

# World champ Lorenzo still tops

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## LEADING TEST TIMES

1. Jorge Lorenzo (Spa) Yamaha 1:59.580, 2. Valentino Rossi (Ita) Yamaha 2:00.556, 3. Marc Marquez (Spa) Honda 2:00.883, 4. Cal Crutchlow (Bri) Honda 2:00.992, 5. Casey Stoner (Aus) Ducati 2:01.070, 6. Dani Pedrosa (Spa) Honda 2:01.161, 7. Danilo Petrucci (Ita) Ducati 2:01.217, 8. Andrea Iannone (Ita) Ducati 2:01.223, 9. Scott Redding (Bri) Ducati 2:01.229, 10. Maverick Vinales (Spa) Suzuki 2:01.244, 11. Hector Barbera (Spa) Ducati 2:01.434, 12. Aleix Espargaro (Spa) Suzuki 2:01.623, 13. Andrea Dovizioso (Ita) Ducati 2:01.675, 14. Yonny Hernandez (Col) Ducati 2:02.1774, 15. Pol Espargaro (Spa) Yamaha 2:01.870.

**SEPANG:** World champion Jorge Lorenzo of Spain finished the first MotoGP pre-season testing just as he had started it – by topping the timesheets on the rain-interrupted final day at the Sepang International Circuit.

Lorenzo was the only rider to dip beneath the two-minute mark yesterday and he did it twice on his Yamaha. First, he clocked 1:59.966 and then lowered it to 1:59.580.

Yamaha team-mate Valentino Rossi of Italy was the second fastest, clocking 2:00.556.

Spaniard Marc Marquez was once again the fastest of the Repsol Honda riders in third place in 2:00.883 while British Honda rider Cal Crutchlow was fourth after clocking 2:00.992.

Retired two-time world champion Casey Stoner, who was testing for Ducati, posted the fifth fastest time of 2:01.070.

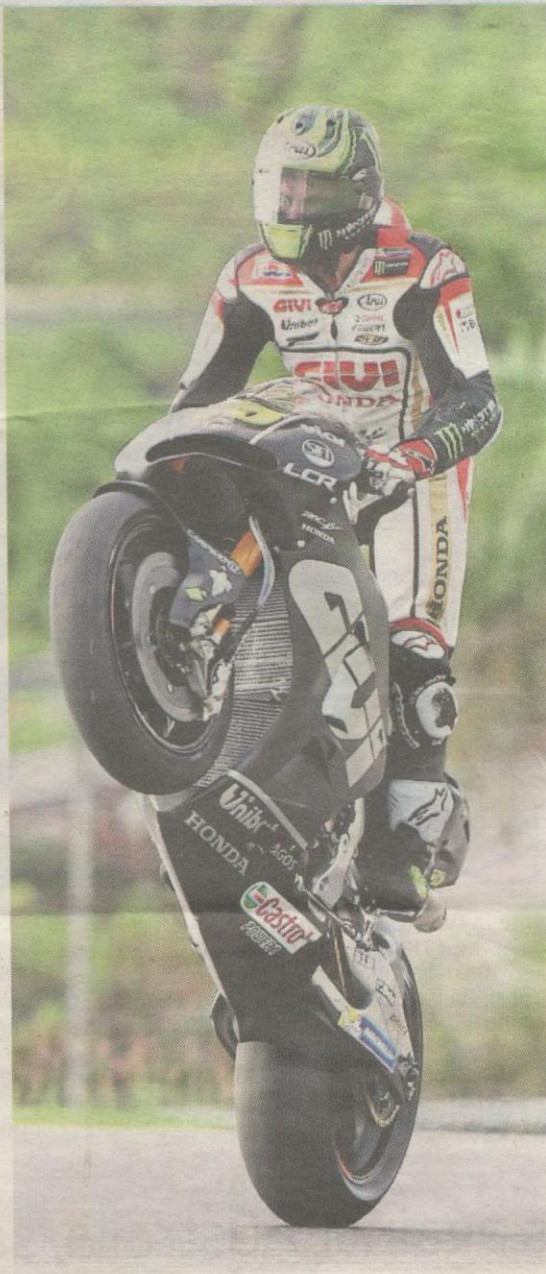
Lorenzo was the fastest in 2:00.684 on the first day on Monday while Italian Danilo Petrucci on a Ducati topped the timesheets on Tuesday.

Lorenzo, a three-time MotoGP champion, was down with a throat infection yesterday and he was glad to pull through with the best time.

“We did race simulation set-up today. It’s only the first testing of the season, so we will have to see what happens in Phillip Island.

“But I feel better than I did in last year’s first testing,” said the 28-year-old Lorenzo.

The second of the three official pre-season testings will be held in Phillip Island, Australia, from Feb 17-19.



**Prancing bike:** British rider Cal Crutchlow of Honda doing a wheelie during the MotoGP testing sessions at the Sepang International Circuit yesterday. — S. S. KANESAN/The Star