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MotoGP: Marc Marquez for the sixth time is the World Champion

Marquez is the World Champion 2017

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GDN - Marc Marquez Team Honda Repsol HRC, has now graduated as the youngest champion four times behind the winning title in the Valencia Grand Prix after an incredible race full of stunts and strong emotions

Marc Márquez AlentÃ (Born 17 February 1993 Cervera, Spain) is a Spanish Grand Prix motorcycle road racer and three-time MotoGP world champion. Márquez races for Honda's factory team since his MotoGP debut in 2013. Nicknamed the "Ant of Cervera" he is one of four riders to have won world championship titles in three different categories, after Mike Hailwood, Phil Read and Valentino Rossi.

Márquez won the 2010 125cc World Championship, the 2012 Moto2 World Championship, and the 2013, 2014,2016 and 2017 MotoGP World Championships. Márquez became the first rider since Kenny Roberts in 1978 to accomplish the premier class title in his first season, and the youngest to win the title overall.
Current team of Marc Marquez is Repsol Honda is the official factory team of Repsol S.A. and the Honda Racing Corporation in the MotoGP World Championship.

Marc Marquez became the youngster ever four-time MotoGP champion on Sunday after finishing third in a dramatic Valencia Grand Prix that nearly saw the Spaniard crash out of the race, only for his nearest rival Andrea Dovizioso to see his championship hopes go up in smoke a lap later.

Reigning champion Marquez only needed to finish 11th to guarantee a sixth world championship, following his victories in 125 and Moto2, while Dovizioso knew he needed to claim a seventh win of the season and hope for a stroke of luck in terms of Marquez“™s result.

Marquez said: “An amazing, amazing feeling. I tried to be calm all race, but I felt really good so I tried to push. I lost concentration on the braking point - it was crazy! Marquez style until the end! A huge thank you to all of my team because they did an amazing job right until the end.“

For once, Marquez looked as though he was taking the smart approach, but that all changed seven laps from home. Marquez re-passed Zarco for the lead at the final turn, only to run deep into the first corner and lose the front-end. With his championship hopes rapidly disappearing, Marquez managed to perform his now-trademark recovery, using his knee to lift his Honda back up mid-slide and save himself from a race-ending crash. Marquez though, and after claiming his fourth MotoGP title in the space of five years by a 37-point margin, the 24-year-old becomes the eighth rider to win the premier class four times and already has half the total number of championships to his name as record eight-time winner Giacomo Agostini.

Despite the pre-planned celebrations that Marquez had for his slowing-down lap - which involved rolling a dice that conveniently landed on the number six to recognise his number of world championships - he was quick to pay tribute to both Dovizioso and Ducati, as well as his own team.
“We had a really good opponent, we fought over many races especially with Andrea and this made the championship more exciting,“ Marquez said. “I want to congratulate Andrea because I learned many things from him, especially mental. He was very, very focused all the time, and congratulations to Ducati but especially congratulations to my team because they did a very good job.“

However, he did also confirm that the celebrations would not stop there. “Of course now it“™s time for interviews and talking a lot, and tonight we have the MotoGP ceremony but after that a big party. Tomorrow morning you will not find me, I will be sleeping all day!“

The results of the last Valencia race

1. Dani Pedrosa (Spain) Honda 46:08.125
2. Johann Zarco (France) Yamaha 46:08.462
3. Marc Marquez (Spain) Honda 46:18.986
4. Alex Rins (Spain) Suzuki 46:21.692
5. Valentino Rossi (Italy) Yamaha 46:21.942
6. Andrea Iannone (Italy) Suzuki 46:22.641
7. Jack Miller (Australia) Honda 46:25.212
8. Cal Crutchlow (Britain) Honda 46:25.355
9. Michele Pirro (Italy) Ducati 46:34.067
10. Tito Rabat (Spain) Honda 46:35.145
11. Bradley Smith (Britain) KTM 46:38.960
12. Maverick Vinales (Spain) Yamaha 46:43.137
13. Danilo Petrucci (Italy) Ducati 46:46.201
14. Karel Abraham (Czech Republic) Ducati 46:50.113
15. Hector Barbera (Spain) Ducati 46:55.828

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