



ASYMMETRIC REAR SLICKS FOR LE MANS

The French Grand Prix is the first of the 2010 season to which Bridgestone have selected asymmetric rear slick tyres, in response to calls from riders during 2009 for greater use of the multi-compound slicks.

Only the harder of the rear tyre options is asymmetric though. The same soft specification rears that were used in Jerez have been chosen for Le Mans to provide grip with the low ambient and track temperature, but each medium rear slick combines the same soft compound in the left shoulder with the medium compound

in the right.

The medium asymmetric rear will provide added durability through the nine right-handed corners of Le Mans if the track temperature rises without sacrificing warm-up performance of the left shoulder through the four left-handers.

Of the two available rear tyre specifications in Le Mans, the harder option slick is asymmetric this season

Last year the track temperature was just 19 degrees Celsius; a far cry from the 49 degrees seen in Jerez last time out. In Le Mans wet tyres are also important as the venue has a history of being affected by rain, so Bridgestone have selected the soft wet tyres for the French Grand Prix



TYRE TALK

Tohru Ubukata - Manager, Bridgestone Motorcycle Tyre Development

“Le Mans is a slippery and smooth circuit which requires softer compound tyres in order to generate good grip, especially with the low temperature. The circuit has quite a stop-and-go nature which can bunch the field, although the last part of the lap is high speed. The lateral loads placed on the tyres are relatively low, but good stability from the front tyre under braking is crucial.

The circuit has an asymmetric layout that uses the right shoulders harder than the left, especially on the exit of turn nine, so we have chosen to use our medium spec asymmetric rear tyres.

The weather has historically been very unstable at Le Mans which has a significant impact upon bike settings and tyre choice. We will bring the same soft compound wets as last year so at least the manufacturers will already have setup data for this situation.”



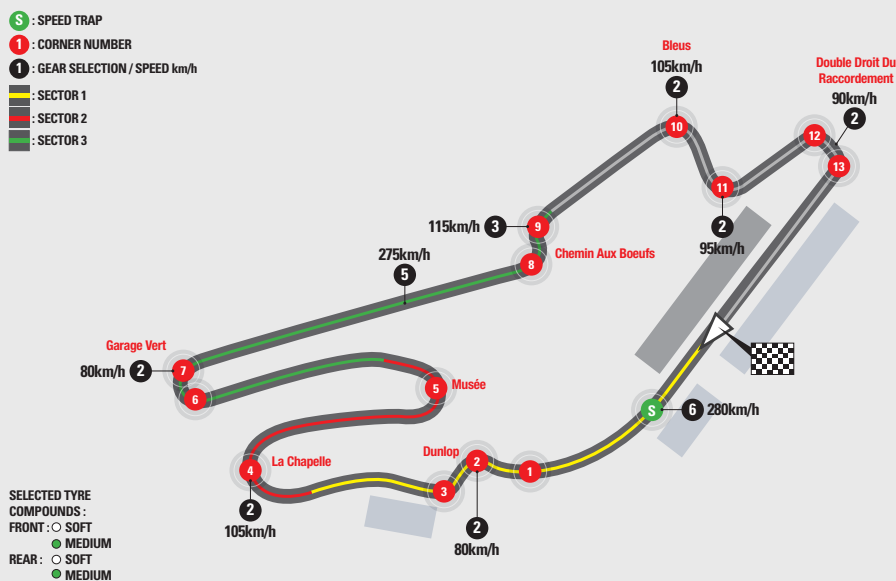
FRANCE - LE MANS

CIRCUIT SEVERITY RATING

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

EVENT SCHEDULE LOCAL TIME

FRIDAY	
12:40-13:40	125cc Free Practice 1
13:55-14:55	MotoGP Free Practice 1
15:10-16:10	Moto2 Free Practice 1
SATURDAY	
09:00-09:40	125cc Free Practice 2
09:55-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 2
11:10-12:10	Moto2 Free Practice 2
13:00-13:40	125cc Qualifying Practice
13:55-14:55	MotoGP Qualifying Practice
15:10-15:55	Moto2 Qualifying Practice
SUNDAY	
08:40-09:00	125cc Warm Up
09:10-09:30	Moto2 Warm Up
09:40-10:00	MotoGP Warm Up
11:00	125cc Race (24 laps)
12:15	Moto2 Race (26 laps)
14:00	MotoGP Race (28 laps)



CIRCUIT INFORMATION

First race	1969
No. of GPs held	21
Laps	28 (MotoGP) 26 (Moto2) 24 (125cc)
Track length	4.185km / 2.600 miles (Width 13m)
Race distance	117.18km / 72.8 miles (28 Laps)
Longest straight	0.450km / 0.280 miles
Corners	13 (4 left, 9 right)

RECORDS

Pole position	1m 32.647s (162.617km/h)
	Dani Pedrosa (Honda, 2008)
Fastest lap	1m 34.215s (159.910km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2008)
Race time	44m 30.799s (157.948km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2008)
2009 Winner	Jorge Lorenzo (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: 169 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 78 Poles: 48 Fastest laps: 63 Podiums: 131 Points: 3125
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: 36 (MotoGP)
Wins: 6 Poles: 9 Fastest laps: 5 Podiums: 20 Points: 496
Best championship position: 2nd (2009)

Repsol Honda Team

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

**Dani Pedrosa Bike number 26**

Age: 24 DOB: 29/9/1985 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 71 (MotoGP)
Wins: 8 Poles: 14 Fastest laps: 15 Podiums: 39 Points: 969
Best championship position: 2nd (2007)

**Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4**

Age: 24 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 37 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 3 Points: 360
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: 67 (MotoGP)
Wins: 20 Poles: 19 Fastest laps: 18 Podiums: 34 Points: 997
Best championship position: 1st (2007)

**Nicky Hayden Bike number 69**

Age: 28 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 118 (MotoGP)
Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 6 Podiums: 26 Points: 1117
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: 121 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 3 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 11 Points: 963
Best championship position: 4th (2005)

**Ben Spies Bike number 11**

Age: 25 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American
GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 6 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 40
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: 116 (MotoGP)
Wins: 5 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 20 Points: 925
Best championship position: 2nd (2005)

**Marco Simoncelli Bike number 58**

Age: 23 DOB: 20/1/1987 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 2 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 10
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: 190 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 9 Poles: 13 Fastest laps: 10 Podiums: 42 Points: 1760
Best championship position: 3rd (2006*)

**Álvaro Bautista Bike number 19**

Age: 25 DOB: 21/1/1984 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 2 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 6
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: 18 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 80
Best championship position: 15th (2009)

**Aleix Espargaro Bike number 41**

Age: 20 DOB: 30/7/1989 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: IND09 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 6 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 17
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: 72 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 329
Best championship position: 11th (2009*)

Interwetten Honda MotoGP

Web: www.interwetten-honda-motogp.com
Machine: Honda RC212V**Hiroshi Aoyama Bike number 7**

Age: 28 DOB: 25/10/1981 Nationality: Japanese
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 2 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 8
Best championship position: NA

Paginas Amarillas Aspar

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP10
Web: www.teamaspar.net**Hector Barbera Bike number 40**

Age: 23 DOB: 2/11/1986 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 2 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 3
Best championship position: NA

FACT

The podium finish from the last round in Jerez was the second closest ever in MotoGP's 800cc era. Jorge Lorenzo, Dani Pedrosa and Valentino Rossi were separated by just 0.89 seconds after 27 laps of racing.

TOP RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

RIDER	TITLES	WINS	2NDs	3RDs	PODIUMS	POLES
Valentino Rossi	2	16	10	5	31	9
Casey Stoner	1	20	6	7	33	18
Loris Capirossi	-	6	7	4	17	5
Jorge Lorenzo	-	5	6	3	14	5
Dani Pedrosa	-	2	6	7	15	4
Makoto Tamada	-	2	1	1	4	3
Chris Vermeulen	-	1	3	3	7	3
Troy Bayliss	-	1	-	-	1	-
Andrea Dovizioso	-	1	-	1	2	-
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	-
Alex Barros	-	-	-	1	1	-
Jeremy McWilliams	-	-	-	-	0	1
Sete Gibernau	-	-	-	-	0	1
TOTAL	3	54	51	44	149	51

Current riders in black

A : Reason retired B : Final race position C : Grid position D : Championship points F : Front tyre choice at start R : Rear tyre choice at start ●● : Tyre changes AC : Accident DQ : Disqualified RT : Retired TC : Technical DNS : Did not start

RACE KEY						CALENDAR & RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP																	
A F B C D																							
AVAILABLE TYRE COMPOUNDS:						○ Soft ● Medium ● Hard ● Extra Hard ● Wet																	
						Losail	Jerez	Le Mans	Mugello	Silverstone	Assen	Catalunya	Sachsenring	Laguna Seca	Brno	Indianapolis	Misano	Motorland Aragon	Motegi	Sepang	Phillip Island	Estoril	Valencia
						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						● Medium ● Ex. Hard	● Medium ○ Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard														
ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES						● Medium ○ Hard	○ Soft ● Medium	○ Soft ● Medium	● Medium ○ Hard														
RACE WEATHER CONDITIONS						☀ 24° ☀ 27°	☀ 25° ☀ 45°																
RACE TRACK CONDITIONS						DRY	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)		WV 1 PD 2	45	F ● 2 R ○ 3	F ● 1 R ○ 2																		
2 Valentino Rossi (46)		WV 1 PD 2	41	F ● 1 R ○ 2	F ● 3 R ○ 4																		
3 Dani Pedrosa (26)		WV - PD 1	29	F ● 7 R ○ 9	F ● 2 R ○ 1																		
4 Andrea Dovizioso (4)		WV - PD 1	26	F ● 3 R ○ 6	F ● 6 R ○ 9																		
5 Nicky Hayden (69)		WV - PD -	26	F ● 4 R ○ 9	F ● 4 R ○ 5																		
6 Randy De Puniet (14)		WV - PD -	17	F ● 6 R ○ 10	F ● 9 R ○ 14																		
7 Colin Edwards (5)		WV - PD -	12	F ● 8 R ○ 8	F ● 12 R ○ 7																		
8 Casey Stoner (27)		WV - PD -	11	AC F ● - R ○ 1	F ● 5 R ○ 3																		
9 Ben Spies (11)		WV - PD -	11	F ● 5 R ○ 11	RT F ○ - R ○ 8																		
10 Marco Melandri (33)		WV - PD -	11	F ● 13 R ○ 17	F ● 11 R ○ 10																		
11 Marco Simoncelli (58)		WV - PD -	10	F ● 11 R ○ 15	F ● 11 R ○ ??																		
12 Mika Kallio (36)		WV - PD -	9	AC F ● - R ○ 12	F ● 7 R ○ 17																		
13 Hiroshi Aoyama (7)		WV - PD -	8	F ● 10 R ○ 6	F ● 14 R ○ 2																		
14 Loris Capirossi (65)		WV - PD -	7	F ● 9 R ○ 5	AC F ○ 7 R ○ -11																		
15 Hector Barbera (40)		WV - PD -	7	F ● 12 R ○ 16	F ● 4 R ○ 13																		
16 Alvaro Bautista (19)		WV - PD -	6	AC F ● - R ○ 13	F ● 10 R ○ 13																		
17 Aleix Espargaro (41)		WV - PD -	1	AC F ● - R ○ 14	F ● 15 R ○ 1																		

TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Fiat Yamaha Team - 86

2. Repsol Honda Team - 55
3. Ducati Team - 37

4. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 23
5. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 21

6. LCR Honda MotoGP - 17
7. Rizla Suzuki MotoGP - 13

8. Pramac Racing - 10
9. Interwetten Honda MotoGP - 8

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CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Yamaha - 50
2. Honda -36
3. Ducati -26
4. Suzuki - 13

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	2			2 (x1 Rossi) (x1 Lorenzo)	2	6
TOTAL		137	3	3	54	51	149

TEAM NEWS

MELANDRI EAGER FOR LE MANS

Encouraged by work he and the team have done in Jerez and during the post-race test, Marco Melandri is looking forward to returning to Le Mans, this year with the San Carlo Honda Gresini squad. Melandri, who finished second at a wet/dry French GP last year said: "I feel that we have made a step forward. I'm confident about going to Le Mans, where I hope we can take another step forward."



SPIES CARRYING POSITIVES TO FRANCE

Ben Spies, currently top MotoGP rookie, said of his result in Jerez: "It's really unfortunate because I thought we had a really good package for the race" but added: "The consolation is that I know we had the speed for a good result and there are a lot of positive points to take from the weekend. We can go to Le Mans confident that I'll be able to show more of my true potential."



ROSSI RETURNING TO FULL STRENGTH

After suffering a fall on a motocross bike whilst training and damaging his shoulder just days after the Qatar Grand Prix, Valentino Rossi rode in Jerez "lacking a bit of strength". Finishing third nevertheless, now the winner of the 2008 French GP is aiming to return to action fully fit, saying: "Now we have a long rest and I want to fully recover so I'm back to full strength in Le Mans".



LAST YEAR'S RACE - FRANCE, LE MANS 2009

FASTEST RACE LAP:
Dani Pedrosa, Honda - Lap 27 - Average speed: 158.514 km/h - Time: 1m 35.045s

2009 QUALIFYING TIMES						2009 RACE RESULTS					
POS	RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP	POS	RIDER	TEAM	AVG KM/H	TIME	GAP
1	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	281.8	1m33.974s		1	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	146.8	47m52.678s	
2	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	282.2	1m33.979s	+0.005s	2	Marco Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	145.9	48m10.388s	+17.710s
3	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	289.7	1m34.049s	+0.075s	3	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	145.8	48m12.571s	+19.893s
4	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	291.2	1m34.106s	+0.132s	4	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	145.8	48m13.133s	+20.455s
5	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	284.0	1m34.300s	+0.326s	5	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	145.3	48m23.217s	+30.539s
6	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	278.2	1m34.330s	+0.356s	6	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	145.0	48m30.140s	+37.462s
7	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	280.4	1m34.676s	+0.702s	7	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	144.8	48m32.869s	+40.191s
8	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	283.5	1m34.839s	+0.865s	8	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	144.6	48m38.099s	+45.421s
9	Marco Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	282.0	1m35.008s	+1.034s	9	James Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	144.3	48m42.985s	+50.307s
10	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	290.3	1m35.399s	+1.425s	10	Toni Elias	San Carlo Honda Gresini	144.2	48m45.896s	+53.218s
11	Toni Elias	San Carlo Honda Gresini	281.3	1m35.431s	+1.457s	11	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	144.2	48m46.228s	+53.550s
12	James Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	278.4	1m35.524s	+1.550s	12	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	144.0	48m49.325s	+56.647s
13	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	279.3	1m35.682s	+1.708s	13	Yuki Takahashi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	144.0	48m49.366s	+56.688s
14	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing	278.3	1m35.741s	+1.767s	14	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	143.3	49m03.977s	+71.299
15	Yuki Takahashi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	283.1	1m35.774s	+1.800s	15	Niccolò Canepa	Pramac Racing	143.1	49m08.063s	+75.385
16	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	278.9	1m35.785s	+1.811s	16	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	131.9	49m28.685s	+2 Laps
17	Niccolò Canepa	Pramac Racing	274.9	1m36.136s	+2.162s	NC	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing	132.9	20m47.302s	17 Laps
NC	Sete Gibernau	Grupo Francisco Hernando	-	-	-	NC	Sete Gibernau	Grupo Francisco Hernando	-	-	DNS

FACT

Le Mans has made various appearances on the MotoGP calendar over the years, starting in 1969 and being alternated with Clermont-Ferrand, Paul Ricard and Nogaro. Recently, it has hosted the French GP every year since 2000.



BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

F1 Reb Bull's Mark Webber won in Catalunya ahead of Ferrari's Fernando Alonso and teammate Sebastian Vettel in third. After five rounds of the season Jenson Button leads the championship with McLaren Mercedes just three points ahead of Alonso. Vettel is third and Webber fourth. Monaco was the sixth round of the season on 16 May, after this sheet went to print.

GP2 Charles Pic won the opening round of the GP2 season in Barcelona, and Fabio Leimer won the sprint race. After the opening round, Pic leads the championship two points ahead of Leimer who is tied with Ricci. The scheduled fourth round of the season in Portimao has been cancelled, leaving the 2010 GP2 season with just ten GPs.

IndyCar Scott Dixon won the last round of the IZOD IndyCar Series at Kansas Speedway on 1 May. The Target Chip Ganassi driver finished ahead of Dario Franchitti with Tony Kanaan in third. After five rounds Will Power leads the championship ahead of Dixon and Helio Castroneves.

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