

## **#01** Commercialbank Grand Prix of Qatar

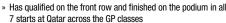
March 16th

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#### MotoGP Riders Profile

	CAREER	2011
Starts	146 (52 x MotoGP, 48 x 250, 46 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	35 (14 x MotoGP, 17 x 250, 4 x 125)	0
Podiums	72 (34 x MotoGP, 29 x 250, 9 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	42 (16 x MotoGP, 23 x 250, 3 x 125)	0
Last win	VAL/10	
Last podium	VAL/10/1st	
Last pole	POR/10	



- » Scored 3 victories in the smaller classes at Qatar: the 125cc race in 2004 and the 250cc race in both 2006 & 2007
- » In 2008 started on pole and finished 2nd in Qatar on his MotoGP class
- » In 2009 took the final place on the podium in his first race using Brid
- » Finished 2nd last year after passing both Hayden and Dovizioso on the
- » Will be aiming for third successive GP win having won last two races

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- » Only podium finish in Qatar was in 2004, when he finished second behind his then team-mate in the Gresini-Honda team. Sete Gibernau
- » Has gone 25 races without a top-three finish; his longest sequence of races without a podium in MotoGP
- » He is the only rider to have started in all MotoGP races under the 800cc formula introduced

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8. Hector Barbera

14. Randy de Puniet

Starts	151 (53 x MotoGP, 49 x 250, 49 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	10 (1 x MotoGP, 4 x 250, 5 x 125)	0
Podiums	50 (9 x MotoGP, 26 x 250, 15 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	14 (1 x MotoGP, 4 x 250, 9 x 125)	0
Last win	GBR/09	х
Last podium	POR/10/3rd	Х
Last pole	JPN/10	Х
» Finished on the p	odium on three occasions at Qatar wh	en

- riding in the smaller classes; in 125cc in 2004, and 250cc in 2005 and 2006
- 2009 was the first Honda rider across the line in 5th

» In 2008 he was 4th in Qatar on his debut in the MotoGP class and in

- » Last year Dovizioso was 3rd, after briefly leading mid-race, and was the only Honda to finish in
- » Has not qualified on the front row at Qatar since he was 2nd on the grid in the 125cc class back in 2004

	CAREER	2011
Starts	116 (12 x MotoGP, 104 x 250)	0
Wins/best result	9 – 250cc	0
Podiums	27 – 250cc	0
Poles/best grid	8 – 250cc	0
<b>Best MotoGP finish</b>	7th	
Last win	MAL/09 - 250cc	
Last podium	MAL/09/1st - 250cc	
Last pole	MAL/09 - 250cc	
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- Only podium finish in Qatar was 3rd in the 250cc race in 2004
- » Last year he finished 10th at Qatar making his debut in the MotoGP
- » His 10th place finish last year was the best result of the four riders making their MotoGP debut
- » Last year he qualified 10th on the grid and best of the MotoGP rookies

	CAREER	2011
Starts	140 (18 x MotoGP, 75 x 250, 47 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	10 (4 x 250, 6 x 125)	0
Podiums	32 (20 x 250, 12 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	9 (8 x 250, 1 x 125)	0
<b>Best MotoGP finish</b>	8th	
Last win	VAL/09 - 250cc	
Last podium	VAL/09/1st - 250cc	
Last pole	POR/09 - 250cc	

- » Finished on the podium in the 250cc class in Qatar on 3 occasions; 3rd in 2007, 2nd in 2008 and a victory in 2009
- » Only once failed to score points in his debut season in MotoGP when he suffered mechanical failure at Laguna Seca
- » Finished 12th last year at Qatar when making his MotoGP debut



- » Won both World Superbike races in 2009 on his race debut at the Losail circuit
- » Last year in Qatar he finished 5th and first Rookie rider across the line



	CAREER	2011
Starts	200 (87 x MotoGP, 80 x 250, 33 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	5 – 250cc	0
Podiums	24 (2 x MotoGP, 22 x 250)	0
Poles/best grid	9 – 250cc	0
<b>Best MotoGP finish</b>	2nd	
Last win	GBR/05 - 250cc	
Last podium	GBR/09/3rd	
Last pole	P0R/05 - 250cc	

- » Qualified top Honda rider in Qatar last year in 4th place on the grid
- » Finished 6th last year in Qatar his best ever result at the Losail
- » Finished in the top six five times in the first seven races of 2010, but only once in second half of season after crashing in Germany and breaking a leg

	CAREER	2011
Starts	93 (62 x 250/Moto2, 31 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	1 – Moto2	0
Podiums	2 – Moto2	0
Best grid	5th on grid – 250cc	
Last win	VAL/10/Moto2	
Last podium	VAL/10/1st – Moto2	
Last pole		

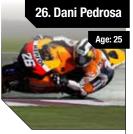
- » Seventh in the 250cc race in 2008 is his best result at the Losail circuit
- » Took his first ever GP victory at the final Moto2 race of 2010 in Valencia
- » Will be the first Czech rider to compete in the premier-class since Pavol Dekanek in 1989



	CAREER	2011
Starts	133 (17 x MotoGP, 49 x 250, 67 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	16 (8 x 250, 8 x 125)	0
Podiums	46 (28 x 250, 18 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	17 (9 x 250, 8 x 125)	0
<b>Best MotoGP finish</b>	5th	
Last win	CAT/09 - 250cc	
Last podium	VAL/09/2nd - 250cc	
Last pole	ITA/09 – 250cc	

- 19. Alvaro Bautista
- » Won the 125cc GP in Qatar in 2006 on his way to becoming world champion, but has not finished higher than 6th at the Losail circuit since
- » Has twice started from pole in Qatar; in the 125cc class in 2006 and the 250cc class in 2009
- » Last year he made his MotoGP debut in Qatar, but crashed at the final corner while battling with fellow rookie Simoncelli

	CAREER	2011
Starts	162 (84 x MotoGP, 32 x 250, 46 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	35 (12 x MotoGP, 15 x 250, 8 x 125)	0
Podiums	88 (47 x MotoGP, 24 x 250, 17 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	35 (17 x MotoGP, 9 x 250, 9 x 125)	0
Last win	RSM/10	
Last podium	ARA/10/2nd	
Last pole	RSM/10	
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- » Losail is one of only four current circuits where Pedrosa has not had a victory in any class of GP racing. The others are Estoril, Silverstone and Aragon
- » Has twice finished on the podium in the MotoGP class at Losail; 3rd in both 2007 and 2008
- » Has never qualified higher than 5th at Losail in the MotoGP class
- » Made a great start in Qatar last year to lead into the first corner from 7th on the grid, but gradually, dropped back to finish 7th

	CAREER	2011
Starts	0	0
Wins/best result	0	0
Podiums	0	0
Poles/best grid		
Last win		
Last podium		
Last pole		



- » Finished 3rd in the World Supersport race in Qatar in 2009, in his only previous race at the Losail circuit
- » Will become the first British rider to start a MotoGP race since James Toseland at the final race of 2009 in Valencia

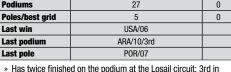
	CAREER	2011
Starts	132 (18 x MotoGP, 64 x 250, 50 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	14 (12 x 250, 2 x 125)	0
Podiums	29 (22 x 250, 7 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	13 (10 x 250, 3 x 125)	
Best MotoGP finish	4th	
ast win	AUS/09 - 250cc	
ast podium	MAL/09/3rd - 250cc	
Last pole	CZE/09 - 250cc	



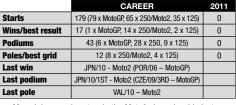
69. Nicky Hayden

- » Only podium finish at the Losail circuit is 3rd in the 125cc race in 2005
- » Last year he finished 11th at Qatar making his debut in the MotoGP class
- » In 2009 he did not start in Qatar, still suffering from a fractured scaphoid

	CAREER	2011
Starts	134 – all MotoGP	0
Wins/best result	3	0
Podiums	27	0
Poles/best grid	5	0
Last win	USA/06	
Last podium	ARA/10/3rd	
Last pole	POR/07	



- 2005 and 2nd in 2006 riding a Honda on both occasions
- » Last year he was 4th in Qatar, after just missing out on a podium in a sprint to the line with Dovizioso
- » Hayden has not had a front row start in his seven MotoGP races at the Losail circuit



- » Moved down a class to win the Moto2 championship last year after competing in the MotoGP class for the previous 5 years
- » Elias' victory at Estoril in 2006 was the last MotoGP win by a non-factory rider
- » His 4th place finish in the Moto2 race last year in Qatar is his best ever result at the Losail circuit

	CAREER	2011
Starts	144 (83 x MotoGP, 31 x 250, 30 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	30 (23 x MotoGP, 5 x 250, 2 x 125)	0
Podiums	63 (43 x MotoGP, 10 x 250, 10 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	26 (22 x MotoGP, 2 x 250, 2 x 125)	0
Last win	AUS/10	
Last podium	VAL/10/2nd	
Last pole	VAL/10	



24. Toni Elias

- » In 2005 Stoner won the 250cc race in Qatar, in 2006 he finished 5th in the MotoGP race after becoming the second youngest rider ever to qualify on pole in the premier-class
- » In 2007 he scored his first ever MotoGP victory on his debut riding the factory Ducati
- » In 2008 he won the first ever GP to be held under floodlights and repeated the victory in 2009, leading from start to finish after qualifying on pole
- » After qualifying on pole again last year he crashed on lap 6 while leading

	CAREER	2011
Starts	241 (181 x MotoGP, 30 x 250, 30 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	105 (79 x MotoGP, 14 x 250, 12 x 125)	0
Podiums	174 (138 x MotoGP, 21 x 250, 15 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	59 (49 x MotoGP, 5 x 250, 5 x 125)	0
Last win	MAL/10	
Last podium	VAL/10/3rd	
Last pole	FRA/10	



- » Won in Qatar in 2005, 2006 & 2010, and finished 2nd in 2007 and 2009
- » Crashed out of the race in 2004 after starting from the back of the grid as a penalty for cleaning his original grid position at the end of qualifying
- » In 2008 he finished 5th in his first race on Bridgestone tyres
- » During 2011 will be aiming to be the first rider to win on four-stroke MotoGP machines from three different manufacturers

	CAREER	2011
Starts	315 (204 x MotoGP, 84 x 250, 27 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	29 (9 x MotoGP, 12 x 250, 8 x 125)	0
Podiums	99 (42 x MotoGP, 37 x 250, 20 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	41 (13 x MotoGP, 23 x 250, 5 x 125)	0
Last win	JPN/07	
Last podium	CZE/08/3rd	
Last pole	JPN/06	



- » Third place in 2006 is his only podium finish at Qatar
- » 2011 will be his 22nd year as a full-time GP rider something no other rider has ever achieved
- » Returns to race a Ducati after riding for 3 years with the Suzuki
- » Last year at Qatar he was 5th on the grid his best qualifying result of the year

#### Moto2 Riders Profile

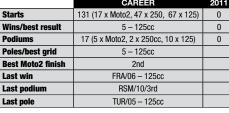
	CAREER	2011
Starts	128 (17 x Moto2, 16 x 250, 95 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	5 – 125cc	0
Podiums	14 (2 x Moto2, 12 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	3 – 125cc	
Best Moto2 finish	3rd	
Last win	VAL/08 - 125cc	
Last podium	ITA/10/3rd	
Last pole	NED/08 - 125cc	

- » Best result in Qatar is 5th in the 125cc race in 2007
- » Last year finished 8th in the Moto2 race in Qatar after qualifying down in 26th place on the grid

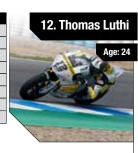


15. Alex de Angelis

40. Aleix Espargaro



- » Luthi's best result in Qatar was 4th on his debut in the 250cc class in 2007
- » Last year he set the fastest lap of the Moto2 race in Qatar on his way to finishing 7th from 16th place on the grid



	CAREER	2011
Starts	180 (38 x MotoGP, 77 x Moto2/250, 65 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	2 (1 x Moto2, 1 x 250)	0
Podiums	36 (1 x MotoGP, 28 x Moto2/250cc, 7 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	10 (1x Moto2, 4 x 250, 5 x 125)	0
Last win	AUS/10	
Last podium	P0R/10/3rd	
Last pole	AUS/10	

- » Has only twice managed to finish in Qatar from seven starts: 2nd place in the 250cc race in 2007 and 6th in the MotoGP in 2009 when he was the first non-factory Honda rider across the line
- » Last year he qualified on the front row for the first ever Moto2 race, but crashed out on the first lap of the race

	CAREER	2011
Starts	94 (17 x Moto2, 77 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	7 (3 x Moto2, 4 x 125)	0
Podiums	13 (8 x Moto2, 5 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	8 (5 x Moto2, 3 x 125)	0
Last win	ARA/10	
Last podium	VAL/10/2nd	
Last pole	ARA/10	

- » His win in the 125cc race at Qatar in 2009 is the only time he has finished in the top ten at the Losail circuit from six starts
- » Last year he was 19th in Qatar one of only two races in 2010 he finished outside the points



	CAREER	2011
Starts	89 (22 x MotoGP, 44 x 250, 23 x 125)	0
Best result	4th – 250cc	0
Podiums	0	0
Best grid	3rd – 250cc	
Last win		
Last podium		
Last pole		

- » Did not compete at Qatar two years ago as he was without a Grand Prix ride at that time
- » Last year crashed out of the MotoGP race in Qatar on lap eight when lying in 11th place

	CAREER	2011
Starts	71 (71 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	5	0
Podiums	21	0
Poles/best grid	3	0
Last win	ARA/10	
Last podium	VAL/10/2nd	
Last pole	AUS/09	

- » Has finished 4th in the 125cc race in Qatar for the last
- » One of just three current circuits at which he has not had a podium when competing in the 125cc class. The others are: Sachsenring & Misano

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	CAREER	2011
Starts	50 (17 x Moto2, 33 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	1 (1 x 125)	0
Podiums	4 (2 x Moto2, 2 x 125)	0
Best Moto2 finish	2nd	0
Best grid	2nd	
Last win	GBR/08 - 125cc	
Last podium	AUS/10/2nd	
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- » Became the youngest ever rider to qualify on a GP front row when making his debut in the 125cc class at Losail in 2008
- » Suffered problems early in the Moto2 race last year and dropped back to 32nd place before eventually finishing 21st



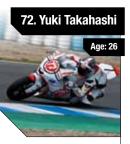
	CAREER	2011
Starts	128 (17 x Moto2, 33 x 250, 78 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	8 (8 x 125)	0
Podiums	22 (8 x Moto2, 14 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	10 (3 x Moto2, 7 x 125)	0
Last win	VAL/09 - 125cc	
Last podium	VAL/10/3rd	
Last pole	MAL/10	

- His second place finish in 2009, on his way to winning the 125cc world title, is his only podium finish in Qatar
- » Qualified second for the Moto2 race in Qatar last year, but retired a the end of the first lap with clutch problems

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	CAREER	2011
Starts	90 (7 x MotoGP, 82 x Moto2/250, 1 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	3 (1 x Moto2, 2 x 250)	0
Podiums	9 (2 x Moto2, 7 x 250)	0
Best grid	2nd	
Last win	CAT/10	
Last podium	CZE/10/2nd	
Last pole		

- » Fifth in the 250cc race in 2008 is Takahashi's best result in Qatar
- » Qualified fifth last year for the Moto2 race in Qatar, but crashed on the eighth lap while battling for a podium finish



	CAREER	2011
Starts	46 (46 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	10	0
Podiums	14	0
Poles/best grid	14	0
Last win	POR/10	
Last podium	POR/10/1st	
Last pole	VAL/10	

- » Has only raced twice previously in Qatar
- » In 2009 he crashed out of the 125cc race in Qatar while battling for a podium position on the last lap of the shortened race
- » Last year he qualified on pole and finished third in Qatar



### 125cc Riders Profile

	CAREER	2011
Starts	58 (10 x 250, 48 x 125)	0
Best result	2nd - 125cc	0
Podiums	2	0
Best grid	3rd – 125cc	
Last podium	RSM/10/3rd	
Last win		
Last podium		
Last pole		



» His second place finish at Qatar last year was his first podium in
GP racing, and is his best ever GP result

	CAREER	2011
Starts	99 (99 x 125)	0
Best result	2nd	0
Podiums	5	0
Poles/best grid	2	
Last podium	INP/10/2nd	
Last pole	ITA/10	
Last podium		
Last pole		



<b>»</b>	Is scheduled to make his 100th Grand Prix start, all of which have	
	been in the 125cc class	



	CAREER	2011
Starts	96 (96 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	5	0
Podiums	23	0
Poles/best grid	1	
Last win	INP/10	
Last podium	VAL/10/3rd	
Last pole	FRA/10	



» His victory at Qatar last year gave him the lead in the world championship classification for the first time



	CAREER	2011
Starts	119 (17 x Moto2, 102 x 125)	0
Wins/best result	3 (3 x 125)	0
Podiums	16 (1 x Moto2, 15 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	2 (2 x 125)	
Last win	NED/09	
Last podium	ITA/10/2nd – Moto2	
Last pole	FRA/08	

» Won the 125cc race in Qatar three years ago - his only podium finish of 2008  $\,$ 

» Returns to the 125cc class after competing in Moto2 during 2010  $\,$ 



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- » Returns to compete in the 125cc class after three years in the 250 cc/Moto2 class
- » Won the 125cc race at Qatar in 2007 when he finished second in the world championship





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#### Fourteen world champions line up in MotoGP

This year's entry list for MotoGP is as strong as ever, with fourteen of the seventeen riders having won FIM World Championship titles, and all seventeen riders have won races at world championship level. The changes in the full time entry list for this year are as follows:

Out from last year have gone – Marco Melandri, Mika Kallio and Aleix Espargaro. Into the MotoGP class come the following riders – Toni Elias, Cal Crutchlow and Karel Abraham.

The following table shows the race wins and world championships achieved by all the riders on the 2011 entry list. The strength of the MotoGP grid can be illustrated by the following facts about the riders lining up:

There are fourteen riders who have won motorcycling World Titles in Grand Prix, World Superbike or World Supersport.

These fourteen riders have won a total of twenty-nine World Championship titles between them.

All seventeen riders have had race victories at World Championship level in either Grand Prix, World Superbike or World Supersport.

Between them, these seventeen riders have scored 372 race victories at world championship level.

The combined total of Grand Prix victories for the full-time entry of riders is 319.

The oldest rider on the grid will once again be Loris Capirossi who celebrates his 38th birthday in early April. The youngest rider is 21-year old Karel Abraham from the Czech Republic, who will be making his debut in the MotoGP class in Qatar having won the final Moto2 race of 2010 in Valencia.

		WORLD	TITLES						RACE	WINS		
	Total	MotoGP /500cc	250cc/ Moto2	125cc	WSB	WSS	Total	MotoGP /500cc	250cc / Moto2	125cc	WSB	wss
Valentino Rossi	9	7	1	1			105	79	14	12		
Jorge Lorenzo	3	1	2				35	14	17	4		
Dani Pedrosa	3		2	1			35	12	15	8		
Loris Capirossi	3		1	2			29	9	12	8		
Colin Edwards	2				2		31				31	
Casey Stoner	1	1					30	23	5	2		
Toni Elias	1		1				17	1	14	2		
Alvaro Bautista	1			1			16		8	8		
Marco Simoncelli	1		1				14		12	2		
Ben Spies	1				1		14				14	
Andrea Dovizioso	1			1			10	1	4	5		
Hiroshi Aoyama	1		1				9		9			
Cal Crutchlow	1					1	8				3	5
Nicky Hayden	1	1					3	3				
Hector Barbera	0						10		4	6		
Randy De Puniet	0						5		5			
Karel Abraham	0						1		1			
Total	29	10	9	6	3	1	372	142	120	57	48	5





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### Sixteen Grand Prix winners on Moto2 grid

The second year of the Moto2 class has attracted a very strong line-up of riders. The main changes in the full time entry list for this year are as follows:

Out from last year have gone — Toni Elias, Karel Abraham, Gabor Talmacsi, Roberto Rolfo, Alex Debon, Sergio Gadea, Hector Faubel, Joan Olive, Fonsi Nieto, Vladimir Ivanov, Yannick Guerra and Niccolo Canepa

Into the Moto2 class come the following riders – Marc Marquez, Bradley Smith, Randy Krummenacher, Javier Fores, Esteve Rabat, Mika Kallio, Aleix Espargaro, Pol Espargaro, Kev Coghlan, Michele Pirro, Kenan Sofuoglu, Santi Hernandez, Max Neukirchner and Ricky Cardus.

The strength in depth of the Moto2 grid can be illustrated by the following facts about the riders lining up, together with the table below:

Sixteen of the riders on the full-time entry list have previously won Grand Prix races.

Between them these sixteen riders have scored 81 Grand Prix wins.

Four of the riders competing in Moto2 in 2011 have won the 125cc world championship.

The full-time entry list includes riders from 17 different nations.

The youngest rider in the full-time Moto2 entry list is reigning 125cc world champions Marc Marquez who will be just 18 years 31 days old at the first GP of the year. The oldest rider is Spanish-based American rider Kenny Noyes, who is the only rider on the full-time entry list to be over the age of 30 at the opening race of the year in Qatar.

	WORLD TITLES		RACE WINS	
	125cc	Total	250cc/Moto2	125cc
Marc Marquez	1 1	10		10
Julian Simon	1	8		8
Thomas Luthi	1	5		5
Mike di Meglio	1	5		5
Mika Kallio		12	5	7
Mattia Pasini		10	2	8
Andrea lannone		7	3	4
Simone Corsi		5		5
Pol Espargaro		5		5
Yuki Takahashi		3	3	
Stefan Bradl		3	1	2
Bradley Smith		3		3
Alex de Angelis		2	2	
Jules Cluzel		1	1	·
Anthony West		1	1	
Scott Redding		1		1
Total	4	81	18	63

#### New champion in last year of the 125cc class

With the 2010 champion Marc Marquez moving up to Moto2, there will be a new champion in the 125cc class who will go down in history as the last ever 125cc world champion.

The main changes in the 125 entry list for 2011 are given below. With these changes the full-time entry list has increased significantly from 26 last year to 31 this year.

Out from last year have gone: Marc Marquez, Pol Espargaro, Bradley Smith, Esteve Rabat, Tomoyoshi Koyama, Randy Krummenacher, Sturla Fagerhaug, Lorenzo Savadori, Luca Marconi, Alexis Masbou and Marco Ravaioli.

Into the series as full-time riders come the following: Luigi Morciano, Daniel Kartheininger, Taylor Mackenzie, Alessandro Tonucci, Harry Stafford, Maverick Vinales, Giulian Pedone, Niklas Ajo, Sergio Gadea, Joan Perello, Francesco Mauriello, Miguel Oliveira, Danny Kent, Hector Faubel, Sarath Kumar and Hiroki Ono.

With this influx of new young riders, twenty of the full-time entrants in the 125cc class will still be teenagers at the opening race of the year in Qatar. The youngest rider is Maverick Vinales, who had his 16th birthday in January. The oldest rider in the 125cc class is Hector Faubel, who returns to the 125cc class after three years in the Moto2/250cc class and will be 27 at the opening race of the year.



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## Commercialbank Grand Prix of Qatar

March 16th Losail

#### **Grand Prix racing numbers**

- 100 At the Qatar GP, Sandro Cortese is scheduled to make his 100th Grand Prix start, all of which have been in the 125cc class. Cortese made his Grand Prix debut at the opening race of 2005 at Jerez and has competed in every 125cc GP race since then without missing. At the age of 21 years and 73 days he will become the second youngest rider ever to reach the milestone of 100 Grand Prix starts; only Jorge Lorenzo has reached this milestone at a younger age.
- **63** This will be the 63rd year that the 125cc class has been part of the world championship Grand Prix series. It is the only class to have maintained the same capacity limit since the world championship racing started in 1949. For 2012 the 125cc class will be replaced by a new four-stroke formula with a capacity limit of 250cc.
- 35 Great rivals Jorge Lorenzo and Dani Pedrosa have both won 35 Grand Prix races across all three classes.
- 23 Moto2 rider Ricky Cardus will celebrate his 23rd birthday on Friday of the Qatar GP weekend.
- 20 British 125cc rider Danny Webb celebrates his 20th birthday on the Tuesday following the Qatar Grand Prix.
- 14 Jorge Lorenzo's victory at the final race of 2010 in Valencia was his 14th win in the premier-class, which is just one less than the number of career wins for Alex Criville who is the most successful Spanish rider of all-time in the premier-class.
- 12 Valentino Rossi will be aiming to win in the premier-class for the 12th successive year to equal the record of Giacomo Agostini.
- 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 currently the two riders with most premier-class wins without winning the world title.
- 11 Qualifying day in Qatar will be the eleventh anniversary of the 2000 South African Grand Prix which was won by Garry McCoy on a Yamaha. This was also the race at which Valentino Rossi made his premier-class debut when he crashed on the 13th lap after setting the fastest lap of the race.
- **8** It is eight years ago since a Honda rider won the opening MotoGP race of the year Valentino Rossi in 2003 at the Suzuka circuit in Japan.
- **8** This will be the eighth occasion that a Grand Prix event has been held at the Losail circuit and the fourth under floodlights. Yamaha and Ducati have each had three MotoGP victories at the Losail circuit. Honda's single MotoGP victory in Qatar was back in 2004 with Sete Gibernau.
- **8** -There are eight British riders on the full-time Grand Prix entry list for 2011 across all three classes. The last time that as many as eight British riders competed in Grand Prix racing on a full-time basis was 1989.
- **5** Aprilia riders have won the 125cc race in Qatar for the past five years. Prior to that Derbi won the 125cc GP at Qatar in 2004 and KTM in 2005.
- **5** Rossi will be aiming to win in the premier-class on the fifth different motorcycle, having already won on the Honda NSR500, Honda RC211V, Yamaha 1000cc M1 and Yamaha 800cc M1.
- 4th Suzuki's best result at the Qatar GP is a fourth place finish by John Hopkins in 2007.
- **3** Honda have had only three podium finishes in the MotoGP class at Losail since the introduction of the 800cc capacity limit in 2007, and on each occasion the result has been third: Pedrosa in 2007 and 2008 and Dovizioso last year.
- 1 Of the seven MotoGP races held in Qatar, only one has been won from pole position: Casey Stoner in 2009 on a
- 1 Honda have only previously had one MotoGP pole at the Losail circuit: Casey Stoner in 2006 on just his second appearance in the MotoGP class.
- 1 New entrant to the 125cc class Sarath Kumar, is the first ever rider from India to become a full-time Grand Prix rider.