

Across the Pond, REDUX: MotoGP - Red Bull Indianapolis Grand Prix

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Bikers and bikes have raced on the track in Indianapolis for over 100 years. But it's been only 8 years since the speed circus known as MotoGP first crossed the famed row of bricks. MotoGP fans swarmed Indianapolis Motor Speedway in early August to witness a spectacular battle with a storybook ending for round 10 of the MotoGP Grand Prix. As if he owned the track, the still hot Marc Marquez took his Repsol Honda from Pole to a first place checker. With less than 3 laps remaining, a stunning late pass of Yamaha's Jorge Lorenzo pushed the Yamaha rider down to a decisive second place over distant third place finisher Valentino Rossi, who continues to lead the 2015 MotoGP standings on his Movistar Yamaha with consistent finishes. Marquez faltered early, handing the lead to Lorenzo, who lead for most of the race, at one point leading by six seconds at the 2.59-mile, 16-turn circuit.

Marc Marquez made it back-to-back first place finishes in MotoGP for the first time this season, as the Repsol Honda star took the checker after 22 laps in the 119KM (74 mile) race. After losing his lead to the Yamaha on the opening lap, Marquez had to be patient and wait for his opportunity to pass Lorenzo, eventually doing so on Lap 24 of 27. Marquez steadily reeled him in, at one point setting a circuit record fast lap at 162kph. Lorenzo's Movistar Yamaha team-mate Valentino Rossi clawed his way back from a rocky start – as far back



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By the Numbers:

MotoGP Indy 2015 (round 10):

Fin	Rider	Team	Time /gap
1	Marc MARQUEZ	Repsol Honda Team	41'55.371
2	Jorge LORENZO	Movistar Yamaha	+0.688
3	Valentino ROSSI	Movistar Yamaha	+5.966
4	Dani PEDROSA	Repsol Honda	+6.147
5	Andrea IANNONE	Ducati Team	+21.528
6	Bradley SMITH	Monster Yamaha	+21.751
79	Pol ESPARGARO	Monster Yamaha	+30.378
8	Cal CRUTCHLOW	CWM LCR Honda	+31.607
9	Andrea DOVIZIOSO	Ducati Team	+32.821
10	Danilo PETRUCCI	Octo Pramac Racing	+34.517

MotoGP Riders' World Championship:

1. Valentino Rossi ITA Movistar Yamaha MotoGP (YZR-M1) 195 points
2. Jorge Lorenzo SPA Movistar Yamaha MotoGP (YZR-M1) 186 points
3. Marc Marquez SPA Repsol Honda Team (RC213V) 139 points
4. Andrea Iannone ITA Ducati Team (Desmosedici GP15) 129 points
5. Bradley Smith GBR Monster Yamaha Tech 3 (YZR-M1) 97 points
6. Andrea Dovizioso SPA Honda Team (RC213V) 94 points
7. Dani Pedrosa SPA Repsol Honda Team (RC213V) 80 points
8. Cal Crutchlow GBR CWM LCR Honda (RC213V) 74 points
9. Pol Espargaro SPA Team Yamaha ((YZR-M1) 73 points
10. Maverick Vinales SPA Suzuki (GSXR13) 62 points



as eighth position to finish third after a drawn out fight with late charging Marquez Repsol Honda teammate Dani Pedrosa, preserving his lead atop the MotoGP standings. Pedrosa was half a second behind Rossi and closing at the finish but had to settle for fourth place as the flag waved. With 8 rounds remaining, this is shaping up to a tooth and nail fight to the end. Stay TUNED.



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