



## MotoGP Race Report

### GRAND PRIX OF PORTUGAL

MotoGP Round 14 : Estoril circuit, 2-4 October

**Date :** 05/10/2009  
**Weather :** Sunny  
**Temperature :** 27 degrees (Air), 44 degrees (Track)  
**Humidity :** 44  
**Crowd :** 78,839 (Race weekend) 45,539 (Race day)

## PEDROSA ON THE PODIUM AGAIN, DOVIZIOSO TAKES SEVENTH

A tightly fought Grand Prix of Portugal saw Repsol Honda's Dani Pedrosa take his eighth podium finish of the season and record the fastest lap of the race at Estoril today. In a thrilling finish, his team-mate Andrea Dovizioso came within 0.014s of sixth place, emerging from the final corner side-by-side with Gresini Honda rider Toni Elias and competing in a straight sprint for the chequered flag.

As has become customary, Pedrosa made another fantastic start and powered his RC212V from fourth on the grid to the head of the field on the approach to Estoril's tight Turn One. He then led for the first two corners before being passed by a hard-charging Jorge Lorenzo. Pedrosa then was able to match Casey Stoner for pace when the Australian came past on lap three and the 24-year-old Spaniard recorded the race's quickest lap - a new lap record time of 1m 36.937s - on lap 11 as he continued to put pressure on Stoner. Pushing to the maximum, a big moment on lap 22 cost him time and Pedrosa eventually came home in a well-deserved podium place - his second in successive races and his third on the trot at Estoril. The result means Pedrosa retains third place in the World Championship with 173 points to Stoner's 170.

Dovizioso started from eighth on the grid and spent the first section of the race fighting in a tightly contested mid pack. Lying ninth for the first four laps, the Italian then picked off Loris Capirossi, Elias and Nicky Hayden on successive laps and held sixth place for 17 of the 28 laps. A moment on lap 22 gave Elias the chance to take Clayton and the Spaniard slipped by. Dovi mounted a last-lap attack and exited the final bend neck-and-neck with Elias but was beaten to the line by the tiniest of margins. Seventh position was good enough for Dovizioso to keep hold of fifth place in the world championship, eight points ahead of Colin Edwards.

With three rounds of the 17-race World Championship remaining, MotoGP now travels first to Australia and then Malaysia for two races on successive weekends, beginning with the classic at Phillip Island in two weeks' time.



**DANI PEDROSA – 3rd – World Championship Position 3rd 173 points**

"I made a very good start today and held the lead until the third corner where I ran a little wide and Jorge came by. He was pushing really hard in the first few laps and even though I was too, I couldn't match his rhythm as he opened up a gap. When Casey came past I tried to stay with him and was able to put some pressure on and maintain a good pace. I had a moment though where the bike was snaking as I braked, I ran wide and I nearly crashed - that cost me some time and opened up the gap to Casey. So I'm reasonably happy with a podium and it definitely will now be an interesting fight for third place in the championship with Casey. He is the reference in Australia and so the next race is going to be hard fought - I'm looking forward to it. I definitely want to win at least one of the three races left and maybe the next one is the most important."



**ANDREA DOVIZIOSO – 7th – World Championship Position 4th 142 points**

"It was a really close finish on the line and I just missed out on sixth place - which isn't the result we wanted, obviously. I started from the third row and was ninth in the early laps before getting past Capirossi, Elias and Hayden which took me up to sixth. I was able to hold the gap to Elias behind me but then I lost time on one lap and he came past. I closed again and it was really close on the last lap - I thought I had a chance of taking the place out of the last corner but it didn't happen. We've had a few issues finding good grip and finding the best settings this weekend which has made it quite difficult to get the best out of the machine. I'm disappointed today but we have plenty of potential to move forward and we'll continue to improve our understanding with the new suspension for the next races."



**KAZUHIKO YAMANO - REPSOL HONDA TEAM MANAGER**

"Another podium finish is good for Dani, and the whole Team has worked very hard again this weekend. The pace Dani could run - especially when he set the fastest lap in the middle of the race - is encouraging, though obviously we want to be closer to the front at the end of the last lap. Andrea fought hard and he and his crew are continuing to gain useful information which should help him in the final few races. Now we have the trip to Australia and the Repsol Honda Team will be pushing very hard again at Phillip Island."

#### Race Result - Round 14

1	Jorge Lorenzo	43m 35.522	SPA	YAMAHA	Fiat Yamaha Team
2	Casey Stoner	+6.294	AUS	DUCATI	Ducati Marlboro Team
3	Dani Pedrosa	+9.889	SPA	HONDA	Repsol Honda Team
4	Valentino Rossi	+23.428	ITA	YAMAHA	Fiat Yamaha Team
5	Colin Edwards	+32.652	USA	YAMAHA	Tech 3 Yamaha
6	Toni Elias	+35.709	SPA	HONDA	San Carlo Honda Gresini
7	Andrea Dovizioso	+35.723	ITA	HONDA	Repsol Honda Team
8	Nicky Hayden	+38.830	USA	DUCATI	Ducati Marlboro Team
9	James Toseland	+44.093	GBR	YAMAHA	Tech 3 Yamaha
10	Chris Vermeulen	+52.863	AUS	SUZUKI	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP
11	Randy De Puniet	+55.698	FRA	HONDA	LCR Honda MotoGP
12	Marco Melandri	+1m 04.515	ITA	KAWASAKI	Hayate Racing Team
13	Niccolo Canepa	+1m 04.538	ITA	DUCATI	Pramac Racing
14	Gabor Talmacsi	+1m 27.299	HUN	HONDA	Scot Racing Team MotoGP

#### Championship standings

1	Valentino Rossi	250 pts	ITA	YAMAHA	Fiat Yamaha Team
2	Jorge Lorenzo	232 pts	SPA	YAMAHA	Fiat Yamaha Team
3	Dani Pedrosa	173 pts	SPA	HONDA	Repsol Honda Team
4	Casey Stoner	170 pts	AUS	DUCATI	Ducati Marlboro Team
5	Andrea Dovizioso	142 pts	ITA	HONDA	Repsol Honda Team
6	Colin Edwards	134 pts	USA	YAMAHA	Tech 3 Yamaha
7	Loris Capirossi	97 pts	ITA	SUZUKI	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP
8	Randy De Puniet	93 pts	FRA	HONDA	LCR Honda MotoGP
9	Marco Melandri	91 pts	ITA	KAWASAKI	Hayate Racing Team
10	Toni Elias	90 pts	SPA	HONDA	San Carlo Honda Gresini
11	Chris Vermeulen	90 pts	AUS	SUZUKI	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP
12	Alex De Angelis	88 pts	SMR	HONDA	San Carlo Honda Gresini
13	James Toseland	85 pts	GBR	YAMAHA	Tech 3 Yamaha
14	Nicky Hayden	81 pts	USA	DUCATI	Ducati Marlboro Team
15	Mika Kallio	51 pts	FIN	DUCATI	Pramac Racing
16	Niccolo Canepa	38 pts	ITA	DUCATI	Pramac Racing
17	Gabor Talmacsi	14 pts	HUN	HONDA	Scot Racing Team MotoGP
18	Sete Gibernau	12 pts	SPA	DUCATI	Grupo Francisco Hernando
19	Yuki Takahashi	9 pts	JAP	HONDA	Scot Racing Team MotoGP
20	Alex Espargaro	8 pts	SPA	DUCATI	Pramac Racing

#### Circuit information

<b>First race</b>	2000
<b>GPs held</b>	9
<b>Laps</b>	28
<b>Race distance</b>	117.096km / 72.772miles
<b>Track length</b>	4.182km / 2.599miles
<b>Track width</b>	14m
<b>Longest straight</b>	0.986km / 0.613miles
<b>Corners</b>	13 (4 left, 9 right)
<b>Pole position</b>	Left
<a href="http://www.circuito-estoril.pt/">http://www.circuito-estoril.pt/</a>	

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#### Circuit records

Pole position	1m35.715m (157.291Km/h)	Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2008)
Race lap	1m37.404s (154.564Km/h)	Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2008)
Race time	45m49.911s (153.294Km/h)	Valentino Rossi Yamaha, 2007)
MotoGP Wins	5	(Valentino Rossi 2001-04, 2007)
2008 Winner	Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha)	

#### Event timetable - times shown are local times (GMT +0 hour)

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