hector Faubel** had excellent results at Estoril when competing in the 125cc class; he finished second in both 2005 and 2006, and he won the race in 2007.

■ **Stefan Bradl's** fourth place in the 125cc race at Estoril last year equalled his best result of 2009.

### 125cc facts & figures

■ **Marc Marquez** has not scored points in his previous two GP starts at Estoril; he finished 18th two years ago and last year he crashed while in second place on lap thirteen.

■ **Pol Espargaro's** third place finish in the 125cc race at Estoril in 2007 was his first appearance on a Grand Prix podium. He won the 125cc Portuguese Grand Prix last year from **Sandro Cortese** and **Bradley Smith**, with less than six-tenths of a second covering all three podium finishers.

■ **Nico Terol's** third place finish in 2008 is his only point scoring GP finish at the Estoril circuit. Last year at Estoril, he crashed on lap seven while in the leading group, after a collision with **Bradley Smith**.

■ **Bradley Smith** took the final podium position last year at Estoril – his first top ten finish in Portugal.

■ **Sandro Cortese** set the fastest lap of the race last year on his way to finishing second in the 125cc race at Estoril, which was his best result of 2009.

## Grand Prix racing numbers

**39** – Following the Australian Grand Prix, Yamaha have a 39 point lead in the MotoGP constructor's championship. Yamaha would clinch the MotoGP constructor's title in Portugal if any of their riders finish in the top five, irrespective of the result of other manufacturers. This would be the 13th constructor's title in the premier-class for Yamaha.

**33** – Thirty-three GP victories for Spain so far this year is the highest number of wins that Spanish riders have taken in a single season of racing. Only Great Britain have had more Grand Prix wins in a single season. Great Britain's record for number of wins by riders from a single nation in one season stands at 37, which was achieved in 1967.

**25** – Spanish riders have won the last twenty-five 125cc Grand Prix 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.

**12** – Dani Pedrosa has had twelve MotoGP victories. One more victory would give him the same number of premier-class wins as Randy Mamola and Max Biaggi, who are the two riders with most premier-class wins without winning the world title.

**12** – The victory by Marc Marquez at the Australian GP was the twelfth victory of the year in the 125cc class by Derbi riders. This is the highest number of wins achieved in a single season by Derbi in the 125cc class.

**8.598 seconds** – Casey Stoner's margin of victory at the Australian GP was the biggest gap between first and second in a dry MotoGP race since Jorge Lorenzo won the Indianapolis GP last year by over nine seconds.

