

SAN MARINO GP

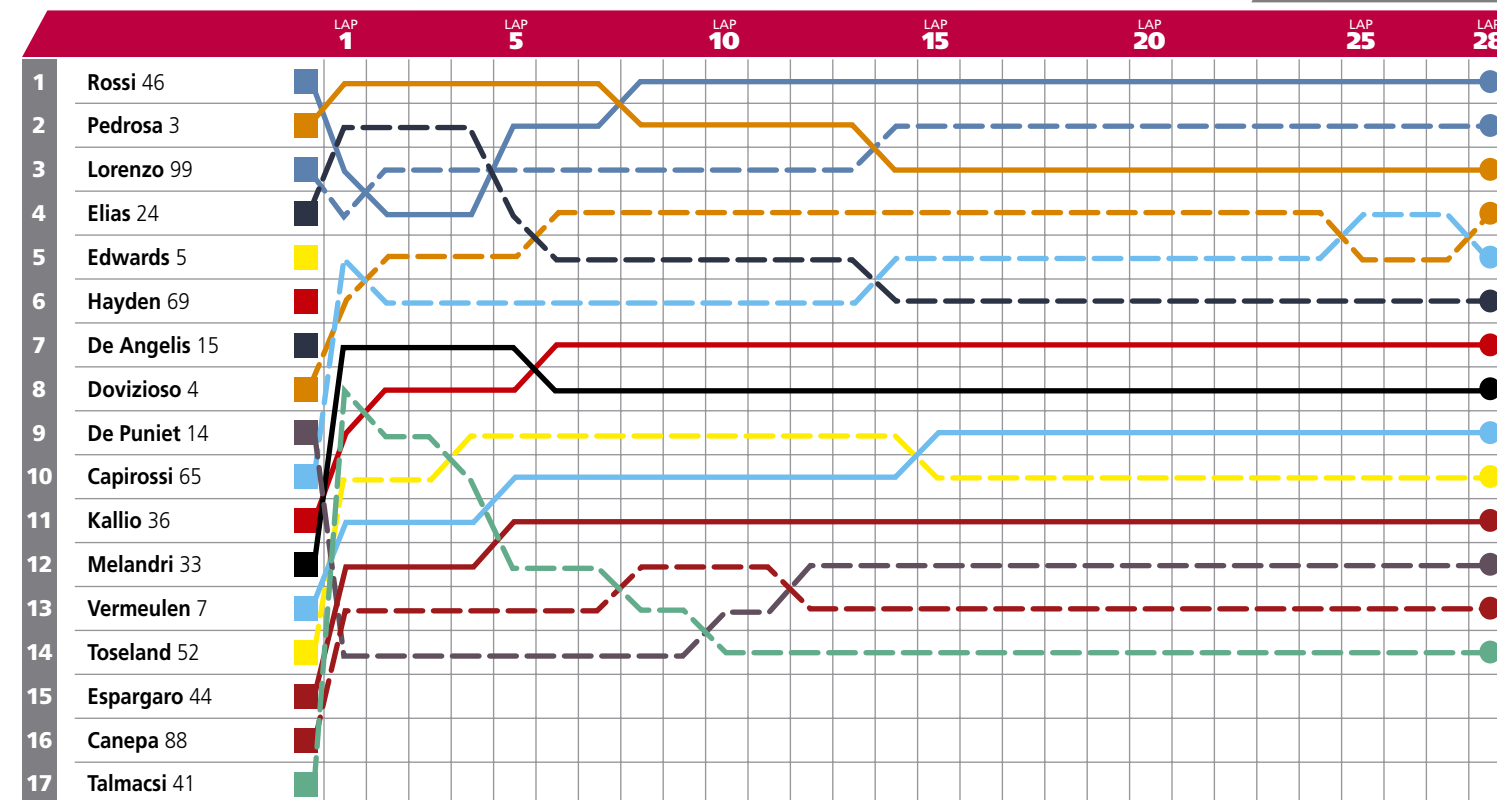
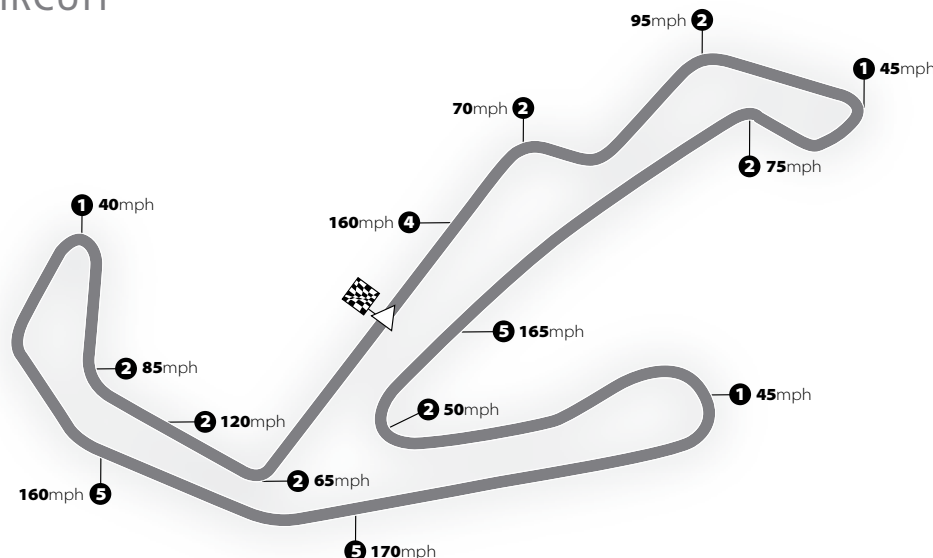
MISANO WORLD CIRCUIT

ROUND 13
September 6



RACE RESULTS

CIRCUIT LENGTH 2.626 miles
NO. OF LAPS 28
RACE DISTANCE 73.529 miles
WEATHER Dry, 24°C
TRACK TEMPERATURE 41°C
WINNER Valentino Rossi
FASTEST LAP 1m 34.746s, 99.575mph, Valentino Rossi (record)
PREVIOUS LAP RECORD 1m 34.904s, 99.609mph, Valentino Rossi, 2008



QUALIFYING

	Rider	Nationality	Team	Qualifying	Pole +	Gap
1	Rossi	ITA	Fiat Yamaha Team	1m 34.338s		
2	Pedrosa	SPA	Repsol Honda Team	1m 34.560s	0.222s	0.222s
3	Lorenzo	SPA	Fiat Yamaha Team	1m 34.808s	0.470s	0.248s
4	Elias	SPA	San Carlo Honda Gresini	1m 34.907s	0.569s	0.099s
5	Edwards	USA	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	1m 35.184s	0.846s	0.277s
6	Hayden	USA	Ducati Marlboro Team	1m 35.223s	0.885s	0.039s
7	De Angelis	RSM	San Carlo Honda Gresini	1m 35.343s	1.005s	0.120s
8	Dovizioso	ITA	Repsol Honda Team	1m 35.492s	1.154s	0.149s
9	De Puniet	FRA	LCR Honda MotoGP	1m 35.554s	1.216s	0.062s
10	Capirossi	ITA	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	1m 35.561s	1.223s	0.007s
11	Kallio	FIN	Ducati Marlboro Team	1m 35.601s	1.263s	0.040s
12	Melandri	ITA	Hayate Racing Team	1m 35.785s	1.447s	0.184s
13	Vermeulen	AUS	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	1m 35.790s	1.452s	0.005s
14	Toseland	GBR	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	1m 36.070s	1.732s	0.280s
15	Espargaro	SPA	Pramac Racing	1m 36.228s	1.890s	0.158s
16	Canepa	ITA	Pramac Racing	1m 36.264s	1.926s	0.036s
17	Talmacsi	HUN	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	1m 37.091s	2.753s	0.827s

FINISHERS

1 VALENTINO ROSSI A perfect weekend redeemed the Indy disaster. Fastest in every session, sixth pole of the season – the most he's had on a Yamaha – and what turned into an easy win. Took the lead on lap eight after a cautious start with a full fuel load and was never in danger.

2 JORGE LORENZO Lucky to survive the first lap, then took too long to get past Pedrosa and Elias to be a threat to Rossi. But, as Jorge himself admitted, he struggled all weekend to find the right settings and had no option but to settle for second.

3 DANI PEDROSA First rostrum at Misano, led early on after another superb start, but complained the bike was cutting out during the race. Said the Yamahas could brake harder and get through corners better. Ran out of petrol on the slow-down lap, indicating HRC were cutting it fine.

4 ANDREA DOVIZIOSO Raced with Ohlins suspension for the first time after a successful test at Brno. Lost touch with the leaders when he made a mistake at the last of the three fast right-handers on the back straight on lap seven. Did well to retake fourth on the last lap.

5 LORIS CAPIROSSI Faster through the weekend as the team continued to work well with the new chassis, but it took

time – hence the tenth grid place. Spent the first ten laps jumping a big gap to Elias, then got Dovizioso four laps from home, only to be retaken on the last lap.

6 TONI ELIAS Started the weekend with a terrible practice on Friday, then got quicker with every session. Led for a while but lost performance in the second part of the race. Not long ago sixth would have been a great result; this time he had very mixed feelings.

7 MIKA KALLIO A season's best result in his final ride for the works team before returning to the satellite squad. Slowed by the first-lap incident, then had to get past Talmacsi and Melandri, so there was a 4s gap to the group ahead. Spent the rest of the race fighting off Melandri.

RACE

	Rider	Motorcycle	Race Time	Time +	Fastest Lap	Av Speed	
1	Rossi	Yamaha	44m 32.882s		1m 34.746s	99.033mph	H/H
2	Lorenzo	Yamaha	44m 35.298s	2.416s	1m 34.823s	98.943mph	H/H
3	Pedrosa	Honda	44m 45.282s	12.400s	1m 35.115s	98.575mph	H/H
4	Dovizioso	Honda	44m 59.212s	26.330s	1m 35.435s	98.066mph	H/H
5	Capirossi	Suzuki	44m 59.421s	26.539s	1m 35.680s	98.059mph	H/H
6	Elias	Honda	45m 01.168s	28.286s	1m 35.779s	97.996mph	H/H
7	Kallio	Ducati	45m 03.066s	30.184s	1m 35.742s	97.927mph	H/H
8	Melandri	Kawasaki	45m 04.639s	31.757s	1m 35.877s	97.870mph	H/H
9	Vermeulen	Suzuki	45m 04.791s	31.909s	1m 35.703s	97.864mph	H/H
10	Toseland	Yamaha	45m 11.229s	38.347s	1m 36.026s	97.632mph	H/H
11	Espargaro	Ducati	45m 19.555s	46.673s	1m 35.673s	97.333mph	H/H
12	De Puniet	Honda	45m 24.923s	52.041s	1m 35.988s	97.141mph	H/H
13	Canepa	Ducati	45m 36.080s	1m 03.198s	1m 36.448s	96.745mph	H/H
14	Talmacsi	Honda	45m 55.229s	1m 22.347s	1m 37.019s	96.073mph	H/H

8 MARCO MELANDRI Unaffected by the big crash thanks to a good start that put him up to sixth at the end of the first lap, then spent most of the race trying to find a way to stay with and pass his old bike. As usual the Kawasaki was difficult to ride, especially on a new tyre.

9 CHRIS VERMEULEN A great start, but slowed by the Turn 2 crash. Found a false neutral when tried to select first gear, then ran over Edwards' front mudguard; all those he'd overtaken came back past. Top-five pace later, but the main problem was disappointing qualifying.

10 JAMES TOSELAND Another one who lost ground because of the crash. Went for the softer rear tyre and was able

to run the same pace as the fight for fourth/fifth right up to the last five laps. Not pleased with his finishing position but happy with his lap times.

11 ALEIX ESPARGARO Another seriously impressive ride – his fastest lap was the fifth best of the race – and in only his second MotoGP outing. The Ducati's extra weight and power found him out, though, and he suffered severe arm pump in the later part of the race.

12 RANDY DE PUNIER Ran off track avoiding fallen riders at Turn 2 and rejoined over nine seconds adrift of the pack. The right-handed track was easier on his recently broken left ankle than Indianapolis, and that helped his chase.

13 NICCOLO CANEPA Went off track twice trying to pass Talmacsi, which both lost him time and hastened the degeneration of his rear tyre.

14 GABOR TALMACSI Strong at the start but his lap times dropped right off before he recovered slightly at the end of the race. Not happy.

NON-FINISHERS

ALEX DE ANGELIS The instigator of the first-lap incident that caused all three retirements from the race. Charged up the inside at Turn 2, lost the front and took down the two Americans, doing his employment chances for the 2010 season no good at all.

CHAMPIONSHIP

	Rider	Team	Points
1	Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	237
2	Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	207
3	Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	157
4	Stoner	Ducati Marlboro Team	150
5	Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	133
6	Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	123
7	Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	97
8	De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	88
9	De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	88
10	Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	87
11	Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	84
12	Elias	San Carlo Honda Gresini	80
13	Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	78
14	Hayden	Ducati Marlboro Team	73
15	Kallio	Ducati Marlboro Team	51
16	Canepa	Pramac Racing	35
17	Gibernau	Grupo Francisco Hernando	12
18	Talmacsi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	12
19	Takahashi	Scot Racing Team MotoGP	9
20	Espargaro	Pramac Racing	8

COLIN EDWARDS Had no idea what happened apart from 'an Italian rider who wanted to be a hero'. After using the word 'dumb-ass' a lot, opined that it was Alex who should have been wearing the donkey ears that Rossi sported on the rostrum.

NICKY HAYDEN Incandescent with rage at Alex's mistake. Ruined what promised to be his best race of the year and, more importantly, his chance to run with the leaders in front of all Ducati's top brass and a stand full of the people who make and ride the red bikes from Bologna.