

15 JAPAN MOTEGI

02/10/2011



SOFTER REAR SLICKS SELECTED FOR MOTEGI

The MotoGP circus travels to Japan on 2 October for round 15 of the championship at the Twin Ring Motegi circuit near Mito, just a few hours' drive from the Tokyo headquarters of Bridgestone Corporation. The original date was set for 24 April but the natural disasters and subsequent crisis in Japan forced the postponement so the event now lies one week before an overseas back-to-back pair of races on Australia and Malaysia.

Compared to last year the rear slicks are

now one step softer for improved warm-up and safety in the opening laps in response to rider requests. The available options are now the Soft and Medium compounds. The Medium option rear has a soft compound left shoulder and the Soft compound rear uses Bridgestone's extra soft rubber in the left side. To date the extra soft compound rubber has been used at a total of six Grands Prix this season.

The 4.8km Motegi circuit features four long and fast straights followed by very heavy braking

points, and its layout is characterised by hard acceleration followed by heavy braking. This places the emphasis on front tyre stability and a strong centre section, and good traction from the rear tyre.

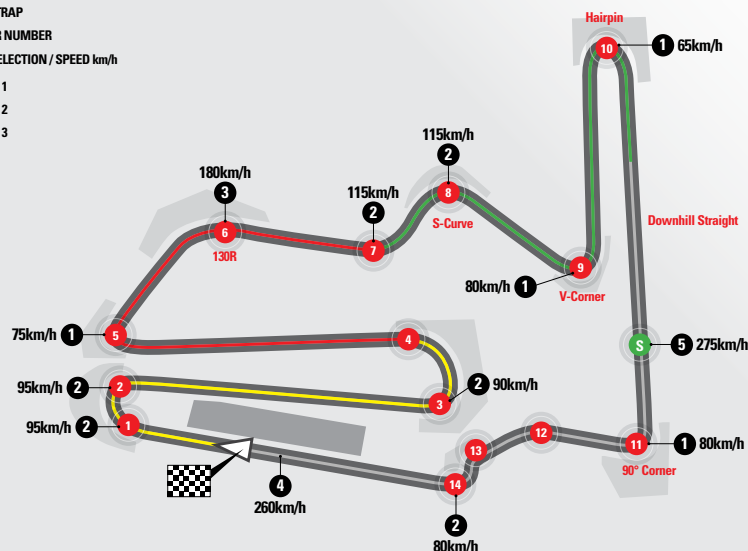


This year the left side of the rear tyres is one step softer than last year for improved warm-up performance in the opening laps

EVENT SCHEDULE LOCAL TIME

FRIDAY	
09:15-09:55	125cc Free Practice 1
10:10-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 1
11:10-11:55	Moto2 Free Practice 1
13:15-13:55	125cc Free Practice 2
14:10-14:55	MotoGP Free Practice 2
15:10-15:55	Moto2 Free Practice 2
SATURDAY	
09:15-09:55	125cc Free Practice 3
10:10-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 3
11:10-11:55	Moto2 Free Practice 3
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
12:00	125cc Race (20 Laps)
13:15	Moto2 Race (23 Laps)
15:00	MotoGP Race (24 Laps)

- S : SPEED TRAP
- 1 : CORNER NUMBER
- 1 : GEAR SELECTION / SPEED km/h
- SECTOR 1
- SECTOR 2
- SECTOR 3



CIRCUIT RECORDS

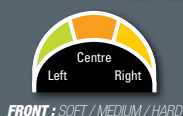
Pole position	1m 45.543s (163.758Km/h)
	Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2008)
Fastest lap	1m 47.091s (161.391Km/h)
	Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
Race time	43m 09.599s (160.181Km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2008)
2010 Winner	Casey Stoner (Ducati)

CIRCUIT INFORMATION

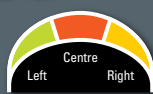
First race	1999
No. of GPs held	8
Laps	24 (MotoGP) 23 (Moto2) 20 (125cc)
Track length	4.801km / 2.983 miles (Width 14m)
Race distance	115.224 km / 71.592 miles
Longest straight	0.762m / 0.473 miles
Corners	14 (8 right, 6 left)

TYRE SEVERITY RATING

MILD SEVERE



FRONT : SOFT / MEDIUM / HARD



REAR : SOFT / MEDIUM

TYRE TALK HIROHIDE HAMASHIMA ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR, BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT TYRE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Being held at the same time as it was last year, at the start of October, we can expect the conditions at Motegi to be similar, but in response to calls from riders we have revised our tyre compound options. We have made our rear asymmetric slicks one step softer, meaning that we are also using our extra soft compound for the first time at this circuit. This will give the riders improved warm-up performance and safety in the opening laps, like they asked for.

We saw in Aragon that warm-up performance was very good and tyre wear was relatively high, but Motegi is cooler and the surface less abrasive so durability should be better. There are eight rights and six lefts but many of the corners are quite tight and slow and this staccato nature places a lot of emphasis on braking stability from the front tyres and edge grip from the rears.

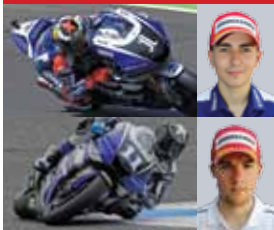
Source : www.motogp.com
& Haynes MotoGP Season Review.
Information subject to change

TEAMS AND RIDERS

TEAMS AND RIDERS ORDER BASED ON 2010 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION. *MOST RECENT PERFORMANCE LISTED.

YAMAHA FACTORY RACING

MACHINE: Yamaha YZR-M1
WEB: www.yamaha-racing.com



Jorge Lorenzo Bike number 1

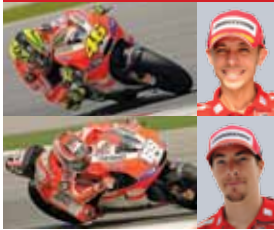
Age: 24 DOB: 4/5/1987 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 66 (MotoGP)
Wins: 17 Poles: 18 Fastest laps: 11 Podiums: 43 Points: 1074
Best championship position: 1st (2010)

Ben Spies Bike number 11

Age: 27 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American
GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 35 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 5 Points: 351
Best championship position: 6th (2010)

DUCATI TEAM

MACHINE: Ducati Desmosedici GP11
WEB: www.ducati.com



Valentino Rossi Bike number 46

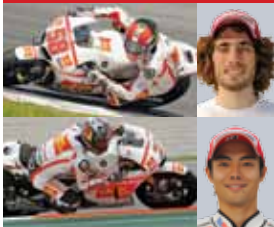
Age: 32 DOB: 16/2/1979 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: RSA00 (500cc) GP Starts: 195 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 79 Poles: 49 Fastest laps: 66 Podiums: 140 Points: 3456
Best championship position: 1st (x7, 2009*)

Nicky Hayden Bike number 69

Age: 30 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 148 (MotoGP)
Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 7 Podiums: 28 Points: 1368
Best championship position: 1st (2006)

SAN CARLO HONDA GRESINI

MACHINE: Honda RC212V
WEB: www.gresiniracing.com



Marco Simoncelli Bike number 58

Age: 24 DOB: 20/1/1987 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 32 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 2 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 1 Points: 231
Best championship position: 8th (2010)

Hiroshi Aoyama Bike number 7

Age: 29 DOB: 25/10/1981 Nationality: Japanese
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 26 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 140
Best championship position: 15th (2010)

RIZLA SUZUKI MOTOGP

MACHINE: Suzuki GSV-R
WEB: www.rizla-suzuki-motogp.co.uk

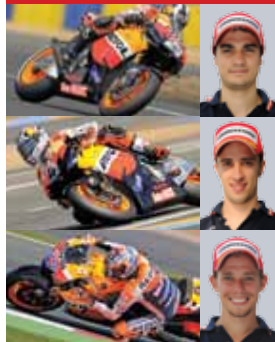


Álvaro Bautista Bike number 19

Age: 26 DOB: 21/11/1984 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 29 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 152
Best championship position: 13th (2010)

REPSOL HONDA TEAM

MACHINE: Honda RC212V
WEB: www.hondapracing.com



Dani Pedrosa Bike number 26

Age: 26 DOB: 29/9/1985 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 95 (MotoGP)
Wins: 14 Poles: 18 Fastest laps: 25 Podiums: 55 Points: 1355
Best championship position: 2nd (2010*)

Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4

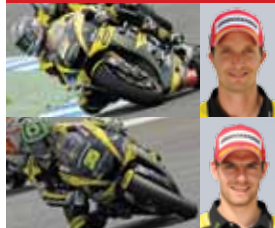
Age: 25 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 67 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 14 Points: 721
Best championship position: 5th (2010*)

Casey Stoner Bike number 27

Age: 25 DOB: 16/10/1985 Nationality: Australian
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 97 (MotoGP)
Wins: 31 Poles: 31 Fastest laps: 26 Podiums: 56 Points: 1495
Best championship position: 1st (2007)

MONSTER YAMAHA TECH 3

MACHINE: Yamaha YZR-M1
WEB: www.teamtech3.fr



Colin Edwards Bike number 5

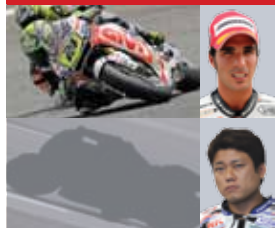
Age: 37 DOB: 27/2/1974 Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 150 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 3 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 12 Points: 1144
Best championship position: 4th (2005)

Cal Crutchlow Bike number 35

Age: 25 DOB: 29/10/1985 Nationality: British
GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 13 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 49
Best championship position: NA

LCR HONDA MOTOGP

MACHINE: Honda RC212V
WEB: www.lcr.mc



Toni Elias Bike number 24

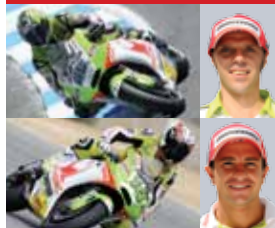
Age: 28 DOB: 26/03/1983 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: SPA05 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 93 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 6 Points: 558
Best championship position: 7th (2009)

Kousuke Akiyoshi Bike number 64

Age: 36 DOB: 12/01/1975 Nationality: Japanese
GP Debut: JPN06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 7 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 10
Best championship position: 20th (2010)

PRAMAC RACING TEAM

MACHINE: Ducati Desmosedici GP11
WEB: www.pramacracing.com



Loris Capirossi Bike number 65

Age: 38 DOB: 4/4/1973 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: AUS95 (500cc) GP Starts: 216 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 9 Poles: 13 Fastest laps: 10 Podiums: 42 Points: 1826
Best championship position: 3rd (2006*)

Randy de Puniet Bike number 14

Age: 30 DOB: 14/2/1981 Nationality: French
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 100 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 461
Best championship position: 9th (2010)

MAPFRE ASPAR TEAM

MACHINE: Ducati Desmosedici GP11
WEB: www.teamaspar.net

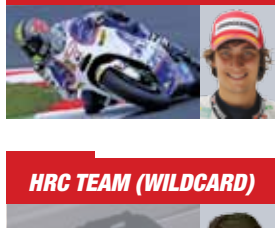


Héctor Barberá Bike number 8

Age: 24 DOB: 2/11/1986 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 32 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 170
Best championship position: 12th (2010)

CARDION AB MOTORACING

MACHINE: Ducati Desmosedici GP11
WEB: www.karel Abraham.com

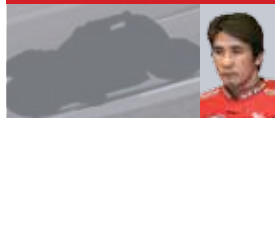


Karel Abraham Bike number 17

Age: 21 DOB: 02/01/1990 Nationality: Czech
GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 14 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 50
Best championship position: NA

HRC TEAM (WILDCARD)

MACHINE: Honda RC212V
WEB: www.lcr.mc



Shinichi Ito Bike number 72

Age: 44 DOB: 07/12/1966 Nationality: Japanese
GP Debut: JPN88 (500cc) GP Starts: 66 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 0 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 6 Points: 510
Best championship position: 5th (1995)

TOP RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

RIDER	TITLES	WINS	2NDs	3RDs	PODIUMS	POLES
Valentino Rossi	2	17	12	11	40	10
Casey Stoner	1	31	9	15	55	30
Jorge Lorenzo	1	16	15	6	37	14
Dani Pedrosa	-	8	14	9	31	8
Loris Capirossi	-	6	7	4	17	5
Makoto Tamada	-	2	1	1	4	3
Andrea Dovizioso	-	1	7	5	13	1
Chris Vermeulen	-	1	3	3	7	3
Ben Spies	-	1	1	3	5	1
Troy Bayliss	-	1	-	-	1	-
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	2	-
Oliver Jacque	-	-	1	-	1	-
Nicky Hayden	-	-	-	3	3	-
Carlos Checa	-	-	-	2	2	-
Marco Simoncelli	-	-	-	1	1	2
Alex Barros	-	-	-	1	1	-
Jeremy McWilliams	-	-	-	-	0	1
Sete Gibernau	-	-	-	-	0	1
TOTAL	4	84	81	74	239	81

CURRENT RIDERS IN BLACK

		○ Soft ● Medium ● Hard ● Extra Hard ● Wet		Losail	Jerez	Estoril	Le Mans	Catalunya	Silverstone	Assen	Mugello	Sachsenring	Laguna Seca	Bmo	Indianapolis	Misano	Motordar Aragon	Motegi	Phillip Island	Sepang	Valencia
		QAT	SPA	POR	FRA	CAT	GBR	HOL	ITA	GER	USA	CZE	IND	RSM	ARA	JPN	AUS	MAL	VAL		
		20/03/11	03/04/11	01/05/11	15/05/11	05/06/11	12/06/11	25/06/11	03/07/11	17/07/11	24/07/11	14/08/11	28/08/11	04/09/11	18/09/11	02/10/11	16/10/11	23/10/11	06/11/11		
ALLOCATED - FRONT TYRES		● Medium ● Ex. Hard	● Soft ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium	● Soft ● Medium	● Medium ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium	● Soft ● Medium	● Medium ● Hard	● Medium ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium	● Hard ● Ex. Hard	● Medium ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium ● Extra Hard	● Soft ● Medium ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium ● Extra Hard	● Soft ● Medium ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium ● Hard		
ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES		● Medium ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium	● Medium ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium	● Medium ● Hard	● Medium ● Hard	● Medium ● Hard	● Medium ● Hard	● Medium ● Hard	● Soft ● Medium	● Soft ● Medium	● Soft ● Medium	● Soft ● Medium	● Soft ● Medium	● Soft ● Medium	● Soft ● Medium	● Soft ● Medium	● Soft ● Medium		
RACE WEATHER CONDITIONS		19° 20°	17° 15°	20° 38°	18° 33°	20° 25°	11° 10°	14° 16°	29° 54°	21° 29°	23° 44°	24° 37°	27° 51°	28° 35°	19° 26°						
RACE TRACK CONDITIONS		DRY	WET	DRY	DRY	DRY	WET	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY						
POSITION - RIDER		TOTAL WINS PODIUM	PTS	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Casey Stoner (27)	W 8 PD 13	284	● 1 ● 25	● 1 ● 25	● 3 ● 16	● 1 ● 25	● 1 ● 25	● 2 ● 20	● 3 ● 16	● 3 ● 16	● 1 ● 25	● 1 ● 25	● 3 ● 16	● 3 ● 16	● 1 ● 25	● 1 ● 25				
2	Jorge Lorenzo (1)	W 3 PD 9	240	● 2 ● 20	● 3 ● 25	● 2 ● 13	● 4 ● 20	● 2 ● 13	● 3 ● 20	● 6 ● 10	● 5 ● 20	● 2 ● 20	● 4 ● 20	● 4 ● 13	● 1 ● 25	● 3 ● 16	● 3 ● 16				
3	Andrea Dovizioso (4)	W - PD 5	185	● 4 ● 13	● 7 ● 13	● 6 ● 13	● 4 ● 13	● 2 ● 13	● 5 ● 20	● 3 ● 16	● 2 ● 20	● 4 ● 16	● 5 ● 16	● 2 ● 11	● 5 ● 11	● 5 ● 11	● 6 ● 10	● - ● 5			
4	Dani Pedrosa (26)	W 2 PD 8	170	● 3 ● 16	● 2 ● 20	● 1 ● 25	● 3 ● 20	● 4 ● 20	● 8 ● 8	● 1 ● 25	● 3 ● 25	● 3 ● 16	● 2 ● 20	● 2 ● 20	● 2 ● 20	● 2 ● 20	● 2 ● 20				
5	Ben Spies (11)	W 1 PD 3	146	● 6 ● 10	● 5 ● 10	● 4 ● 10	● 5 ● 10	● 6 ● 10	● 3 ● 16	● 4 ● 16	● 5 ● 11	● 4 ● 13	● 5 ● 11	● 4 ● 13	● 5 ● 11	● 6 ● 10	● 5 ● 11				
6	Valentino Rossi (46)	W - PD 1	139	● 7 ● 9	● 5 ● 11	● 5 ● 11	● 5 ● 9	● 3 ● 16	● 5 ● 11	● 6 ● 13	● 4 ● 11	● 6 ● 12	● 9 ● 16	● 6 ● 10	● 10 ● 14	● 7 ● 11	● 10 ● 13				
7	Nicky Hayden (69)	W - PD 1	114	● 9 ● 13	● 3 ● 16	● 9 ● 13	● 7 ● 10	● 8 ● 9	● 4 ● 13	● 5 ● 11	● 10 ● 9	● 8 ● 8	● 7 ● 9	● 7 ● 9	● 14 ● 8	● - ● 15	● 7 ● 9				
8	Marco Simoncelli (58)	W - PD 1	106	● 5 ● 11	● 4 ● 10	● 5 ● 10	● 2 ● 10	● 5 ● 11	● 6 ● 10	● 1 ● 10	● 5 ● 11	● 6 ● 10	● 4 ● 10	● - ● 5	● 3 ● 16	● 12 ● 7	● 4 ● 13	● 4 ● 13			
9	Colin Edwards (5)	W - PD 1	90	● 8 ● 8	● 10 ● 8	● 6 ● 7	● 7 ● 10	● 13 ● 3	● 7 ● 10	● 3 ● 16	● 8 ● 9	● 9 ● 7	● 10 ● 6	● 8 ● 8	● 7 ● 6	● 13 ● 7	● 13 ● 15				
10	Hiroshi Aoyama (7)	W - PD -	87	● 10 ● 6	● 12 ● 13	● 4 ● 10	● 7 ● 11	● 8 ● 13	● 11 ● 7	● 8 ● 8	● 11 ● 5	● 15 ● 1	● 10 ● 6	● 9 ● 7	● 9 ● 7	● 11 ● 5	● 11 ● 5				
11	Hector Barbera (8)	W - PD -	77	● 12 ● 4	● 6 ● 10	● 13 ● 10	● - ● 7	● 9 ● 10	● 11 ● 5	● 12 ● 5	● 13 ● 4	● 7 ● 9	● 11 ● 5	● 9 ● 7	● 10 ● 6	● - ● 10	● 9 ● 7	● 8 ● 14			
12	Álvaro Bautista (19)	W - PD -	67	DNS	● - ● -	● - ● -	● 13 ● 15	● 12 ● 4	● 12 ● 9	● 5 ● 9	● 11 ● 14	● 13 ● 3	● 7 ● 9	● - ● -	● - ● -	● 6 ● 9	● 8 ● 8	● 6 ● 11			
13	Cal Crutchlow (35)	W - PD -	52	● 11 ● 5	● 8 ● 8	● 8 ● 8	● 8 ● 8	● - ● -	● 7 ● 9	● 6 ● 9	● - ● -	● 14 ● 2	● 12 ● 2	● - ● -	● - ● -	● 11 ● 5	● 10 ● 6	● 9 ● 7			
14	Karel Abraham (17)	W - PD -	50	● 13 ● 3	● 7 ● 9	● 16 ● 9	● - ● -	● 10 ● 6	● 15 ● 6	● 7 ● 9	● - ● -	● 12 ● 4	● 13 ● 4	● - ● -	● - ● -	● 12 ● 4	● - ● -	● - ● -			
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16	Randy De Puniet (14)	W - PD -	33	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● 10 ● 6	● - ● -	● 12 ● 4	● 10 ● 4	● - ● -	● 14 ● 2	● 13 ● 3	● - ● -	● 12 ● 4	● 8 ● 2	● 14 ● 2	● 12 ● 4			
17	Loris Capirossi (65)	W - PD -	29	● - ● -	● 11 ● 5	● 15 ● 4	● - ● -	● 9 ● 7	● 10 ● 6	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -			
18	John Hopkins (21)	W - PD -	6	● - ● -	● 10 ● 6	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -			
19	Kousuke Akiyoshi (64)	W - PD -	3	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● 13 ● 3	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -	● - ● -			

RACE KEY: 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 DNS: Did not start

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

[1. Honda - 330] [2. Yamaha - 274] [3. Ducati - 153] [4. Suzuki - 73]

TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP

[1. Repsol Honda Team - 418] [2. Yamaha Factory Racing - 386] [3. Ducati Team - 253] [4. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 188] [7. Rizla Suzuki MotoGP - 73]
[5. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 142] [8. Pramac Racing - 62] [9. Cardion AB Motoracing - 50] [10. LCR Honda MotoGP - 47]

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	4	4
2005	3 Teams - 7 Riders	17	6th (Capirossi)	4th (Ducati)	2	3	8
2006	3 Teams - 8 Riders	17	3rd (Capirossi)	3rd (Ducati)	4	6	11
2007	5 Teams - 12 Riders	18	1st (Stoner)	1st (Ducati)	12	6	33
2008	7 Teams - 13 Riders	18	1st (Rossi)	1st (Yamaha)	15	12	35
2009	12 Teams - 22 Riders	17	1st (Rossi)	1st (Yamaha)	17	17	51
2010	10 Teams - 22 Riders	18	1st (Lorenzo)	1st (Yamaha)	18	18	54
2011	11 Teams - 22 Riders	14	-	-	14 (x8 Stoner) (x3 Lorenzo) (x2 Pedrosa) (x1 Spies)	14	42
TOTAL		167	4	4	84	81	239

DANI LOOKING FOR MORE IN MOTEGI

Dani Pedrosa started the season very strongly with a third, a second and a win in the first three races, and then came that incident at Le Mans that sidelined him for four races. His second half of the season has seen him return strongly with five podiums in the last six races. "The shame is that I crashed in Brno so I lost a good chance of a podium or winning" says Pedrosa. "Now three second places which is quite good, but obviously we're looking for something more."



STONER HOPEFUL FOR REPEAT SUCCESS

Casey Stoner has won four of the last five races and leads the championship by 44 points as the paddock heads to Japan. "It's a really healthy situation at the moment" he said, "but anything can happen. It was a fantastic race [at Motegi] last year, probably one of my best in my opinion. It was a hard race to win, and I think that this year with the Honda we should hopefully be more competitive. It's definitely not one of my favourites but it's somewhere I've always done reasonably well at."

JORGE CLOSE TO CONCEDED TITLE FIGHT

With four rounds and 100 points remaining, Jorge Lorenzo is second in the title chase 44 points from Stoner, but admits it's almost over based on the Australian's form this year. "The surprise is to be only 44 points behind Casey. He's dominated the championship and won a lot of races so to be only 44 points behind is not too bad. Our hope is that something happens, hopefully not bad for Casey, to help us a little bit to keep on fighting, but if this doesn't happen it's almost impossible."



BRIDGESTONE FACT

Two of the world championship titles secured on Bridgestone tyres were clinched at Motegi – with Stoner and Ducati in 2007, the first world crown, and again with Rossi and Yamaha in 2008

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LAST YEAR'S RACE

FASTEST RACE LAP
Valentino Rossi, Yamaha - Lap 7 - Time: 1m 47.395s - Average speed: 160.934 km/h

2010 QUALIFYING TIMES

	RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP
1	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	289.9	1m47.001s	
2	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	291.7	1m47.055s	+0.054s
3	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	294.4	1m47.105s	+0.104s
4	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	293.2	1m47.206s	+0.205s
5	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	289.8	1m47.464s	+0.463s
6	Ben Spies	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	290.4	1m47.648s	+0.644s
7	Randy de Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	290.1	1m47.752s	+0.751s
8	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	289.5	1m47.914s	+0.913s
9	Álvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	288.2	1m48.002s	+1.001s
10	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	289.1	1m48.068s	+1.067s
11	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	286.5	1m48.182s	+1.181s
12	Marco Melandri	San Carlo Honda Gresini	288.5	1m48.238s	+1.237s
13	Aleix Espargaro	Pramac Racing Team	279.1	1m48.371s	+1.370s
14	Hiroshi Aoyama	Interwetten Honda MotoGP	281.8	1m48.396s	+1.395s
15	Hector Barbera	Paginas Amarillas Aspar	285.5	1m48.535s	+1.534s
16	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing Team	289.5	1m49.480s	+2.479s
	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	-	-	-

2010 RACE RESULTS

	RIDER	TEAM	TIME	AV. KM/H	GAP
1	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	43m12.266s	160.016	
2	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	43m16.134s	159.778	+3.868s
3	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	43m17.973s	159.665	+5.707s
4	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	43m18.487s	159.633	+6.221s
5	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	43m39.358s	158.361	+27.092s
6	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	43m42.287s	158.184	+30.021s
7	Álvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	43m44.092s	158.076	+31.826s
8	Ben Spies	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	43m47.838s	157.850	+35.572s
9	Randy de Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	43m59.830s	157.133	+47.564s
10	Hiroshi Aoyama	Interwetten Honda MotoGP	44m01.864s	157.012	+49.598s
11	Marco Melandri	San Carlo Honda Gresini	44m02.265s	156.988	+49.999s
12	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	44m02.969s	156.947	+50.703s
13	Hector Barbera	Paginas Amarillas Aspar	44m03.688s	156.904	+51.422s
14	Aleix Espargaro	Pramac Racing Team	44m05.109s	156.820	+52.843s
15	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing Team	44m26.934s	155.536	+74.668s
	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	38m16.692s	158.034	3 laps
DNS	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team			

BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

IndyCar The IndyCar Series visited the Motegi circuit last time out, using the road course as opposed the oval as a lasting result of the earthquake that hit the region back in March. Will Power took victory to take the lead of the points standings 11 ahead of Dario Franchitti. There are only two races left in their season; the next is the Kentucky Indy 300 on 2 October followed by the finale in Las Vegas on 16 October.



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