

STATISTICS 2017

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MotoGP™ Riders' Profiles

	CAREER	2017
Starts	260 (162 x MotoGP, 49 x 250, 49 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	11 (2 x MotoGP, 4 x 250, 5 x 125)	2nd
Podiums	76 (35 x MotoGP, 26 x 250, 15 x 125)	1
Poles/best grid	18 (5 x MotoGP, 4 x 250, 9 x 125)	5th
Last Win	MAL/16	-
Last Podium	QAT/17/2nd	QAT/2nd
Last Pole	MAL/16	-

- » Dovizioso has finished on the podium twice at Austin; finishing third in 2014 and in second place in 2015 after having qualified in second on the grid and enduring a race long battle with Rossi
- » Last year in Austin Dovizioso's race ended whilst running in 3rd place when Pedrosa crashed into him at Turn One on the seventh lap

4. Andrea Dovizioso



Age: 31

	CAREER	2017
Starts	245 (123 x MotoGP, 75 x 250, 47 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	10 (4 x 250, 6 x 125) (4th in MotoGP)	13th
Podiums	32 (20 x 250, 12 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	9 (8 x 250, 1 x 125) (2nd in MotoGP)	20th
Last Win	VAL/09 (250cc)	-
Last Podium	VAL/09/1st (250cc)	-
Last Pole	POR/09 (250cc)	-

- » Barbera's best results from twelve appearances in the MotoGP class in America are 9th at Laguna Seca in 2011 and 9th last year at Austin
- » In 2014 he took the final point scoring position in 15th place and in 2015 he topped the Open Class in Austin in 12th place

8. Hector Barbera



Age: 30

	CAREER	2017
Starts	161 (69 x MotoGP, 61 x 250/Moto2, 31 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	1 (1 x Moto2) (7th in MotoGP)	10th
Podiums	2 (2 x Moto2)	0
Best grid	5th - 250cc (2nd in MotoGP)	2nd
Last Win	VAL/10 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	VAL/10/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	-	-

- » Abraham has twice compete at Austin in the MotoGP class; finishing 14th in 2014 and not scoring any points in 2015 after retiring to the pits during the race
- » His tenth place finish in Argentina is his best MotoGP result since he was 7th at the final race of 2012 in Valencia

17. Karel Abraham

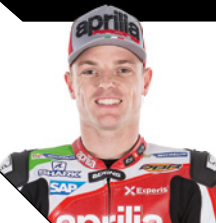


Age: 27

	CAREER	2017
Starts	56 (2 x MotoGP, 54 x Moto2)	2
Wins/best result	3 (3 x Moto2)	18th
Podiums	11 (11 x Moto2)	0
Poles/best grid	8 (8 x Moto2)	21st
Last Win	ARA/16 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	ARA/16/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	ARA/16 (Moto2)	-

- » Sam Lowes has finished on the podium in Austin for the last two years in Moto2; he took the race win in 2015 and was 2nd last year
- » He also holds the lap record for the Moto2 class at the Circuit of Americas

22. Sam Lowes



Age: 26

	CAREER	2017
Starts	140 (2 x MotoGP, 88 x Moto2™, 50 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	16 (15 x Moto2, 1 x 125)	5th
Podiums	41 (30 x Moto2, 11 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	19 (15 x Moto2, 4 x 125)	4th
Last Win	VAL/16 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	VAL/16/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	VAL/16 (Moto2)	-

- » Zarco has finished on the podium for the last two years at Austin in the Moto2 class; second in 2015 and third last year
- » This will be Zarco's first year competing at Austin in the MotoGP class

5. Johann Zarco



Age: 26

	CAREER	2017
Starts	84 - all MotoGP	2
Best result	2nd	7th
Podiums	1 x MotoGP	0
Best grid	4th	4th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	GBR/15/2nd	-
Last Pole	-	-

- » Petrucci retired from the MotoGP race at Austin in 2013 with mechanical problems after thirteen laps
- » He finished 17th in 2014 in Austin, from 22nd place on the grid
- » He finished in 10th place two years ago in Austin after battling with Viñales for much of the race, losing out to him just two laps from the finish
- » Petrucci missed the race at Austin last year as he was still recovering from an operation to his right hand

9. Danilo Petrucci



Age: 26

	CAREER	2017
Starts	240 (124 x MotoGP, 49 x 250, 67 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	16 (8 x 250, 8 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	4th
Podiums	49 (3 x MotoGP, 28 x 250, 18 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	18 (1 x MotoGP, 9 x 250, 8 x 125)	10th
Last Win	CAT/09 (250cc)	-
Last Podium	FRA/14/3rd	-
Last Pole	GBR/12	-

- » Bautista finished 8th in Austin in 2013 after being passed on the last lap by Andrea Dovizioso
- » In 2014 in Austin he crashed on the sixth lap when in the group battling for third place
- » Two years ago at Austin, Bautista finished in 15th after qualifying down in 23rd place on the grid; this was the first point for Aprilia on their return to MotoGP
- » Last year at Austin Bautista finished in 11th position after running wide and dropping to the back of the field when Baz crashed at the start of the second lap

19. Alvaro Bautista



Age: 32

	CAREER	2017
Starts	105 (38 x MotoGP, 18 x Moto2, 49 x 125/Moto3™)	2
Wins	19 (3 x MotoGP, 4 x Moto2, 12 x 125/Moto3)	2
Podiums	46 (6 x MotoGP, 9 x Moto2, 31 x 125/Moto3)	2
Poles	12 (1 x MotoGP, 1 x Moto2, 10 x 125/Moto3)	1
Last Win	ARG/17	ARG
Last Podium	ARG/17/1st	ARG/1st
Last Pole	QAT/17	QAT

- » Viñales finished 2nd in the Moto3 race at Austin in 2013, less than a quarter of a second behind Alex Rins
- » In 2014 he won the Moto2 race in Austin, in just his second start in the intermediate-class of grand prix racing
- » 2015 was Viñales first time riding a MotoGP bike in America; he finished in 9th place after battling with Petrucci for much of the race
- » Last year at Austin Viñales started in 4th place on the grid and finished the race in 4th position after getting a bad start and dropping down to 10th in the early stages

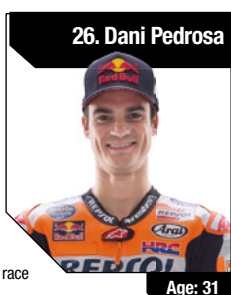
25. Maverick Viñales



Age: 22

	CAREER	2017
Starts	261 (183 x MotoGP, 32 x 250, 46 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	52 (29 x MotoGP, 15 x 250, 8 x 125)	5th
Podiums	144 (103 x MotoGP, 24 x 250, 17 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	46 (28 x MotoGP, 9 x 250, 9 x 125)	5th
Last Win	RSM/16	-
Last Podium	RSM/16/1st	-
Last Pole	MAL/15	-

- » Pedrosa has had three MotoGP victories in the USA - Laguna Seca in 2009 and Indianapolis in both 2010 & 2012
- » In 2013 in Austin, Pedrosa qualified in 2nd place on the grid and finished the race in 2nd, after leading for the first 12 laps
- » He repeated this result in 2014 in Austin - finishing second to team mate Marquez, after qualifying in second place on the grid
- » In 2015 Pedrosa did not start the race in Austin due to "arm pump" problems
- » Last year at Austin Pedrosa crashed out of 4th place at Turn One on lap seven



26. Dani Pedrosa

Age: 31

	CAREER	2017
Starts	195 (67 x MotoGP, 51 x Moto2, 77 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	13 (1 x MotoGP, 8 x Moto2, 4 x 125)	16th
Podiums	31 (7 x MotoGP, 19 x Moto2, 5 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	10 (2 x MotoGP, 5 x Moto2, 3 x 125)	2nd
Last Win	AUT/16	-
Last Podium	VAL/16/3rd	-
Last Pole	AUT/16	-

- » At Austin in 2013, Iannone finished 10th in just his second appearance in the MotoGP class
- » In 2014 he finished 7th in Austin, dropping back in the latter stages of the race after battling for a podium finish up to lap fifteen
- » In 2015 in Austin he finished in 5th position after getting held up by an incident involving Redding & Pol Espargaro on lap one
- » Last year Iannone's grid position was penalised by 3 places after knocking his team mate off in Argentina, meaning he started from 7th position; finished the race on the podium in 3rd place

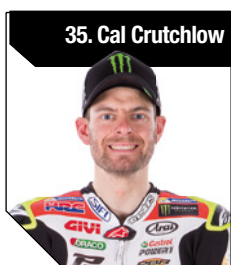


29. Andrea Iannone

Age: 27

	CAREER	2017
Starts	107 - all MotoGP	2
Wins/best result	2	3rd
Podiums	13 (13 x MotoGP)	1
Poles/best grid	3 (3 x MotoGP)	3rd
Last Win	AUS/16	-
Last Podium	ARG/17/3rd	ARG/3rd
Last Pole	GBR/16	-

- » In 2013 Crutchlow qualified 4th and finished 4th in Austin - his best MotoGP result at any of the US circuits
- » In 2014 in Austin he stopped mid-race to change his rear tyre and then crashed on the 13th lap, suffering injuries to his right hand
- » In 2015 in Austin, Crutchlow qualified in 5th position, finishing the race in 7th position
- » Last year at Austin Crutchlow finished outside of the point scoring positions in 16th place, having fallen during the race and remounted



35. Cal Crutchlow

Age: 31

	CAREER	2017
Starts	184 (71 x MotoGP, 33 x Moto2, 80 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	3 (3 x 125) (2nd in MotoGP)	15th
Podiums	25 (2 x MotoGP, 3 x Moto2, 20 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	9 (9 x 125) (3rd in MotoGP)	19th
Last Win	VAL/10 (125cc)	-
Last Podium	RSM/15/2nd	-
Last Pole	POR/10 (125cc)	-

- » In 2014 in Austin Smith was first Yamaha across the line in 5th place, which was his career best result in the MotoGP class at that time
- » In 2015 at Austin he qualified in 10th position on the grid and finished as the top satellite rider in 6th after battling with the leading group in the early laps
- » Last year Smith finished outside of the points in 17th position, having fallen during the race and restarted

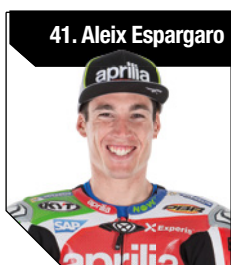


38. Bradley Smith

Age: 26

	CAREER	2017
Starts	198 (114 x MotoGP, 61 x Moto2/250, 23 x 125)	2
Best result	2nd	6th
Podiums	2 (1 x MotoGP, 1 x Moto2)	0
Poles/best grid	2 (2 x MotoGP)	8th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	ARA/14/2nd	-
Last Pole	CAT/15	-

- » In 2013 in Austin Aleix Espargaro was the first CRT rider across the line in 11th place
- » In 2014 in Austin he qualified in 4th place on the grid, behind three Honda riders but after a bad start he ended the first lap down in 12th place and eventually finished in 9th
- » Two years ago in Austin he qualified and finished the race both in 8th place, one place ahead of team-mate Viñales
- » Last year Aleix Espargaro finished the race at Austin in 5th position; his first top five finish since 2014

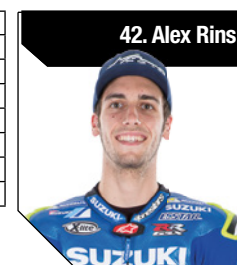


41. Aleix Espargaro

Age: 27

	CAREER	2017
Starts	90 (2 x MotoGP, 36 x Moto2, 52 x Moto3)	2
Wins/best result	12 (4 x Moto2, 8 x Moto3)	9th
Podiums	40 (17 x Moto2, 23 x Moto3)	0
Poles/best grid	17 (4 x Moto2, 13 x Moto3)	18th
Last Win	FRA/16 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	RSM/16/2nd (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	AME/16 (Moto2)	-

- » Rins has twice won at Austin in the lower classes after qualifying on pole position on both occasions; in Moto3 in 2013 and Moto2 in 2016
- » Rins also finished on the podium at Austin in 2015 finishing in 3rd position
- » This year will see Rins race for the first time in Austin in the MotoGP class



42. Alex Rins

Age: 21

	CAREER	2017
Starts	88 (33 x MotoGP, 55 x 125/Moto3)	2
Wins/best result	7 (1 x MotoGP, 6 x Moto3)	8th
Podiums	11 (1 x MotoGP, 10 x Moto3)	0
Poles/best grid	8 (8 x Moto3) (5th in MotoGP)	16th
Last Win	NED/16	-
Last Podium	NED/16/1st	-
Last Pole	MAL/14 (Moto3)	-

- » In 2014 Miller qualified on pole and won the Moto3 race at the COTA, after leading the race at the end of every lap
- » 2015 at Austin was Miller's first time riding a MotoGP bike in America; he scored two points, finishing in 14th position having qualified in 19th on the grid
- » Miller's 14th place made him the youngest Australian to score points in the premier-class since Brendan Clarke in 2001
- » Miller did not race in Austin last year following a big crash in free practice where he cracked bones in his right foot



43. Jack Miller

Age: 22

	CAREER	2017
Starts	178 (56 x MotoGP, 51 x Moto2, 71 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	15 (10 x Moto2, 5 x 125)(4th in MotoGP)	14th
Podiums	44 (23 x Moto2, 21 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	17 (14 x Moto2, 3 x 125)(2nd in MotoGP)	18th
Last Win	JPN/13 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	JPN/13/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	VAL/13 (Moto2)	-

- » Four years ago in Austin Pol Espargaro crashed out of the Moto2 race on the fourth lap
- » In 2014 at Austin he passed Iannone on the last lap of the MotoGP race to finish in 6th place
- » In 2015 Pol failed to score any points at Austin after being taken out on the first lap by Redding as he crashed
- » Last year Pol Espargaro finished the race in Austin in 7th place after qualifying in 13th

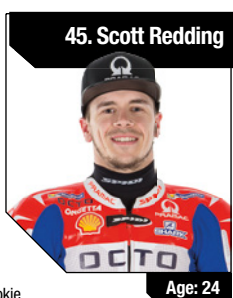


44. Pol Espargaro

Age: 25

	CAREER	2017
Starts	156 (56 x MotoGP, 67 x Moto2, 33 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	4 (3 x Moto2, 1 x 125)(3rd in MotoGP)	7th
Podiums	18 (2 x MotoGP, 14 x Moto2, 2 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	3 (3 x Moto2)(3rd in MotoGP)	6th
Last Win	GBR/13 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	NED/16/3rd	-
Last Pole	INP/13 (Moto2)	-

- » Redding qualified on pole for the Moto2 race in Austin in 2013, his first ever pole in grand prix racing; after leading the race in the early stages he eventually finish 5th
- » He crashed at Austin in 2014 on the penultimate lap - the only race in his rookie MotoGP season that he failed to finish
- » Two years ago in Austin, he qualified well in 6th position on the grid, but crashed on the first lap
- » Last year at Austin Redding finished in 6th place as the top independent rider



Age: 24

	CAREER	2017
Starts	350 (290 x MotoGP, 30 x 250, 30 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	114 (88 x MotoGP, 14 x 250, 12 x 125)	2nd
Podiums	223 (187 x MotoGP, 21 x 250, 15 x 125)	2
Poles/best grid	64 (54 x MotoGP, 5 x 250, 5 x 125)	7th
Last Win	CAT/16	-
Last Podium	ARG/17/2nd	ARG/2nd
Last Pole	JPN/16	-

- » Rossi has competed in all twenty one MotoGP races held in the USA
- » Austin is one of just three current circuits where Rossi has not had a MotoGP victory, along with Aragon and the Red Bull Ring
- » Rossi's best result at Austin was in 2015 when he finished in 3rd position, after a long battle with Dovizioso who he lost out to on the last lap
- » Last year he crashed out of the race in Austin on the third lap when holding sixth place
- » Rossi has not won in the USA since 2008 at Indianapolis



Age: 38

	CAREER	2017
Starts	179 (19 x MotoGP, 84 x Moto2, 76 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	13 (13 x Moto2)(9th in MotoGP)	12th
Podiums	36 (33 x Moto2, 3 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	16 (16 x Moto2)(18th in MotoGP)	19th
Last Win	VAL/15 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	VAL/15/1st (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	VAL/15 (Moto2)	-

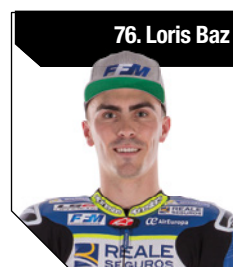
- » Tito Rabat finished second in both 2013 & 2014 Moto2 races in Texas
- » Last year at Austin Rabat qualified 20th on the grid, but picked up some places during the race to finish in 13th.



Age: 27

	CAREER	2017
Starts	34 x MotoGP	2
Best result	4th	11th
Podiums	0	0
Best grid	9th	9th
Last Win	-	-
Last Podium	-	-
Last Pole	-	-

- » In 2015 Baz raced at the COTA for the first time; he qualified in 20th position on the grid and finished the race in 17th after struggling with front-tyre wear
- » Last year at Austin Baz finished in 15th place picking up his first point of the season; he restarted after a crash on the second lap



Age: 24

	CAREER	2017
Starts	152 (74 x MotoGP, 32 x Moto2, 46 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	55 (29 x MotoGP, 16 x Moto2, 10 x 125)	4th
Podiums	90 (51 x MotoGP, 25 x Moto2, 14 x 125)	0
Poles	66 (38 x MotoGP, 14 x Moto2, 14 x 125)	1
Last Win	JPN/16	-
Last Podium	JPN/16/1st	-
Last Pole	ARG/17	ARG

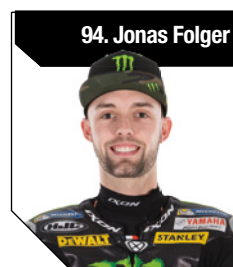
- » In 2013 in Austin, Marquez became the youngest ever rider to start on pole and the youngest to win in the premier-class - taking both records from Freddie Spencer
- » He has repeated the results for the last three years in Austin, each time winning from pole position
- » He has won the last eight MotoGP races that have taken place in the USA - 4 wins in Austin, 3 in Indianapolis and Laguna Seca in 2013
- » In addition Marquez won the Moto2 races at Indianapolis in both 2011 & 2012, making it wins on his last ten visits to the US



Age: 24

	CAREER	2017
Starts	139 (2 x MotoGP, 54 x Moto2, 83 x Moto3/125)	2
Wins/best result	5 (3 x Moto2, 2 x Moto3/125)	6th
Podiums	23 (11 x Moto2, 12 x Moto3/125)	0
Poles/best grid	6 (2 x Moto2, 4 x Moto3)	8th
Last Win	CZE/16 (Moto2)	-
Last Podium	MAL/16/3rd (Moto2)	-
Last Pole	QAT/16 (Moto2)	-

- » Folger has competed at Austin for the last four years; once in Moto3 and three times in Moto2
- » His best result to-date at the track is 4th in 2013 in the Moto3 class
- » Last year at Austin Folger finished 5th in the Moto2 class after qualifying in 7th place on the grid



Age: 23

	CAREER	2017
Starts	252 (158 x MotoGP, 48 x 250, 46 x 125)	2
Wins/best result	65 (44 x MotoGP, 17 x 250, 4 x 125)	11th
Podiums	145 (107 x MotoGP, 29 x 250, 9 x 125)	0
Poles/best grid	65 (39 x MotoGP, 23 x 250, 3 x 125)	12th
Last Win	VAL/16	-
Last Podium	VAL/16/1st	-
Last Pole	VAL/16	-

- » Lorenzo has finished on the podium thirteen times from his eighteen MotoGP starts in the USA, including third at Austin in 2013 & 2nd last year
- » His two victories in the US were at Indianapolis in 2009 and Laguna Seca in 2010
- » Austin is one of just five current circuits where Lorenzo has not taken a MotoGP win, along with Sachsenring, Sepang, Termas De Rio Hondo and Red Bull Ring in Austria
- » In 2014 at COTA he made a jump-start, came in for a ride-through penalty at the end of the first lap and then fought his way back to finish 10th



Age: 29

Grand Prix racing at Austin

This is the fifth successive year that a MotoGP event has been held at the Austin circuit and below are a selection of facts and stats related to this event:

In total, there have been 29 previous Grand Prix events hosted in the USA: Daytona - 2, Laguna Seca - 15, Indianapolis - 8 and Austin - 4.

Marc Marquez has won on each of the eight occasions that he has raced in the MotoGP class in America; four times at Austin, three times at Indianapolis and at Laguna Seca in 2013. Only once in these eight appearances in MotoGP in America has Marquez not been on pole; at Laguna Seca in 2013 when he qualified in second place on the grid behind Stefan Bradl.

The only riders currently competing in the MotoGP class who have won in the class at any of the American circuits are: Valentino Rossi, Dani Pedrosa, Jorge Lorenzo and Marc Marquez.

Ducati have had one rider finish on the podium in Austin for the last three years: Andrea Dovizioso was third in 2014 and second in 2015; Andrea Iannone was third last year.

Jorge Lorenzo's second place finish last year is the best result for a Yamaha rider at the Austin circuit.

Maverick Viñales finished fourth at Austin last year, one place ahead of team-mate Aleix Espargaro. This was the first time since the San Marino Grand Prix in 2007 that Suzuki had two riders finish in the top five places.

All twelve podium finishers in the four previous MotoGP races held at Austin have been riders from either Spain or Italy.

The winners of the last three Moto2 races in Austin are now competing in the MotoGP class: Alex Rins, Sam Lowes and Maverick Viñales. The only other rider to win a Moto2 race in Austin is Nico Terol, at the first visit to the circuit in 2013.

The three riders who finished on the podium in the Moto2 race last year in Austin (Rins, Lowes and Zarco) have all moved up to race in the MotoGP class in 2017.

Last year's Moto3 winner in Austin, Romano Fenati, is the only rider who has won at the circuit who is competing in the Moto3 class in 2017.

Maverick Viñales takes back-to-back MotoGP wins

Maverick Viñales victories at the opening two races of 2017 place him sixth in the following list of youngest riders to have scored back-to-back wins in the premier-class of grand prix racing. He is just 22 days older than Valentino Rossi was when he first achieved back-to-back 500cc GP wins and enters the following list above such grand prix legends as Mike Hailwood and John Surtees. The only rider to have won back-to-back premier-class grand prix races riding Yamaha machinery at a younger age than Viñales is Johnny Cecotto in the 500cc class in 1977.

If Viñales wins in Austin he will become the fifth youngest rider to win three successive premier-class grand prix races, after: Marc Marquez, Freddie Spencer, Casey Stoner and Valentino Rossi. He would also be the youngest ever rider to win three successive races on a Yamaha.

RIDER	RACES WINS	AGE
1. Marc Marquez	Germany/USA/2013	20 years 154 days
2. Freddie Spencer	South Africa/France/1983	21 years 104 days
3. Johnny Cecotto	Finland/Czech/1977	21 years 194 days
4. Casey Stoner	Turkey/China/2007	21 years 202 days
5. Valentino Rossi	Japan/South Africa/2001	22 years 65 days
6. Maverick Viñales	Qatar/Argentina/2017	22 years 87 days
7. Mike Hailwood	Belgium/Dutch TT/1962	22 years 97 days
8. John Surtees	IOM TT/Dutch TT/1956	22 years 140 days
9. Jorge Lorenzo	Spain/France/2010	23 years 19 days
10. Marco Melandri	Turkey/Valencia/2005	23 years 91 days



Great start to 2017 for Maverick Viñales

In addition to making him the sixth youngest back-to-back premier-class winner, the wins by Maverick Viñales in the opening two races of 2017 are notable for the following:

He is the first Yamaha rider since Wayne Rainey in 1990 to win the opening two premier-class grand prix races of the year.

He is just the fourth Yamaha rider of all-time to win the opening two races of the year in the premier-class of grand prix racing, joining: Wayne Rainey (1990), Kenny Roberts (1980) and Jarno Saarinen (1973). Of these riders only Kenny Roberts in 1980 went on to win the third race of the year.

Viñales is just the second rider in the MotoGP era to win the opening two races of the year; the only other rider to have achieved this is Marc Marquez in 2014.

He is just the ninth rider to win back-to-back races in the MotoGP era, joining: Valentino Rossi, Sete Gibernau, Loris Capirossi, Marco Melandri, Casey Stoner, Jorge Lorenzo, Dani Pedrosa and Marc Marquez. Of these, in addition to Viñales, only Lorenzo and Rossi have done so riding for Yamaha.

The win in Argentina extends his sequence of point scoring finishes to eighteen. The last time he failed to score any points was in Argentina last year well he crashed out of third place with less than three laps remaining.

Honda dominate in the USA

For the first time since 2010 Honda have failed to win either of the opening two MotoGP races of the year. However, Honda riders have dominated the MotoGP events hosted in the USA as shown by the following:

Marc Marquez riding a Honda has qualified on pole and won all four MotoGP races that have taken place in Austin.

The last thirteen MotoGP races in the USA have all 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.

Honda riders have qualified on pole for the last nine MotoGP races held in the USA. The last non-Honda rider to start from pole at any of the US circuits is Jorge Lorenzo at Laguna Seca in 2012.

Honda have won sixteen of the twenty-one premier-class grand prix races that have taken place in the USA in the MotoGP era.

Marc Marquez closes in on Lorenzo and Stoner

Marc Marquez qualified on pole in Argentina for the four successive year, the 38th pole in the MotoGP class. Since MotoGP became the premier-class of grand prix racing in 2002 only three riders have started from pole on more occasions than Marquez, as shown in the following table:

RIDERS WITH MOST MotoGP	POLES
1. Valentino Rossi	- 50
2. Jorge Lorenzo	- 39
Casey Stoner	- 39
4. Marc Marquez	- 38
5. Dani Pedrosa	- 28



MotoGP™ Facts and Stats

The third place finish for Cal Crutchlow in Argentina means he has now finished on the podium at least once for six successive seasons in the MotoGP class. Only four other British riders have had premier-class podium finishes in six or more successive seasons: Mike Hailwood, Barry Sheene, Geoff Duke and Peter Williams.

The same rider has won both of the opening two races of the year in all three classes. The last time that this happened was in 1992, when the three riders were: 125cc - Ralph Waldmann, 250cc - Luca Cadalora, 500cc - Mick Doohan.

In Argentina Yamaha had four riders finish in the top six places for the first time since the final race of 2015 in Valencia.

Marc Marquez has not stood on the top step of the podium since he clinched the 2016 MotoGP world title at the Japanese Grand Prix last year. During this five race period he has picked up just 38 world championship points.

Scott Redding is one of just nine riders who has scored points in both of the two opening races of the year and his score of 17 points puts him into fourth place in the world championship classification and the highest placed of the Independent Team riders.

Neither of the Honda factory rider have finished on the podium at the first two races of the year. The last time that the Repsol Honda factory team did not have a top three finish in either of the first two races of the year was in 2000.

Johann Zarco's fifth place finish in Argentina is the best result for a French rider in a fully dry MotoGP race since Randy de Puniet finished fourth in Catalunya in 2010.

Johann Zarco was the first rookie across the line in Argentina one place ahead of team-mate and fellow rookie Jonas Folger. The last time that two rookie riders in the MotoGP class finished together in the top six was at the German Grand Prix in 2013, won by Marc Marquez with Bradley Smith in sixth.

Jonas Folger heads the rookie standings after the first two races with 16 points, which is the highest score after the first two races of the year by a rookie since Marc Marquez in 2013.

In Argentina Valentino Rossi once again finished on the podium after starting from a low grid position. This was the 35th time he has finished on the podium in the premier-class after not starting from one of the top six places on the grid.

The age difference between Maverick Viñales and Valentino Rossi is 15 years 330 days. This is the largest age difference between the top two finishers in a premier-class grand prix race since twenty-six-year-old Giacomo Agostini won the 1969 German Grand Prix, at the Hockenheim circuit, from forty-six-year-old German rider Karl Hoppe.

Alvaro Bautista's fourth place finish in Argentina is the best result by a Independent Team Ducati rider in a full dry race and not involving a compulsory pit-stop since Toni Elias finished third at the San Marino Grand Prix at Misano in 2008.

The fastest lap of the MotoGP race in Argentina was set by Maverick Viñales with a time of 1 minute 39.694 seconds. During the course of the race another sixteen riders set lap times within one second of this fastest lap time; the first time in a MotoGP race that seventeen riders have posted lap times within one second of the fastest lap of the race.



Photo: 2016 Season

Joan Mir takes back-to-back Moto3™ wins

Joan Mir's (Leopard Racing) victories at the opening two races of 2017 place him sixth in the following list of youngest riders to have scored back-to-back wins in the Moto3 class since its introduction in 2012.

RIDER	RACES WINS	AGE
1. Maverick Viñales	Catalunya/Great Britain/2012	17 years 157 days
2. Alex Rins	Germany/Indianapolis/2013	17 years 253 days
3. Romano Fenati	Argentina/Spain/2014	18 years 109 days
4. Álex Márquez	Catalunya/Netherlands/2014	18 years 66 days
5. Jack Miller	Qatar/Americas/2014	19 years 85 days
6. Joan Mir	Qatar/Argentina/2017	19 years 220 days
7. Brad Binder	Spain/France/2016	20 years 271 days
8. Miguel Oliveira	Australia/Malaysia/2015	20 years 294 days
9. Danny Kent	Americas/Argentina/2015	21 years 145 days
10. Luis Salom	Italy/Catalunya/2013	21 years 313 days
11. Sandro Cortese	Malaysia/Australia/2012	22 years 296 days

If Mir wins in Austin, he will become the second youngest rider to win three successive Moto3 races, after Maverick Viñales (17 years 170 days, Catalunya/Great Britain/Netherlands/2012).

Great start to 2017 for Joan Mir

In addition to making him the sixth youngest back-to-back Moto3 class winner, the wins by Joan Mir in the opening two races of 2017 are notable for the following:

He won the two opening races of the year; the first rider to do so since Jack Miller won in Qatar and Austin in 2014.

Mir is the first Honda rider since Masao Azuma in 1999 to win the opening two lightweight grand prix races of the year.

He is the first Spanish rider to win back-to-back Moto3 races since Álex Rins won at Silverstone and Misano in 2014.

He is just the fifth Honda rider of all-time to win the opening two races of the year in the lightweight class of grand prix racing, joining: Kunimitsu Takahashi (1962), Ralf Waldmann (1992), Dirk Raudies (1993) and Masao Azuma (1999). Of these riders only Dirk Raudies and Masao Azuma went on to win the third race of the year.

He won his third Moto3 race in Argentina, the 36th Spanish victory in the 90 Moto3 races so far.

Moto2™ Facts and Stats

Franco Morbidelli (Estrella Galicia 0,0 Marc VDS) is the first Italian rider to win back-to-back in the intermediate category since Marco Simoncelli in 2009.

He is also the first rider to win the two opening intermediate grand prix races since Jorge Lorenzo in 2007.

Last year, Morbidelli qualified in 9th on the grid in Austin and crossed the line in 14th; the only occasion since then that he has failed to score points is when he crashed out of the wet race in Germany.

Miguel Oliveira (Red Bull KTM Ajo) crossed the line in second for the first time of his Moto2 career in Argentina, becoming the first Portuguese rider to stand on the podium in the intermediate category. Last year in Austin, he qualified on 20th on the grid and crashed during the race in his rookie year.

Tom Lüthi (CarXpert Interwetten) finished third in Argentina - his 37th podium finish in Moto2, which is more than any other rider. He finished 7th in Austin last year, from 5th on the grid. His best result on that track is a sixth place in 2014.

Dominique Aegerter (Kiefer Racing) is the only rider currently competing in the Moto2 class who has stood on the podium in the Moto2 class at Austin since its introduction to the calendar in 2013 - third place finish in 2014; the third podium finish of his career at that time. He crossed the line in fourth last year.

Xavier Siméon (Tasca Racing Scuderia Moto2) qualified on pole position in Austin in 2015, his most recent pole position.

Fabio Quartararo (Pons HP 40) finished second at Austin in Moto3 in 2015 to claim his first podium in just his second grand prix start of his career.

Moto3™ Facts and Stats

Joan Mir (Leopard Racing), John McPhee (British Talent Team) and Jorge Martín (Del Conca Gresini Moto3) stood on the podium for the second time in a row; the first time since Alex Rins, Maverick Viñales and Álex Márquez in Misano and Aragon in 2013.

This is the first time since 1972 (Parlotti, Mortimer and Jansson) that the same riders stood on the podium in the same order for the two opening lightweight-class races of a season.

John McPhee finished second in Argentina - his fourth podium finish in 83 GP starts. He finished sixth in Austin two years ago from 15th on the grid, his best result at that track.

Jorge Martín crossed the line in third in Argentina; his third GP podium finish. He crashed during the race on his two previous visits to Austin.

Romano Fenati (Marinelli Rivacold Snipers) is the only rider currently competing in the Moto3 class who has had podium finishes in the previous four years that the grand prix event has been held in Austin, with a second place finish in 2014 and a victory last year.

Honda have had only one pole and one win in the Moto3 class in Austin, with Danny Kent in 2015.

María Herrera (AGR Team) scored her first point of the season in Argentina after Nicolò Bulega was penalised post-race and dropped out the points. This makes 17 points in her grand prix career so far; only two female riders have scored more grand prix points since the world championship started in 1949 - Tomoko Igata (30) and Taru Rinee (25).