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INTRODUCTION

Our story on two wheels originated 55 years ago in the four wheels of a blue Mini Cooper. In 1964, the van der Straten family began an adventure that has lasted more than five decades. Since its arrival in the MotoGP World Championship in 2010, Marc VDS Racing Team has been fighting tirelessly to achieve its dreams. Under the banner of effort, the search for excellence and work well done, the team has competed in all categories: Moto3, Moto2, MotoGP and MotoE. Over 100 podiums and three Moto2 World Championships (2014, 2017 and 2019) prove their past track record and future aspirations.

After finishing third in the 2020 World Championship, the Belgian team continues its adventure in the intermediate class with Augusto Fernández and Sam Lowes as its Moto2 riders and the goal of remaining as one of strongest teams in the category.



Working and enjoying even more than as a team, as a family, to gift our supporters with the best performance and motorcycling show.



/// OUR
RIDERS

/// AUGUSTO FERNÁNDEZ

NATIONALITY: Spanish

PLACE OF BIRTH: Madrid

DATE OF BIRTH: 23th September 1997

HEIGHT: 181 cm

WEIGHT: 70 kg

HOBBIES: Running and skiing



BIOGRAPHY

The passion for motorcycles and motorcycling was part and parcel of everyday life in the home of the Fernández family. So much so that Augusto showed his interest in the sport from a very young age. At the age of six his father bought him his first motocross bike.

At the age of eight he began his training in Mallorca at the Chicho Lorenzo school, who is father to five-times World Champion Jorge Lorenzo.

He progressed and competed in national championships until making the jump in 2013 to the international stage when he joined the ranks of the European Junior Cup riding a Honda CBR 500R. He finished runner-up in that first season and in 2014 he competed again in the European Junior Cup and took the title.

In 2015, he competed in the European Stock 600 championship and claimed the "Rookie of the Year" prize by finishing in fourth position overall.

In 2016, he clinched Champion of Spain Stock 600 in the CEV with two races remaining and celebrated becoming "Rookie of the year" in the European Moto2 Championship.

Augusto made his debut in the MotoGP World Championship in 2017 when he rode for Speed Up in the Italian Moto2 Grand Prix. He stayed with the Italian-based project for the remaining 13 races of the year.

For 2018, Augusto moved into the Pons HP40 Kalex squad for the Grand Prix of Catalonia and he finished that season with the team before signing a permanent deal for 2019.

2019 was a year where Fernández showed his true potential and speed to finish collect 207 points from five podiums and three victories on his way to securing fifth overall in the final classification.

The Spanish rider showed his fighting qualities in abundance during a promising debut season with Team Estrella Galicia 0,0 Marc VDS.

Injuries played a key role in preventing Fernandez adding to his three Moto2 victories, but he continued to work with full commitment and motivation to finish 13th in the final rankings.

/// FIRST GRAND PRIX

Italy 2017

/// FIRST GRAND PRIX PODIUM

Spain 2019

/// FIRST GRAND PRIX VICTORY

Netherlands 2019

/// VICTORIES

3 (Netherlands, Great Britain, San Marino)

/// PODIUMS

5 (all in Moto2)

/// POLES POSITIONS

1

/// RACE FASTEST LAP

4



MotoGP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY*

*Until 2020



/// SAM LOWES

NATIONALITY: British

PLACE OF BIRTH: Lincoln, England

DATE OF BIRTH: 14th September 1990

HEIGHT: 1.68 m

WEIGHT: 65 kg

HOBBIES: Playing golf



BIOGRAPHY

Sam's love of motorcycles runs in the family. His father competed nationally and passed on his passion for motorcycling to his children Sam and twin brother Alex, who started riding motorcycles at the age of six. They both started with motocross and at the age of 12 they made the leap into British Championships.

In 2014, Lowes appeared on the Moto2 World Championship grid after winning the World Supersport crown the previous year. After a first year of learning and gaining experience, the Briton achieved his first World Championship victory in 2015 with success at the Circuit of the Americas.

Four more podiums with the Speed Up structure allowed the Federal Oil Gresini team to secure his services for 2016. Lowes started as one of the favourites for the title and finished the year in fifth place with two victories and six podiums.

He remained in the Gresini set-up for 2017 when he made the jump into the premier class riding for Aprilia.

In 2018, he returned to Moto2 to ride the KTM for the Swiss Innovative Investors squad and 2019 resulted in another team and machinery switch. He wore the colours of the Federal Oil Gresini again and was back on a Kalex chassis.

Lowes produced the best form of his Moto2 career in his first season racing in the famous livery of Team Estrella Galicia 0,0 Marc VDS.

The Briton was one of the fastest and most consistent on the grid in 2020 and he took the title fight down to a thrilling final round decider, despite suffering a serious right hand injury in the penultimate round.

Lowes only lost the World Championship by nine-points at the end of a closely fought 15-round series in which he secured three victories, seven podiums and three pole positions to finish third in the World Championship.

/// FIRST GRAND PRIX

Qatar 2014 (Moto2)

/// FIRST GRAND PRIX PODIUM

2015 Austin

/// FIRST GRAND PRIX VICTORY

2015 Austin

/// VICTORIES

6

/// PODIUMS

18 (all in Moto2)

/// POLES POSITIONS

11

/// RACE FASTEST LAP

6



MotoGP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY*

*Until 2020





//// TECHNICAL **INFORMATION**

/// Moto2 **KALEX**

ENGINE

/// TYPE

Triumph Triple 765cc liquid cooled, four-stroke. Special racing parts developed by Triumph.

/// MAXIMUM POWER

Over 140 HP (104KW).

/// MAXIMUM TORQUE

Over 85 N.m.

/// MAXIMUM SPEED

In excess of 300km/h.

TRANSMISSION

/// GEARBOX

Six speed gearbox.

/// CLUTCH

FCC slipper clutch Moto2 specification.

CHASSIS

/// FRAME

Aluminium twin spar, CNC machined, multi-adjustable steering geometry/ wheelbase/ride height.

/// SWINGING ARM

Aluminium swinging arm, CNC machined, adjustable. Alternative rear suspension links available.

ELECTRONIC

Magneti Marelli offer latest Moto GP technology system with full drive by wire throttle control plus DBW engine brake system. Also included full data logger system inside of ECU.

SUSPENSION

Öhlins upside down front forks and Öhlins rear shock, all adjustable for pre-load, compression and rebound damping.

EXHAUST

SC Project.

BODYWORK

Carbon Fiber supplied by Kalex.

BRAKES

/// FRONT BRAKES

Two Yutaka 290 mm steel front discs with two Brembo four-piston calipers.

/// REAR BRAKES

Single 218 mm stainless steel rear disc, twin-piston caliper.

WHEELS & TYRES

/// WHEELS

OZ Racing 17" light weight rims front and rear.

/// TYRES

New Dunlop tyres dimension Front 125 / 75R17. Rear 200/75R17.

FUEL TANK

Aluminium.

WEIGHT

Over 140 kg.





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/// MEET THE
TEAM

TEAM OWNER

MARC VAN DER STRATEN	Team Owner & Team Manager
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TEAM SUPPORT

MARINA ROSSI	Team Director
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PATRICK KRAMER	Technical Coordinator
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NAOYA KANEKO	Technical Director
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BERTA BRAU	PR, comms and media
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JOAN OLIVÉ	Sports Manager
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AUGUSTO FERNÁNDEZ CREW

AUGUSTO FERNÁNDEZ	Rider
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LUCIO NICASTRO	Crew Chief
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ALBERT TALAMINO	Data Recorder
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STEFAN HASENER	Mechanic
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GUILLEM CARRILLO	Mechanic
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SAM LOWES CREW

SAM LOWES	Rider
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GILLES BIGOT	Crew Chief
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JULIEN ROBERT	Data Recorder
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OLIVIER BOUTRON	Mechanic
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ANTHONY COUTURIER	Mechanic
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TYRES AND FUEL

IGNACIO LORENZANA	Tyres and Fuel
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HOSPITALITY CREW

BEATA BOSKOVA	Hospitality Coordinator
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CHIARA BARONE	Hospitality Crew
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DAVIDE BAGNOLI	Hospitality Crew
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ROUSMERY TRIGUERO	Hospitality Crew
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HOSPITALITY KITCHEN

MARIA ANGELES QUINONES	Hospitality Kitchen
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FRANCISCO IBANEZ	Hospitality Kitchen
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JOSE ERNESTO MANAS CARMONA	Hospitality Kitchen
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CINTIA GARCIA	Hospitality Kitchen
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/// OUR STORY

2010

MARC VDS
RACING TEAM IS
BORN

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Scott Redding & Hector Faubel.

/// MILESTONE

1st Marc VDS podium (Redding 3rd place in Indianapolis).

2011

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Scott Redding & Mika Kallio.

/// MILESTONE

1st podium Kallio with MVDS (2nd in Valencia).

2012

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Scott Redding & Mika Kallio.

2013

Moto3

/// RIDERS

Livio Loi.

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Scott Redding & Mika Kallio.

/// MILESTONE

11 podiums and 4 victories.

2014

Moto3

/// RIDERS

Livio Loi & Jorge Navarro.

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Tito Rabat & Mika Kallio.

/// MILESTONE

World Championship with Tito Rabat and Runner-up with Kallio.

2015

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Tito Rabat & Alex Márquez.

MotoGP

/// RIDER

Scott Redding.

/// MILESTONE

1st podium in MotoGP for TEAM with Redding (3rd in San Marino).

2020

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Sam Lowes and Augusto Fernandez.

/// MILESTONE

3rd in the World Championship with Sam Lowes.

MotoE

/// RIDER

Mike Di Meglio.

/// MILESTONE

4th in the MotoE World Cup.

2019

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Alex Márquez & Xavi Vierge.

/// MILESTONE

World Championship with Alex Márquez.

MotoE

/// RIDER

Mike Di Meglio.

/// MILESTONE

5th with the first victory of MotoE's Team.

2018

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Joan Mir & Alex Márquez.

/// MILESTONE

Joan Mir Rookie of the Year.

MotoGP

/// RIDERS

Franco Morbidelli & Thomas Luthi.

/// MILESTONE

Franco Morbidelli Rookie of the Year.

2017

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Franco Morbidelli & Alex Márquez.

/// MILESTONE

World Champions with Franco Morbidelli
1st victory of Alex Márquez in Moto2.

MotoGP

/// RIDERS

Tito Rabat & Jack Miller.

2016

Moto2

/// RIDERS

Franco Morbidelli & Alex Márquez.

MotoGP

/// RIDERS

Tito Rabat & Jack Miller.

/// MILESTONE

1st victory in MotoGP for the Team with Miller (Netherlands).

/// OUR
PARTNERS

MAIN PARTNERS



TECHNICAL PARTNERS



Want to contact us?

You can send an email to media@marc-vds.com.
We will respond to your query as soon as possible.