



# Fabio Quartararo

## Q&A

### 1. How was your winter break?

The winter break was, I would say, intense, because when I was training quite hard doing motocross, I got a hand injury. I then switched to doing a lot of cardio. My plan is to go to the US after the team presentation. Hopefully I can ride a lot there.

### 2. How is your hand? Are you recovering well?

I've recently had my hand scanned to see if everything is fixed, and it's all good now. I have made a full recovery.

### 3. How did you regroup and refocus after the 2022 season?

Of course, 2022 was a not an easy season. Especially the performance of the bike was something we struggled with from the beginning. But I was actually quite happy about the experience I gained.

### 4. Did finishing as Vice Champion give you extra motivation for 2023?

Finishing as Vice Champion last year is definitely something I want to improve on. I want to win the title again in 2023, and I won't settle for less. Hopefully we worked well on the bike over the winter so we can fight for the title again.

### 5. How do you feel about the new MotoGP race weekend format?

Honestly, I'm not a big fan... But in the end, they made this change for the fans. For them, having an extra race will be very nice. For us riders, it will be tough physically. There's also some extra risk of getting injured and missing races because of that. Starting FP4 is totally different than starting a race. So, this will be difficult.

### 6. How are you preparing for 21 GP weekends and sprint races?

Preparing for 21 GPs and 42 races in total will be different. We used to use FP4 to prepare for the race, but FP4 has now been replaced by a sprint race. That will be strange at first, but it's something we'll get used to.

### 7. How do you think such a long season should be faced?

We will face all 42 races with positive energy. Though 21 of these races are sprint races, I don't think it will be very different for us. It will be like a normal race. But, of course, 42 races in one season will be tough.





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### 8. What was your first thought when you saw the new 2023 M1 livery design in real life?

It's something different, and I think it's pretty nice. I really like the new livery. But, of course, the most important thing for me is what's inside the bike. I can't wait to ride it!

### 9. What is needed from you and from the team to hit the ground running in 2023?

What we need from my side is that I'm at a top level both physically and mentally, be at the top level on the bike and not make any mistakes. As for the team, their 2022 was pretty good, I have to say. Of course, I made mistakes, the team made mistakes, Yamaha made mistakes, but we have learned from that. This will be my third year with the Factory Yamaha team, and I want to fight for the title again with them.

### 10. Your fan base is rallying behind you, both at the track and on social media. Is there anything that you want to say to your fans.

I want to say thank you to all the fans who support me. I was actually really looking forward to the team launch because I know that Indonesian fans are crazy about motorcycles and racing. I receive a lot of messages from them, so I wanted to show them my support also and see them there. Hopefully we can further thank them for their backing by fighting for our second World Title.



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## Biography

Fabio Quartararo is a remarkable talent with an inspiring success story.

He was already a much-tipped name at the start of his Grand Prix racing career. 'El Diablo' entered the Moto3 class in 2015 aged just 15, as the previous rule against participating in the Moto3™ World Championship until the age of 16 had been repealed that year. Being the 2013 and 2014 FIM CEV Moto3 Champion, the Frenchman was considered a title threat from the very beginning. Like many had predicted, he impressed from the start and already stood on the podium in just his second race, at the Circuit of The Americas. He repeated this feat in Assen after claiming pole at both Jerez and Le Mans. Unfortunately, a late-season ankle injury halted his progress, but he still finished the year in tenth place in the overall standings. It was the first sign of a booming career, though it wasn't always an easy ride.

He took thirteenth place in 2016 with the Leopard Racing team in the Moto3 class and repeated this ranking in 2017 with Paginas Amarillas HP40 in Moto2, again without any podiums. However, his impressive pace throughout his intermediate class debut saw him join the Speed Up Racing team for his sophomore season.

It was in 2018 that he made big strides in the Moto2 championship and beyond. He took his first intermediate class pole and GP win at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya. He followed it up with a second place at the TT Circuit Assen and ultimately took a top-10 finish in the final standings. In August 2018, it was also announced that Fabio would join Franco Morbidelli the next year at the newly created Yamaha satellite team, Petronas Yamaha SRT. A big challenge – but the Frenchman was ready for it.

What followed in 2019 was nothing short of remarkable. The number-20 rider was keen to show those who doubted him what he was really capable of. He silenced the nay-sayers by taking an incredible seven podiums and six pole positions. He also wrapped up the season as Rookie of the Year, winner of the Independent Riders' Championship, and fifth in the overall World Championship.

Still missing his elusive debut win in the premier class, that became his key target for 2020. Despite the calendar changes due to the global Covid-19 pandemic, he didn't have to wait long. Fabio dominated in Jerez in July, opening his campaign with a double win. In Catalunya he scored his third victory, but he struggled to carry the same performance through to the end of the season. However, over a total of 14 GPs he secured nine front-row starts, four of them pole positions. It was clear the French prodigy had the speed, so now he would be aiming for consistency to secure his first championship title.



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In 2021, Fabio fulfilled two of his dreams in one season: following into the footsteps of his idol Valentino Rossi by joining the Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP Team and becoming World Champion. He did both in style. From his first win with the Factory Team at only his second race with them, he went on to secure nine more podiums, including four wins, to grab the MotoGP World Championship Title with both hands at his very first opportunity to seal the deal at the Emilia Romagna GP. With also the 2021 BMW M Award to his name, Fabio was the man to beat heading into 2022.

Though he didn't enjoy a perfect start to the season, the reigning World Champion soon found his feet again. A second place in monsoon-like conditions in Indonesia boosted his confidence. A dominant win at the Portuguese GP then catapulted him to the top of the standings, a position he kept all the way until the Australian GP.

The first half of the season yielded six podiums, including three race wins (Indonesian GP - 2nd, Portuguese GP - 1st, Spanish GP - 2nd, Italian GP - 2nd, Catalan GP - 1st, and German GP - 1st), but the second half of the season proved an uphill battle. A long-lap penalty (given for a race incident in the Dutch GP before the summer break) ended Quartararo's chances for a place on the rostrum at the British GP. Though he bounced back with a second place at the Austrian GP, the Yamaha rider met with further setbacks and some mild injuries due to race incidents, sustaining skin abrasions during the Aragon GP race and a hand injury during the Malaysian GP weekend. Despite this, Quartararo still scored a strong third place in Sepang, which kept him in contention for the MotoGP trophy down to the wire. El Diablo put in his all at the Valencia GP and finished the final round just off the podium in fourth place. He completed the season as the Vice Champion, just 17 points short of the title.

The rollercoaster experience of 2022 has left Quartararo hungry for the taste of glory in 2023. He only has one thing on his mind: win the title.



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## Racing Career

**First Grand Prix:** Qatar GP 2015 (Moto3)

**First Grand Prix Win:** Catalan GP 2018 (Moto2)

**Grand Prix Wins:** 12 (11x MotoGP, 1x Moto2)

**Podiums:** 32 (28x MotoGP, 2x Moto2, 2x Moto3)

**Front row starts:** 48 (41x MotoGP, 5x Moto2, 2x Moto3)

**Pole positions:** 19 (16x MotoGP, 1x Moto2, 2x Moto3)

**Fastest laps:** 14 (13x MotoGP, 1x Moto2)

**World Championship Titles:** 1 (2021 MotoGP World Champion with the Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP Team)

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### 2022 MotoGP World Championship

2nd – 248 points

### 2021 MotoGP World Championship

1st – 278 points - World Champion

### 2020 MotoGP World Championship

8th – 127 points

### 2019 MotoGP World Championship

5th – 192 points

### 2018 Moto2 World Championship

10th – 138 points

### 2017 Moto2 World Championship

13th – 64 points

### 2016 Moto3 World Championship

13th – 83 points

### 2015 Moto3 World Championship

10th – 92 points



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