

SOFTER REARS TO MAXIMISE WARM-UP IN AUSTRALIA

Phillip Island is an unusual circuit in that it manages to be the least demanding venue on the calendar for the front tyres and the right shoulders of the rears, whilst at the same time the hardest of the year for the left side of the rears.

The weather at the coastal track is often cold and windy in October, meaning that softer compounds are beneficial in generating grip and good warm-up performance. But the circuit is fast and flowing, with the highest average

speed of any circuit on the calendar, and the last two long left-handers are responsible for the highest rear tyre temperatures of the season.

All of which requires Bridgestone to provide a special construction of rear slick tyre designed to maximise warm-up performance, particularly in the cold morning sessions, whilst also being able to cope as the tyre temperature soars.

The rear tyres Bridgestone have selected are one step softer than in previous years. The extra soft compound rubber is used in the right

shoulders for maximum warm-up and rider safety and confidence in the opening laps but the special construction ensures adequate heat resistance.

The rear Bridgestone slicks need to be a special construction for Phillip Island in order to cope with the highest rear tyre temperatures of the season



EVENT SCHEDULE LOCAL TIME

FRIDAY

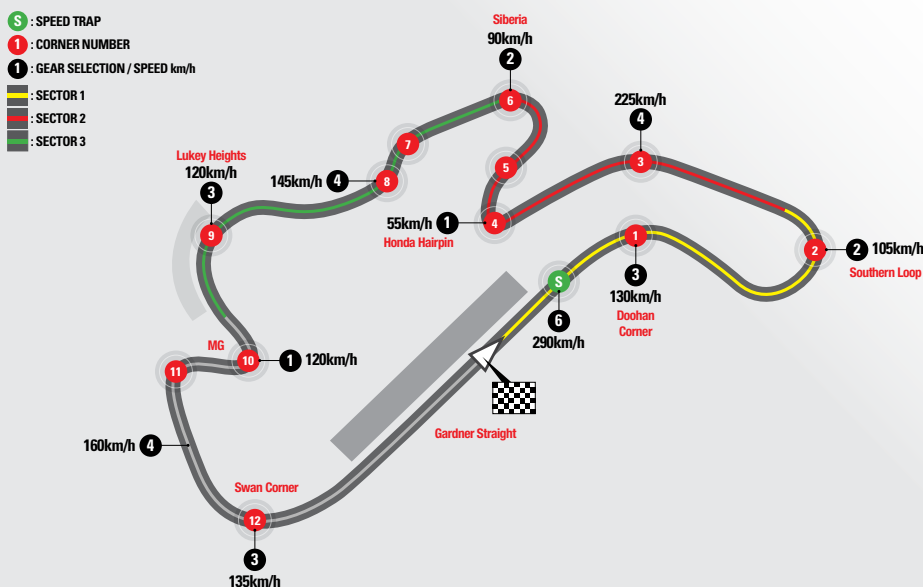
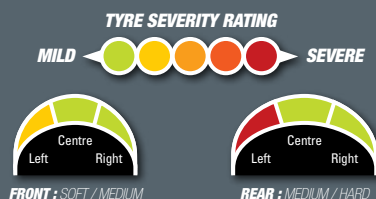
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11:10-11:55	MotoGP Free Practice 1
12:10-12:55	Moto2 Free Practice 1
14:15-14:55	125cc Free Practice 2
15:10-15:55	MotoGP Free Practice 2
16:10-16:55	Moto2 Free Practice 2

SATURDAY

10:15-10:55	125cc Free Practice 3
11:10-11:55	MotoGP Free Practice 3
12:10-12:55	Moto2 Free Practice 3
14:00-14:40	125cc Qualifying Practice
14:55-15:55	MotoGP Qualifying Practice
16:10-16:55	Moto2 Qualifying Practice

SUNDAY

10:40-11:00	125cc Warm Up
11:10-11:30	Moto2 Warm Up
11:40-12:00	MotoGP Warm Up
13:00	125cc Race (23 Laps)
14:15	Moto2 Race (25 Laps)
16:00	MotoGP Race (27 Laps)



CIRCUIT RECORDS

Pole position	1m 28.665s (180.598km/h) Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
Fastest lap	1m 30.059s (177.803km/h) Nicky Hayden (Honda, 2008)
Race time	40m 56.643s (175.990km/h) Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
2010 Winner	Casey Stoner (Ducati)

CIRCUIT INFORMATION

First race	1989
No. of GPs held	16
Laps	27 (MotoGP), 25 (Moto2), 23 (125cc)
Track length	4.448 km / 2.764 miles (Width 13m)
Race distance	120.096 km / 74.628 miles
Longest straight	0.900 km / 0.559 miles
Corners	12 (7 left, 5 right)

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

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

Despite being the highest speed circuit on the calendar with an average speed of over 180kmh, Phillip Island is generally not tough on most sections of the front and rear tyres because of the low ambient temperature and flowing nature that presents only one point of heavy braking in the lap. However the challenge comes from the last two corners in particular, as by stark contrast they generate the highest rear tyre temperatures of the year in the left shoulders. The two corners are long and fast and generate high lateral loads and thus temperature and the stresses demand a special construction of

asymmetric rear tyre in order to cope without blistering.

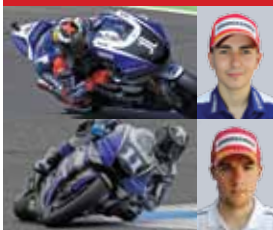
We have seen in the past that the cold and rain can be important factors so we have selected softer compounds of rear slick tyre this year, the same as we made available in Germany earlier in the year. Using a special construction, the rear tyres we have selected are able to cope with such temperature whilst the softer options will maximise warm-up performance and rider safety in the early laps of each session which is important.

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

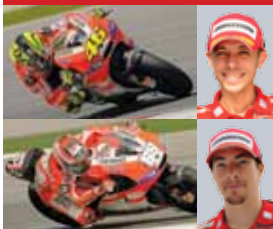
Age: 24 DOB: 4/5/1987 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 67 (MotoGP)
Wins: 17 Poles: 18 Fastest laps: 11 Podiums: 44 Points: 1094
Best championship position: 1st (2010)

Ben Spies Bike number 11

Age: 27 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American
GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 36 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 5 Points: 362
Best championship position: 6th (2010)

DUCATI TEAM

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



Valentino Rossi Bike number 46

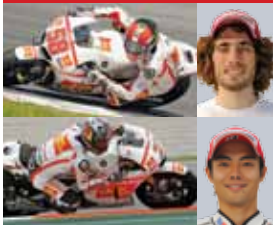
Age: 32 DOB: 16/2/1979 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: RSA00 (500cc) GP Starts: 196 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 79 Poles: 49 Fastest laps: 66 Podiums: 140 Points: 3456
Best championship position: 1st (x7, 2009*)

Nicky Hayden Bike number 69

Age: 30 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 149 (MotoGP)
Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 7 Podiums: 28 Points: 1377
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: 33 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 2 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 1 Points: 244
Best championship position: 8th (2010)

Hiroshi Aoyama Bike number 7

Age: 29 DOB: 25/10/1981 Nationality: Japanese
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 27 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 147
Best championship position: 15th (2010)

LCR HONDA MOTOGP

MACHINE: Honda RC212V
WEB: www.lcr.mc

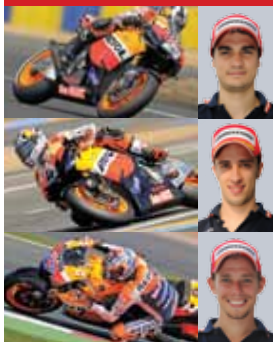


Toni Elias Bike number 24

Age: 28 DOB: 26/03/1983 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: SPA05 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 94 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 6 Points: 558
Best championship position: 7th (2009)

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: 96 (MotoGP)
Wins: 15 Poles: 18 Fastest laps: 26 Podiums: 56 Points: 1380
Best championship position: 2nd (2010*)

Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4

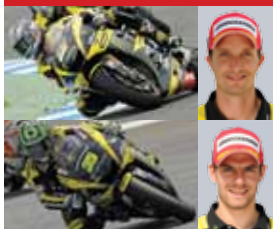
Age: 25 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 68 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 14 Points: 732
Best championship position: 5th (2010*)

Casey Stoner Bike number 27

Age: 25 DOB: 16/10/1985 Nationality: Australian
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 98 (MotoGP)
Wins: 31 Poles: 32 Fastest laps: 26 Podiums: 57 Points: 1511
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: 151 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 3 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 12 Points: 1152
Best championship position: 4th (2005)

Cal Crutchlow Bike number 35

Age: 26 DOB: 29/10/1985 Nationality: British
GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 14 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 54
Best championship position: NA

RIZLA SUZUKI MOTOGP

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

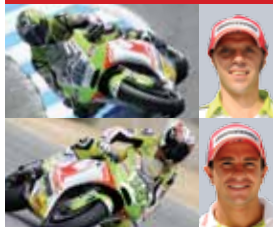


Álvaro Bautista Bike number 19

Age: 26 DOB: 21/11/1984 Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 30 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 152
Best championship position: 13th (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: 101 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 467
Best championship position: 9th (2010)

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	16	56	31
Jorge Lorenzo	1	16	16	6	38	14
Dani Pedrosa	-	9	14	9	32	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	85	82	75	242	82

CURRENT RIDERS IN BLACK

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: 33 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 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

BRIDGESTONE FACT

Stoner has won the last four Australian Grands Prix, with only one rider having taken more consecutive victories at Phillip Island. Rossi won between 2001 and 2005, so a victory this year for Stoner would put them on an equal five wins apiece



AVAILABLE TYRE COMPOUNDS:																						
○ Soft	● Medium	● Hard																				
● Extra Hard	● Wet																					
ALLOCATED - FRONT TYRES																						
ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES																						
RACE WEATHER CONDITIONS																						
RACE TRACK CONDITIONS																						
POSITION - RIDER																						
TOTAL WINS	PTS	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
1 Casey Stoner (27)	300	1	1	3	4	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	1				
2 Jorge Lorenzo (1)	260	2	3	1	2	1	3	4	5	2	3	2	1	2	4	3	2	2				
3 Andrea Dovizioso (4)	196	4	7	12	6	4	6	2	3	4	5	2	4	6	5	5	6	3				
4 Dani Pedrosa (26)	195	3	2	2	2	1	3	4	2	1	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	1				
5 Ben Spies (11)	156	6	5	4	5	6	8	3	4	2	5	5	4	4	3	2	6	5				
6 Valentino Rossi (46)	139	7	9	5	12	5	9	3	9	6	12	9	6	6	10	7	10	13				
7 Nicky Hayden (69)	123	9	13	7	9	7	10	8	8	4	7	10	9	8	7	9	14	8				
8 Marco Simoncelli (58)	119	5	4	4	5	2	5	6	1	5	3	6	4	5	12	7	4	5				
9 Colin Edwards (5)	98	8	10	8	8	6	7	13	7	8	9	6	10	7	8	8	7	6				
10 Hiroshi Aoyama (7)	94	10	12	4	10	7	11	8	11	13	15	15	10	14	9	10	11	9				
11 Hector Barbera (8)	77	12	6	6	13	10	9	11	10	11	11	9	8	10	13	9	8	14				
12 Álvaro Bautista (19)	67	DNS	-	-	-	13	15	12	9	5	13	14	7	10	12	8	8	11				
13 Cal Crutchlow (35)	57	11	8	8	8	8	6	7	6	14	12	12	10	11	11	10	13	9				
14 Karel Abraham (17)	50	13	15	7	16	10	16	10	15	7	12	11	12	13	11	13	12	12				
15 Toni Elias (24)	47	16	16	9	17	11	17	13	14	8	16	15	16	14	13	17	15	17				
16 Randy De Puniet (14)	39	11	11	7	10	16	11	12	10	10	14	15	13	9	12	15	14	14				
17 Loris Capirossi (65)	29	14	11	15	12	14	15	9	13	10	15	DNS	16	13	16	17	16	16				
18 Kousuke Akiyoshi (64)	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
19 John Hopkins (21)	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
20 Shinichi Ito (72)	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 - 355] [2. Yamaha - 294] [3. Ducati - 162] [4. Suzuki - 73]

TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP

[1. Repsol Honda Team - 454] [2. Yamaha Factory Racing - 416] [3. Ducati Team - 262] [4. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 208] [5. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 155] [6. Mapfre Aspar Team - 77] [7. Rizla Suzuki MotoGP - 73] [8. Pramac Racing - 68] [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	15	-	-	15 (x8 Stoner) (x3 Lorenzo) (x3 Pedrosa) (x1 Spies)	15	45
TOTAL		168	4	4	85	82	242

BRIDGESTONE BRINGS WORLD'S LARGEST TYRE TO EUROPE

For the first time, Bridgestone has brought the world's largest tyre, size 59/80 R63, to European shores. Six off-road 4.02-metre-diameter tyres were unloaded at Gothenburg, Sweden in August headed for one of Europe's largest copper mines.

The Bridgestone giants were transported 1,500 km north to the Aitik open-pit copper mine in Lapland where they will be fitted on an electric-drive model of one of the world's largest vehicles: the Caterpillar 795F mining truck, weighing 570 tons fully loaded.

The Bridgestone VRPS® (V-Steel Rock Premium Service) off-road tyre is designed to support loads of more than 100 tons and operate in the roughest conditions. It

is manufactured at Bridgestone's specialist Kitakyushu off-road tyre plant in Japan.

With a diameter well over twice the height of the average person, a width of 1.47 meters and weight of 5.75 tons, the tyres require special handling and logistics. In Gothenburg a team of six operating reach stackers and 16-ton forklifts lifted the tyres from their containers and loaded them onto a giant double-flatbed trailer in less than three hours.

Bridgestone is a leading manufacturer of off-road tyres, supplying a full range of products and services to mining, construction, highway and port customers around the world. Due to increasing global demand for large and ultra-large off-road radial tyres,

Bridgestone is currently expanding production capacity at its state-of-the-art Kitakyushu plant to 130 tons a day by 2013.



BRIDGESTONE FACT

Stoner enters the Australian Grand Prix with a 40 point lead over main championship rival Lorenzo, meaning that if he wins he can clinch the World Championship if Jorge finishes fourth or lower

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LAST YEAR'S RACE

FASTEST RACE LAP

Casey Stoner, Ducati - Lap 7 - Time: 1m 30.458s - Average speed: 177.019 km/h

2010 QUALIFYING TIMES

	RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP
1	Casey Stoner	Ducati Teami	323.4	1m30.107s	
2	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	319.8	1m30.775s	+0.668s
3	Ben Spies	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	319.8	1m31.386s	+1.279s
4	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	319.3	1m31.402s	+1.295s
5	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	317.9	1m31.415s	+1.308s
6	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	319.8	1m31.530s	+1.423s
7	Randy de Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	319.5	1m31.554s	+1.447s
8	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	316.0	1m31.627s	+1.520s
9	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	325.2	1m32.018s	+1.911s
10	Marco Melandri	San Carlo Honda Gresini	322.2	1m32.367s	+2.260s
11	Alex Espargaro	Pramac Racing Team	321.4	1m32.542s	+2.435s
12	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing Team	318.9	1m32.816s	+2.709s
13	Hiroshi Aoyama	Interwetten Honda MotoGP	318.3	1m33.190s	+3.083s
14	Álvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGPi	317.4	1m33.224s	+3.117s
15	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	305.5	1m33.384s	+3.277s
16	Hector Barbera	Paginas Amarillas Aspar	324.1	1m33.390s	+3.283s
17	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	311.5	1m34.269s	+4.162s

2010 RACE RESULTS

	RIDER	TEAM	TIME	AV. KM/H	GAP
1	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	41m09.128s	175.100	
2	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	41m17.726s	174.492	+8.598s
3	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	41m27.125s	173.833	+17.997s
4	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	41m27.163s	173.830	+18.035s
5	Ben Spies	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	41m31.339s	173.539	+22.211s
6	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	41m34.145s	173.344	+25.017s
7	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	41m44.296s	172.641	+35.168s
8	Alex Espargaro	Pramac Racing Team	41m55.322s	171.884	+46.194s
9	Marco Melandri	San Carlo Honda Gresini	41m55.422s	171.877	+46.294s
10	Randy de Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	42m08.763s	170.971	+59.635s
11	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing Team	42m08.792s	170.969	+59.664s
12	Álvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	42m08.860s	170.964	+59.732s
13	Hiroshi Aoyama	Interwetten Honda MotoGP	42m14.157s	170.607	+65.029s
14	Hector Barbera	Paginas Amarillas Aspar	42m14.181s	170.605	+65.053s
NC	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	4m49.675s	165.835	24 laps
DNS	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	--	--	--
DNS	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	--	--	--

BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

IndyCar Ed Carpenter took his first IndyCar victory last time out at the Kentucky Indy 300, finishing the penultimate race of the season ahead of Dario Franchitti and Scott Dixon. He did it in style too, locked in battle with Franchitti for the final 20 laps and crossing the line just 0.0098seconds ahead. With just the season finale left to run, the IndyCar World Championships at Las Vegas on 16 October, defending champion Franchitti has regained his lead over Will Power by 18 points with Dixon third and 55 adrift.



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