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MotoGP™ Riders Profile

4. Andrea Dovizioso

	CAREER	2013
Starts	187 (89 x MotoGP, 49 x 250, 49 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	10 (1 x MotoGP, 4 x 250, 5 x 125)	7th
Podiums	63 (22 x MotoGP, 26 x 250, 15 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	14 (1 x MotoGP, 4 x 250, 9 x 125)	4th
Last Win	GBR/09	-
Last Podium	ARA/12/3rd	-
Last Pole	JPN/10	-

Age: 27

» Dovizioso has finished in the top five nine times from his ten appearances in the MotoGP class in the USA
» His 3rd place finish in Indianapolis last year is his only podium appearance in the USA
» His 4th place grid position at Qatar is the best qualifying result by an Italian rider on an Italian bike since Capirossi was 3rd on the grid at Valencia in 2006 on a Ducati
» Has only failed to score points once in the last 22 races - at Silverstone last year when he crashed and re-started to finish 19th

5. Colin Edwards

	CAREER	2013
Starts	169 – all MotoGP	1
Best result	2nd x 5	DNF
Podiums	12 (12 x MotoGP)	0
Poles/best grid	3 (3 x MotoGP)	19th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	GBR/11/3rd	-
Last Pole	CHN/08	-

Age: 39

» This will be Edwards' 14th appearance in a MotoGP race in the USA
» His 2nd place finish at Laguna Seca in 2005 on a Yamaha is his only MotoGP podium appearance on home soil
» Is one of only two riders to have competed at all previous thirteen MotoGP races held in the USA, along with Valentino Rossi

6. Stefan Bradl

	CAREER	2013
Starts	106 (19 x MotoGP, 33 x Moto2™, 54 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	7 (5 x Moto2, 2 x 125) (4th in MotoGP)	DNF
Podiums	18 (12 x Moto2, 6 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	7 (7 x Moto2) (4th in MotoGP)	5th
Last Win	GBR/11 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	MAL/11/2nd (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	RSM/11 (Moto2)	-

Age: 23

» Bradl crashed out of the final race of 2012 at Valencia and the first race of 2013 in Qatar; the first time he has failed to finish back-to-back races since he was competing in the 125cc class in 2009
» His only two previous appearances in the USA in the MotoGP class were at Indianapolis and Laguna Seca last year

7. Hiroshi Aoyama

	CAREER	2013
Starts	135 (31 x MotoGP, 104 x 250)	1
Wins/best result	9 - all 250cc (4th in MotoGP)	15th
Podiums	27 - all 250cc	0
Poles/best grid	8 (8 x 250cc) (7th in MotoGP)	17th
Last Win	MAL/09 (250cc)	-
Last Podium	MAL/09/1st (250cc)	-
Last Pole	MAL/09	-

Age: 31

» Aoyama's best result in the USA is 2nd in Indianapolis on his way to taking the last ever 250cc world title in 2009
» Has competed in the USA three times previously in the MotoGP class - twice at Indianapolis and once at Laguna Seca

8. Hector Barbera

	CAREER	2013
Starts	172 (50 x MotoGP, 75 x 250, 47 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	10 (4 x 250, 6 x 125) (6th in MotoGP)	13th
Podiums	32 (20 x 250, 12 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	9 (8 x 250, 1 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	22nd
Last Win	VAL/09 (250cc)	-
Last Podium	VAL/09/1st (250cc)	-
Last Pole	POR/09 (250cc)	-

Age: 26

» Barbera was the top finishing non-ART rider among the CRT bikes at the Qatar Grand Prix
» Has made four previous appearances in the USA in the MotoGP class - twice at both Indianapolis and Laguna Seca
» His best MotoGP result in the USA is 9th at Laguna Seca last year

9. Danilo Petrucci

	CAREER	2013
Starts	19 – all MotoGP	1
Best result	8th	DNF
Podiums	0	0
Best grid	15th	20th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	-	-
Last Pole	-	-

Age: 22

» Petrucci has failed to finish on both of the previous occasions he has raced in the USA previously - at Laguna Seca and Indianapolis last year

11. Ben Spies

	CAREER	2013
Starts	54 – all MotoGP	1
Wins/best result	1 (1 x MotoGP)	10th
Podiums	6 (6 x MotoGP)	0
Poles/best grid	1 (1 x MotoGP)	13th
Last Win	NED/11	-
Last Podium	VAL/11/2nd	-
Last Pole	INP/10	-

Age: 28

» Spies has twice finished on the podium when riding on home soil in the USA, both at the Indianapolis circuit - 2nd in 2010 and 3rd last year
» Spies' win at Assen in 2011 is the last MotoGP win by a rider other than the trio of Stoner, Lorenzo & Pedrosa

14. Randy de Puniet

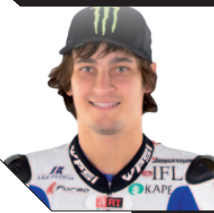|	CAREER	2013
Starts	235 (122 x MotoGP, 80 x 250, 33 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	5 (5 x 250cc) (2nd in MotoGP)	12th
Podiums	24 (2 x MotoGP, 22 x 250)	0
Poles/best grid	9 (9 x 250cc) (2nd in MotoGP)	14th
Last Win	GBR/05 (250cc)	-
Last Podium	GBR/09/3rd	-
Last Pole	POR/05 (250cc)	-

Age: 32

» De Puniet is in his 15th full season of Grand Prix racing and of current riders only Valentino Rossi has made more GP starts across all classes
» Austin will be the 28th different circuit at which De Puniet has competed at Grand Prix level
» Has raced in the USA on ten previous occasions - 5 times at both Laguna Seca and Indianapolis
» His best result in the USA is 6th at Laguna Seca in both 2007 & 2008

17. Karel Abraham

	CAREER	2013
Starts	123 (31 x MotoGP, 61 x 250/Moto2, 31 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	1 (1 x Moto2) (7th in MotoGP)	DNF
Podiums	2 (2 x Moto2)	0
Best grid	5th – 250cc (6th in MotoGP)	18th
Last Win	VAL/10 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	VAL/10/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	-	-

» Abraham has made more Grand Prix appearances in the premier-class than any other Czech rider in the 65 year history of GP racing
» Has raced in the MotoGP class in the USA on four previous occasions - at Indianapolis and Laguna Seca for the last two years

Age: 23

19. Alvaro Bautista

	CAREER	2013
Starts	167 (51 x MotoGP, 49 x 250, 67 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	16 (8 x 250, 8 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	6th
Podiums	48 (2 x MotoGP, 28 x 250, 18 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	18 (1 x MotoP, 9 x 250, 8 x 125)	8th
Last Win	CAT/09 (250cc)	-
Last Podium	JPN/12/3rd	-
Last Pole	GBR/12	-

» With his sixth place finish in Qatar, Bautista has now finished in the top six at the last nine successive MotoGP races
» He has raced in the MotoGP class at both Indianapolis and Laguna Seca for the last three years
» His best result in the USA is 5th at Indianapolis last year

Age: 28

26. Dani Pedrosa

	CAREER	2013
Starts	195 (117 x MotoGP, 32 x 250, 46 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	45 (22 x MotoGP, 15 x 250, 8 x 125)	4th
Podiums	112 (71 x MotoGP, 24 x 250, 17 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	42 (24 x MotoGP, 9 x 250, 9 x 125)	3rd
Last Win	VAL/12	-
Last Podium	VAL/12/1st	-
Last Pole	VAL/12	-

» Pedrosa has had three MotoGP victories in the USA - Laguna Seca in 2009 and Indianapolis in both 2010 & 2012
» Has finished on the podium on his last five MotoGP starts in the USA
» Finished 4th in Qatar, which is the first time he has finished a race and not been on the podium since Le Mans last year

Age: 27

29. Andrea Iannone

	CAREER	2013
Starts	129 (1 x MotoGP, 51 x Moto2, 77 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	12 (8 x Moto2, 4 x 125)(9th in MotoGP)	9th
Podiums	24 (19 x Moto2, 5 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	8 (5 x Moto2, 3 x 125) (10th in MotoGP)	10th
Last Win	ITA/12 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	RSM/12/3rd (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	ARA/10 (Moto2)	-

» Iannone's 9th place finish in Qatar is the best result by an Italian rider making his debut in the MotoGP class since Dovizioso was 4th at Qatar in 2008
» All his previous GP appearances in the USA have been at Indianapolis - twice in the 125cc class and three times in Moto2

Age: 23

35. Cal Crutchlow

	CAREER	2013
Starts	35 – all MotoGP	1
Best result	3rd x 2	5th
Podiums	2 (2 x MotoGP)	0
Best grid	2nd	2nd
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	AUS/12/3rd	-
Last Pole	-	-

» Crutchlow has raced in MotoGP at Indianapolis and Laguna Seca for the last two years
» His best GP result in the US is 5th at Laguna Seca last year
» At the first event of the year in Qatar, Crutchlow was the highest placed rider from a non-factory team in both the race and in qualifying

Age: 27

38. Bradley Smith
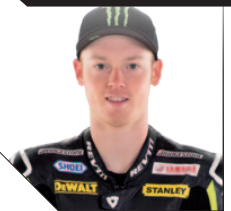
	CAREER	2013
Starts	114 (1 x MotoGP, 33 x Moto2, 80 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	3 (3 x 125)	DNF
Podiums	23 (3 x Moto2, 20 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	9 (9 x 125) (9th in MotoGP)	9th
Last Win	VAL/10 (125cc)	-
Last Podium	ITA/11/3rd (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	POR/10 (125cc)	-

» Smith will be appearing in the USA for the first time in the MotoGP class
» Has had a single podium in the 125cc class at Indianapolis - 2nd in 2009
» At the Qatar GP he became the youngest British rider to qualify inside the top ten in the premier-class since Neil Hodgson was 4th on the grid for the 500cc GP in Argentina in 1995.

Age: 22

41. Aleix Espargaro

	CAREER	2013
Starts	125 (41 x MotoGP, 61 x Moto2/250, 23 x 125)	1
Best result	3rd – Moto2 (8th in MotoGP)	11th
Podiums	1 (1 x Moto2)	0
Best grid	2nd - Moto2 (9th in MotoGP)	12th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	CAT/11/3rd (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	-	-

» Espargaro has raced in the MotoGP class three times at Indianapolis and twice at Laguna Seca
» His best result in the USA is 9th at both Laguna Seca last year and Indianapolis in 2010
» He was top CRT rider in both the race and in qualifying at Qatar

Age: 23

46. Valentino Rossi

	CAREER	2013
Starts	277 (217 x MotoGP, 30 x 250, 30 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	105 (79 x MotoGP, 14 x 250, 12 x 125)	2nd
Podiums	178 (142 x MotoGP, 21 x 250, 15 x 125)	1
Poles/best grid	59 (49 x MotoGP, 5 x 250, 5 x 125)	7th
Last Win	MAL/10	-
Last Podium	QAT/13/2nd	QAT/2nd
Last Pole	FRA/10	-

» Rossi has had five MotoGP podiums in the USA, including wins at Laguna Seca and Indianapolis in 2008
» His last podium in the USA was 3rd at Laguna Seca in 2010 riding a Yamaha
» Is one of only two riders to have competed at all previous thirteen MotoGP races held in the USA, along with Colin Edwards
» Following his 2nd place finish in Qatar, Rossi will be aiming for back-to-back podiums for the first time since 2010
» Austin will be the 35th different circuit that he has raced at during his GP career

Age: 34

52. Lukas Pesek

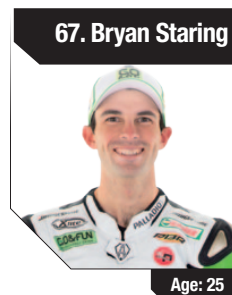|	CAREER	2013
Starts	119 (1 x MotoGP, 52 x Moto2/250, 66 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	2 (2 x 125) (18th in MotoGP)	18th
Podiums	9 (9 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	3 (3 x 125) (15th in MotoGP)	15th
Last Win	AUS/07 (125cc)	-
Last Podium	AUS/07/1st (125cc)	-
Last Pole	RSM/07 (125cc)	

» Pesek's only two previous appearances in the USA have been at Indianapolis; in the 250cc class in 2009 and Moto2 in 2010
» At the Qatar GP he was the highest qualifier among the rookie riders on CRT machines

Age: 27

67. Bryan Staring

	CAREER	2013
Starts	2 (1 x MotoGP, 1 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	29th - 125cc	DNF
Podiums	0	0
Best grid	23rd	23rd
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	-	-
Last Pole	-	-

» Staring is racing in a Grand Prix event for the first time in the USA

Age: 25

68. Yonny Hernandez

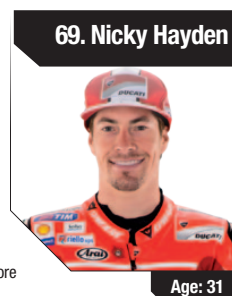|	CAREER	2013
Starts	47 (16 x MotoGP, 31 x Moto2)	1
Best result	6th - Moto2 (9th in MotoGP)	14th
Podiums	0	0
Best grid	5th - Moto2 (12th in MotoGP)	16th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	-	-
Last Pole	-	-

» Hernandez competed in the MotoGP class at both Indianapolis and Laguna Seca last year
» His 9th place finish at the Indianapolis GP last year was his best result of his debut season in the MotoGP class

Age: 24

69. Nicky Hayden

	CAREER	2013
Starts	168 – all MotoGP	1
Wins/best result	3 (3 x MotoGP)	8th
Podiums	28 (28 x MotoGP)	0
Poles/best grid	5	11th
Last Win	USA/06	-
Last Podium	SPA/11/3rd	-
Last Pole	POR/07	-

» Hayden has twice won in MotoGP on home soil - at Laguna Seca in both 2005 and 2006
» In his twelve previous MotoGP start in the USA he has only once failed to score points - at Laguna Seca in 2007

Age: 31

70. Michael Laverty

	CAREER	2013
Starts	1	1
Best result	DNF	DNF
Podiums	0	0
Best grid	24th	24th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	-	-
Last Pole	-	-

» Laverty is racing in a Grand Prix in the USA for the first time

Age: 31

71. Claudio Corti

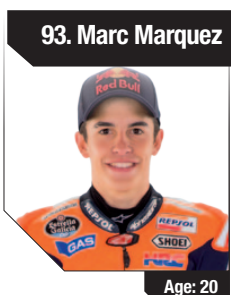|	CAREER	2013
Starts	48 (2 x MotoGP, 46 x Moto2)	1
Best result	2nd - Moto2 (16th in MotoGP)	16th
Podiums	1 x Moto2	0
Poles/best grid	1 x Moto2 (21st in MotoGP)	21st
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	FRA/12/2nd (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	GBR/10 (Moto2)	-

» Corti has raced for the last three years in the Moto2 class at the Indianapolis GP
» Is making his first appearance in the MotoGP class in the USA

Age: 25

93. Marc Marquez

	CAREER	2013
Starts	79 (1 x MotoGP, 32 x Moto2, 46 x 125)	1
Wins/best result	26 (16 x Moto2, 10 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	3rd
Podiums	40 (1 x MotoGP, 25 x Moto2, 14 x 125)	1
Poles/best grid	28 (14 x Moto2, 14 x 125) (6th in MotoGP)	6th
Last Win	VAL/12 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	QAT/13/3rd	QAT/3rd
Last Pole	RSM/12 (Moto2)	-

» Marquez has had two victories in the USA - in the Moto2 class at Indianapolis for the last two years
» His second place finish at Qatar made him the youngest rider to finish on the podium in the premier-class in the four-stroke MotoGP era
» At the Qatar race he became the first rider to finish on the podium on his debut in the MotoGP class since Lorenzo at Qatar in 2008

Age: 20

99. Jorge Lorenzo

	CAREER	2013
Starts	180 (86 x MotoGP, 48 x 250, 46 x 125)	1
Wins	45 (24 x MotoGP, 17 x 250, 4 x 125)	1
Podiums	99 (61 x MotoGP, 29 x 250, 9 x 125)	1
Poles	52 (26 x MotoGP, 23 x 250, 3 x 125)	1
Last Win	QAT/13	QAT
Last Podium	QAT/13/1st	QAT/1st
Last Pole	QAT/13	QAT

» Lorenzo has finished on the podium eight times from his ten MotoGP starts in the USA
» Has had two wins on US soil - Laguna Seca in 2009 and Indianapolis in 2010
» Has been either first or second in every race that he has finished since the Japanese Grand Prix in 2011

Age: 25

COTA – a new circuit for Grand Prix racing

The visit to the Circuit of the Americas (COTA) for the first time poses a new challenge for the MotoGP™ riders and teams. COTA becomes the fourth circuit in the USA to have hosted a Grand Prix and below is a summary of MotoGP racing within the USA:

The first two Grands Prix held in the USA in 1964 and 1965 took place at the famous Daytona circuit and were held on the same weekend as the Daytona 200.

After a 22-year break, the Grand Prix circus returned to the USA in 1988 at Laguna Seca and ran through to 1994 with the exception of 1992.

After an absence of ten years, MotoGP returned to Laguna Seca in 2005, featuring just the premier MotoGP class.

Indianapolis was first used for Grand Prix racing in 2008, and since then there have been two MotoGP events each year in the USA.

With Grand Prix events also being hosted at Laguna Seca and Indianapolis in 2013, the USA will become just the second country, after Spain, to host three or more MotoGP events in the same year.

In total there have been 21 previous Grand Prix events hosted in the USA; Daytona – 2, Laguna Seca – 14 and Indianapolis – 5.

Valentino Rossi set to go second in all-time start list

At the Grand Prix of the Americas, Valentino Rossi is scheduled to become the rider who has the second-highest number of starts in the premier-class, after Alex Barros. Rossi made his premier-class debut in the opening 500cc race of the 2000 season at the Welkom circuit in South Africa, and this is his 14th year competing in the top category of Grand Prix racing.

The following table shows the ten riders who have made most premier-class Grand Prix starts. Among these ten riders are four from America, including current MotoGP competitors Colin Edwards and Nicky Hayden.

RIDERS WITH MOST STARTS IN THE PREMIER-CLASS OF GP RACING	
Rider	**Starts in the MotoGP/500cc class**
1 Alex Barros	245
2 Loris Capirossi	217
Valentino Rossi	217
4 Carlos Checa	194
5 Colin Edwards	169
6 Nicky Hayden	168
7 Kenny Roberts Jr.	167
8 Sete Gibernau	160
9 Jack Findlay	157
10 Randy Mamola	145

Jorge Lorenzo levels with Dani Pedrosa and Wayne Rainey

Jorge Lorenzo's win at the opening race of the year in Qatar was the 45th time he has stood on the top step of the podium across all Grand Prix classes, taking him into equal seventh place in the following list with Dani Pedrosa, Casey Stoner and 6-times world champion Jim Redman.

The win in Qatar was also his 24th victory in the premier-class of Grand Prix racing, the same number as achieved by Wayne Rainey during his GP career. As shown in the table below only seven riders in the 65 year history of Grand Prix racing have had more victories in the premier-class.

	Rider	Total wins	MotoGP/500cc	350cc	250cc	125cc	80/50cc
1	Giacomo Agostini	122	68	54			
2	Valentino Rossi	105	79		14	12	
3	Angel Nieto	90				62	28
4	Mike Hailwood	76	37	16	21	2	
5	Mick Doohan	54	54				
6	Phil Read	52	11	4	27	10	
7=	Jim Redman	45	2	21	18	4	
7=	Casey Stoner	45	38		5	2	
7=	Dani Pedrosa	45	22		15	8	
7=	Jorge Lorenzo	45	24		17	4	

RIDERS WITH MOST GRAND PRIX VICTORIES (ALL SOLO CLASSES)

RIDERS WITH MOST WINS IN MotoGP/500CC CLASS

- 79 - Valentino Rossi (7 premier-class titles)
- 68 - Giacomo Agostini (8 premier-class titles)
- 54 - Mick Doohan (5 premier-class titles)
- 38 - Casey Stoner (2 premier-class titles)
- 37 - Mike Hailwood (4 premier-class titles)
- 31 - Eddie Lawson (4 premier-class titles)
- 25 - Kevin Schwantz (1 premier-class title)
- 24 - Wayne Rainey (3 premier-class titles), Jorge Lorenzo (2 premier-class titles)
- 22 - Geoff Duke (4 premier-class titles), Kenny Roberts (3 premier-class titles), John Surtees (4 premier-class titles), Dani Pedrosa

Marc Marquez becomes fourth youngest ever podium finisher in the premier-class

At the Qatar Grand Prix, Marc Marquez became the youngest rider to finish on the podium in the premier-class since Norick Abe at the Brazilian GP in 1995. Marquez's third place finish in Qatar makes him the fourth youngest rider of all-time to finish on the podium in the premier-class, as shown below:

YOUNGEST RIDERS TO SCORE A PREMIER-CLASS GRAND PRIX PODIUM

	Rider	Age at first premier-class podium	Race
1	Randy Mamola	19 years 261 days	Finland/Imatra/1979
2	Eduardo Salatino	19 years 274 days	Argentina/Buenos Aires/1962
3	Norick Abe	20 years 10 days	Brazil/Rio/1995
4	Marc Marquez	20 years 49 days	Qatar/Losail/2013
5	Mike Hailwood	20 years 77 days	GB/IOM TT/1960
6	Johnny Cecotto	20 years 91 days	France/Le Mans/1976
7	Freddie Spencer	20 years 98 days	Argentina/Buenos Aires/1982
8	Dani Pedrosa	20 years 178 days	Spain/Jerez/2006
9	Casey Stoner	20 years 196 days	Turkey/Istanbul/2006
10	Gary Hocking	20 years 293 days	Germany/Nurburgring/1958

Grand Prix racing numbers

99 - Jorge Lorenzo's win at the Qatar GP was the 99th time he has stood on the podium in Grand Prix racing. His next top three finish will make him just the 8th rider to reach the milestone of 100 podium finishes in Grand Prix racing. The other riders to have achieved this are: Valentino Rossi (178 podium finishes), Giacomo Agostini (159), Angel Nieto (139), Phil Read (121), Mike Hailwood (112), Dani Pedrosa (112) and Max Biaggi (111).

39 years - On race day in Austin it will be exactly 39 years ago to the day that Barry Sheene finished on the podium for the first time in the 500cc class, taking second place in the debut outing for the new square-four RG500 Suzuki at the 1974 French GP, which took place at Clermont-Ferrand.

29 – The last 29 MotoGP victories have been shared between three riders: Casey Stoner, Jorge Lorenzo and Dani Pedrosa. The last MotoGP win by a rider other than these three was at the Dutch TT in 2011 when Ben Spies took his only GP victory so far.

21 years – On the first day of practice in Austin it will be exactly 21 years ago to the day that Alex Criville finished third in the 1992 Malaysian 500cc Grand Prix: the first podium finish in the premier-class by Spanish rider. Since then Spanish riders have taken another 252 podium finishes in the premier-class.

17 years – On race day in Austin it will be exactly 17 years ago to the day that Norick Abe won the 500cc Japanese GP at Suzuka in 1996, to become the second-youngest rider of all-time to win a premier-class Grand Prix, after Freddie Spencer; a record that still stands.

14 – With his second place finish at the Qatar Grand Prix, Valentino Rossi has now had at least one podium finish for 14 successive seasons in the premier-class of Grand Prix racing. This is something no other rider has achieved; previously Rossi had shared the record with Giacomo Agostini who had at least one podium finish for 13 successive seasons.

5 – The last five MotoGP races in the USA have been won by Honda riders. The last non-Honda MotoGP winner in the USA was Jorge Lorenzo at Laguna Seca in 2010 on a Yamaha.

5 – Pol Espargaro has qualified on pole at the last five races, which equals the longest sequence of successive poles in the Moto2 class achieved by Stefan Bradl in 2011. If he qualifies on pole in Austin it will be the longest sequence of successive poles in the intermediate class of Grand Prix racing since Max Biaggi was on pole for seven successive 250cc races in 1995.

4 – Casey Stoner is the rider who has taken most Grand Prix victories in the USA: three MotoGP wins at Laguna Seca and one at Indianapolis. Two riders competing at the Grand Prix of Americas could equal this total of four wins in the USA; Dani Pedrosa who has two MotoGP victories at Indianapolis and one at Laguna Seca, and Nico Terol who has won the 125cc GP race at Indianapolis on three occasions.

2 – At the Qatar Grand Prix Yamaha riders took the top two places in a MotoGP race for the first time since the Portuguese Grand Prix in 2010 which Jorge Lorenzo won and Valentino Rossi finished second.

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Moto2 class facts & figures

After his win in Qatar, **Pol Espargaro** has finished on the podium eight times in the last ten Moto2 races, including three wins.

Scott Redding's second place finish in Qatar is the first time that he has been on the podium at the opening race of the year during his Grand Prix career.

Takaaki Nakagami's third place finish at the Qatar Grand Prix was the first time he has stood on the podium in any class of GP racing.

Dominique Aegerter's fourth place finish in Qatar is his best result since he was third at the final race of 2011 in Valencia.

Three riders competing in the Moto2 class have previously won races in the USA, all at the Indianapolis circuit: **Nico Terol** won the 125cc race three times, **Pol Espargaro** won the 125cc race once, and **Toni Elias** won the Moto2 race in 2010.

The Qatar Grand Prix was the first time that all three riders on the podium were on board motorcycles constructed by Kalex.

Moto3™ class facts & figures

Following his win in Qatar, **Luis Salom** heads the world championship for the first time in his Grand Prix career. Salom is the only rider competing in the Moto3 class who has previously had a GP win in the USA; he won the Moto3 race in Indianapolis last year, which was his first ever GP victory.

Maverick Viñales' second place finish in Qatar was only the second time that he has stood on the podium since the Italian Grand Prix in July of last year.

Alex Rins' third at the Qatar Grand Prix is the first time he has had a podium finish in a dry weather race. His other podium finish was achieved in the wet at Le Mans last year.

Alex Marquez finished fourth in Qatar – his best result so far in his Grand Prix career.

Miguel Oliveira's seventh place finish in Qatar is the best ever result for Mahindra in Grand Prix racing.