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MotoGP facts & figures

■ Valencia is one of just three of the current circuits where **Jorge Lorenzo** has not had a Grand Prix victory in any class, the others being Sachsenring and Aragon. Lorenzo has twice finished on the podium at Valencia; in 2005 when he was second in the 250cc race behind Pedrosa and last year when he finished third in the MotoGP race.

■ **Dani Pedrosa** is the only rider to have won in all three classes at the Ricardo Tormo circuit. In his eight races at the circuit across the three GP classes he has only once finished off the podium and that was fourth in 2006 in his first season in the MotoGP class. He set a new lap record in winning the MotoGP race at Valencia in 2007 from pole position, in 2008 he finished second and last year he led every lap of the race.

■ **Casey Stoner** scored his first ever GP victory at Valencia, in the 125cc class in 2003 riding an Aprilia. In his first MotoGP race at Valencia in 2006 he crashed out from fifth place when only seven laps from the flag, in 2007 he finished second and in 2008 he had a perfect weekend with pole position, start to finish race win and a new lap record. Last year he qualified on pole but he crashed on the warm-up lap and did not make the start of the race.

■ **Valentino Rossi** has had two victories at the Ricardo Tormo circuit, in 2003 on a Honda and in 2004 riding a Yamaha. Valencia is one of only four circuits on this year's calendar where Rossi has not had a win riding the 800cc bike; the others are Aragon, Silverstone and Phillip Island. Since his last win in Valencia in 2004 he has had mixed results both in the race and qualifying; he was 3rd in 2005 after qualifying down in 15th on the grid, he qualified on pole then crashed and re-started to finish 13th in 2006, and in 2007 he retired with engine failure after qualifying down in 17th. Two years ago he finished 3rd, after another disappointing qualifying left him in tenth on the grid and he finished second last year.

■ **Andrea Dovizioso's** only podium finish at Valencia was in 2004, when he finished second in the 125cc race. In 2008, his debut season in the MotoGP class, he finished an excellent fourth in Valencia and was the first rider from a satellite team across the line. He got a bad start last year at the Valencia GP and ended the first lap in 14th place before fighting back to finish eighth, to equal his lowest finish of 2009.

Facts and stats from Valencia

This year will be the 12th Grand Prix in Valencia, which has been held every year since the first visit in 1999. Below are some facts and statistics from the previous eleven events held at the Ricardo Tormo – Comunitat Valenciana circuit:

The Valencian circuit is named after local Grand Prix racer Ricardo Tormo who won the 50cc world title riding for Bultaco in 1978 and 1981. In addition to his 15 Grand Prix victories in the 50cc class he also had 4 wins in the 125cc class. His career ended in 1984 due to leg injuries suffered in a crash whilst test riding. Tormo sadly died from leukaemia in 1998.

This will be the ninth successive year that the Ricardo Tormo circuit has hosted the final race of the season. The only circuit that has hosted the final Grand Prix event of the year on more occasions is Monza, which has drawn an end to the season on ten occasions.

The premier-class race at Valencia has been won three times by Spanish riders; Sete Gibernau won the 500cc race on a Suzuki in 2001 and Dani Pedrosa won the MotoGP race in both 2007 and 2009.

Since the introduction of the four-stroke MotoGP formula in 2002, Honda have had five victories at the Valencia circuit, Ducati have had two wins and Yamaha just a single victory in 2004 with Rossi.

Valencia is one of just three current circuits where Yamaha have not had a win since the introduction of the 800cc capacity limit in MotoGP; the other two are Phillip Island and Aragon.

John Hopkins' third place in 2007 is the only podium finish for the Suzuki four-stroke MotoGP machine at the Ricardo Tormo circuit.

Every MotoGP race at Valencia has been won by a rider starting from the front row of the grid.

Dani Pedrosa is the most successful rider at the Valencia circuit with five wins; twice in the MotoGP and 250cc classes, and once in the 125cc class. No other rider has had more than two GP wins at the Valencia circuit.

In addition to the wins by Pedrosa and Gibernau mentioned above, Spanish riders have taken five other GP wins in Valencia; Hector Faubel in the 125cc class in 2006 and 2007, Hector Barbera in the 125cc class in 2004 and 250cc class last year, and Julian Simon won the 125cc race in 2009.

Jorge Lorenzo still chasing records in 2010

Having already taken the MotoGP world title in 2010, Jorge Lorenzo also has the possibility of setting a new record for most points scored in a single season, as well as equalling a couple of other current records as shown in the following table. With his victory at the Portuguese Grand Prix, Jorge Lorenzo set a new record for most top four finishes in the MotoGP class in a single season.

	CURRENT/PREVIOUS RECORD	LORENZO'S CURRENT TOTAL	POSSIBLE FOR LORENZO IN 2010
Most podiums in a single season in the MotoGP class	16 – Valentino Rossi in 2003, 2005 and 2008.	15	16
Most points scored in a single season in the MotoGP class	373 – Valentino Rossi in 2008	358	383
Most point scoring finishes in a single season	18 – Casey Stoner in 2007 & Valentino Rossi in 2008	17	18
Most top four finishes in a single season	16 – Valentino Rossi in 2003, 2005 and 2008	17	18



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■ **Ben Spies** raced at Valencia last year in both the Superbike series and in MotoGP. On the Superbike he qualified on pole, crashed out of the first race and then finished second in race two. He finished seventh in the MotoGP race, in only his fourth GP start and his first riding a Yamaha.

■ **Nicky Hayden** has had mixed fortunes at Valencia – he crashed in both 2003 and 2004 and then had podium finishes in 2005 and again in 2006 to clinch the world title. In 2007 he finished 8th after qualifying on the front row and in 2008 was fifth on his last ride for Honda, after again qualifying on the front row. He was fifth again last year on his first race at the circuit on the Ducati.

■ **Marco Simoncelli** qualified on pole and won the 250cc race at Valencia two years ago. Last year he was leading the 250cc race when he crashed on the 21st lap.

■ **Randy de Puniet** won the 250cc race at Valencia in 2003 riding an Aprilia. Since moving up to the MotoGP class his best result at the circuit is ninth in 2007 when riding a Kawasaki.

■ **Marco Melandri** won the 250cc GP at Valencia in his world championship-winning season of 2002. He also won the MotoGP race at Valencia riding a Honda in 2005. In the last couple of years he has finished just outside the points at Valencia; in 2008 he was 16th on the Ducati after running off the track with a few laps to go when battling for 10th and last year he finished 17th, having had a trip through the gravel trap half way through the race.

■ **Colin Edwards'** fourth place finish last year is his best result at Valencia from his seven visits to the circuit.

■ **Hector Barbera** has won in both of the smaller classes at the Valencia Grand Prix: the 125cc race in 2004 and the 250cc race last year.

■ **Alvaro Bautista** has finished on the podium in the 250cc class for the last two years at the Valencia Grand Prix.

■ **Aleix Espargaro** finished 13th last year at Valencia in only his fourth ride on the Ducati MotoGP machine.

■ **Loris Capirossi** has twice finished on the podium at Valencia in the MotoGP class; in 2003 and 2006, both times riding a Ducati.

Facts and figures from first year of Moto2

The first year of the new Moto2 category has seen some very close racing and many different riders battling at the front throughout the year. Below are some interesting facts and statistics from Moto2 in 2010, following the Portuguese Grand Prix:

Eight different riders have won Moto2 races during 2010; Shoya Tomizawa, Toni Elias, Andrea Iannone, Jules Cluzel, Yuki Takahashi, Roberto Rolfo, Alex de Angelis and Stefan Bradl.

During the first year of Moto2, seventeen different riders have appeared on the podium

Eight different riders have qualified on pole position in the Moto2 class.

The first fourteen riders across the line in the Moto2 race at the Czech GP were all former Grand Prix winners.

69 riders from 21 different countries have taken part in Moto2 races during 2010.

During 2010, 21 riders have qualified on the front row of the grid in Moto2.

Randy de Puniet to make 200th Grand Prix start

At the Valencia Grand Prix, Randy de Puniet will become only the 15th rider in the 62-year history of Grand Prix racing to reach the milestone of 200 Grand Prix starts across all classes.

De Puniet entered the 125cc Grand Prix series full time in 1999 riding an Aprilia after having a single wild-card outing on a Honda at the French GP in 1998. He competed for two years in the 125cc class before moving up to the 250cc class in 2001. After competing for five years in the 250cc class he moved to MotoGP in 2006 with the factory Kawasaki squad, where he stayed for two years before joining the LCR Honda team. Up to crashing and breaking his leg at this year's German Grand Prix, and missing the following race at Laguna Seca, he had made 190 successive GP starts.

The following list shows the other riders who have made more than 200 Grand Prix starts:

	Total	MotoGP/500cc	350cc	250cc	125cc	80/50cc
Loris Capirossi	314	203		84	27	
Alex Barros	276	245		14		17
Jack Findlay	275	157	77	34	5	2
Brno Kneubuhler	261	71	46	50	86	8
Angel Nieto	260	1		16	156	87
Valentino Rossi	240	180		30	30	
Chas Mortimer	233	33	65	93	42	
Giacomo Agostini	231	119	109	3		
Roberto Locatelli	224			130	94	
Stefan Dorflinger	223			7	96	120
Carlos Checa	221	193		27	1	
Max Biaggi	214	127		87		
Phil Read	212	53	42	79	38	
Marco Melandri	206	130		47	29	
Randy de Puniet	199	86		80	33	

Final race showdown in the 125cc class

The 125cc title battle goes to the final event of the year with seventeen points separating championship leader Marc Marquez and second place rider Nico Terol. Below are the scenarios with regard to the championship title:

If Terol wins the race then Marquez needs to finish eighth or higher to become world champion.

If Terol finishes second then Marquez needs to finish thirteenth or higher to become world champion.

If Terol does not finish either first or second, then Marquez will be world champion.

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■ **Hiroshi Aoyama** finished seventh last year in the 250cc race at the Valencia Grand Prix to clinch the world championship title.

■ **Carlos Checa** has twice finished fourth at Valencia; riding a 500cc Yamaha in 2001 and on the 990cc Ducati in 2005.

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■ **Toni Elias** has finished second three times at Valencia when racing in the smaller classes; in the 125cc class in 2001 and the 250cc class in 2003 and 2004. Last year he finished sixth, which equalled his best result at Valencia in the MotoGP class which he had achieved in 2006.



■ Before his victory there last year, **Julian Simon** had not had much success at the Valencia circuit, never having finished higher than sixth. In 2008 he led the 250cc GP in the early stages before his KTM began losing power and eventually retiring on lap 20.

■ **Andrea Iannone's** sixth place finish in the 125cc race in 2008 is his best result from four GP starts in Valencia.



■ **Alex de Angelis** twice finished on the podium at Valencia during his time competing in the 250cc class, including a win in 2006 which was his only GP victory before this year. He has finished tenth in the MotoGP class at Valencia for the last two years.

■ **Thomas Luthi** finished ninth in the 125cc race at the Valencia GP in 2005 to clinch the world title.

Past 125cc Title deciders at Valencia

Since the Grand Prix of Valencia became the host for the final Grand Prix of the season, there have been three previous occasions when the 125cc world title has been decided at the event:

2002 – Manuel Poggiali (Gilera) had a chance of taking the title at the Valencia GP; he had an eight point deficit to Arnaud Vincent (Aprilia). However, Vincent finished second in front of Poggiali at the final race, to become the first French rider to win the 125cc world title.

2005 – Mika Kallio (KTM) needed to win the race at Valencia to take the title, but only if Thomas Luthi (Honda) finished lower than 13th. Although Kallio did his part by winning the race, Honda rider Luthi took the title by cruising home for a ninth place finish.

2007 – Gabor Talmacsi (Aprilia) had a ten-point advantage over team-mate Hector Faubel at the start of the Valencia race in 2007. The two riders took the top two places on the grid and Faubel won a fantastic race in which the top five riders crossed the line covered by less than a second; however Talmacsi did enough to take the title by finishing second.

Marquez could become second youngest world champion of all-time

If Marquez takes the world championship title in Valencia, 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's age on the day of the Valencian race will be 17 years 263 days.

YOUNGEST RIDERS TO WIN THE 125CC CHAMPIONSHIP		
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 tenth win of the year

Marc Marquez took his tenth win of 2010 at the Portuguese Grand Prix, which is a new record for highest number of wins achieved in a single season in the 125cc class by a Spanish rider, a record previously held by Jorge Martinez from 1988. If Marquez wins the final race 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
.....	Marc Marquez (Derbi) - 2010
.....	9. Jorge Martinez (Derbi) - 1988
.....	Dirk Raudies (Honda) - 1993

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■ **Simone Corsi** won the 125cc race in Valencia in 2008 and last year finished fourth.

■ **Gabor Talmacsi** has finished second twice in the 125cc race at Valencia (in 2005 and 2007) and started on pole in both 2007 and 2008.

■ The winner of the Moto2 race in Portugal, **Stefan Bradl**, has not had any success in his three starts in the 125cc class at Valencia, having never reached the finish line after crashing out in all three races.

■ At the Portuguese Grand Prix, **Kenan Sofuoglu** became the first rider from Turkey to score points in Grand Prix racing.

125cc facts & figures

■ **Marc Marquez** missed the Valencia Grand Prix in 2008 as he was still suffering from injuries to his right leg, received when he crashed in Malaysia. Last year he crashed on the last lap of the race when battling to finish fourth; he re-started and finish 17th.

■ **Nico Terol** was second in 2008 at Valencia, just one tenth of a second behind the winner, Corsi. Last year he was running as high as sixth place early in the race, but dropped off the pace to eventually finish tenth.



■ **Pol Espargaro's** third place finish last year was his first GP podium at the Valencia circuit. Two years ago he failed to start the race after a crash during the qualifying session.

■ **Bradley Smith** led for 20 laps of the 125cc race in Valencia last year, but eventually finished second, just 0.22 seconds behind team-mate Simon.



Grand Prix racing numbers

1000 – Jorge Lorenzo's victory at the Portuguese Grand Prix was the 1000th podium finish by Spanish riders across all solo classes of Grand Prix racing since the world championship series started in 1949.

142 – Alex Baldolini had competed in 142 Grand Prix races before the Portuguese Grand Prix, when he finished on the podium for the first time. Never before in the history of Grand Prix racing has a rider finished on the podium after making so many starts without a top-three finish.

100 – At the Valencia GP, Tomoyoshi Koyama is scheduled to make his 100th Grand Prix start. Koyama finished 16th in his debut as a wild-card rider in the 125cc race at Motegi in 2000 riding a Yamaha. He made a four more wild-card appearances over the next few years, two in the 250cc class and two in the 125cc class. Since becoming a full-time GP rider in 2005 he has competed on Honda, Malaguti, KTM, Loncin and Aprilia machinery. His single GP win came in Catalunya in 2007 when riding a KTM.

100 – Raffaele de Rosa is scheduled to make his 100th Grand Prix start at the Valencia GP. De Rosa made his GP debut as a replacement rider in the 125cc class at the British Grand Prix in 2004, before becoming a full-time GP rider in the 125cc class in 2005. After making a total of 67 GP starts in the 125cc class, he moved up to the 250cc category for 2009 and then onto the Moto2 class this year.

50 – Scott Redding is due to make his 50th Grand Prix start at the Grand Prix of Valencia. Redding will become the youngest ever rider to reach the milestone of 50 Grand Prix starts, taking the record from new MotoGP world champion Jorge Lorenzo.

35 – Thirty-five 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. By winning all three races in Valencia, Spanish riders could set a new record for most wins by a single nation in one season. The record is currently held by Great Britain with 37 victories, achieved in the 1967 season.

26 – Spanish riders have won the last twenty-six 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-year history of Grand Prix racing.

19 – Norwegian 125cc rider, Sturla Fagerhaug will celebrate his 19th birthday on qualifying day at the Valencia GP.

19 – Bradley Smith's third place finish at the Portuguese GP was the 19th time he has been on the podium in the 125cc class. Only two British riders have had more GP podium finishes in the 125cc class: Bill Ivy with 22 and Phil Read with 21.

13 – The victory by Marc Marquez at the Portuguese GP was the thirteenth victory of the year in the 125cc class by Derbi riders. A victory for a Derbi rider in Valencia will equal the record for most wins by a manufacturer in the 125cc class in a single season, which Aprilia achieved in both 2007 and 2009.

1 – Reaching the end of the fourth year of the 800cc capacity limit in MotoGP, Colin Edwards is the only rider to have competed in all 70 races since the regulation was introduced at the start of the 2007 season.