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## INTRODUCTION

Our story on two wheels originated 59 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, fourth in 2021 and 2022, and runner up in 2023, the Marc VDS Racing Team continues its adventure in the intermediate class with Tony Arbolino and Filip Salac as its Moto2 riders. The goal, remaining as one of the strongest teams in the category to fight for the World Title. In 2024 the team is starting a new challenging adventure competing in the World SBK Championship with Sam Lowes as a rider and the solid partnership of Ducati as the machinery provider.

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



# OUR STORY



# 2010

**MARC VDS  
RACING TEAM IS  
BORN**

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Scott Redding & Hector Faubel.

### **MILESTONE**

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

## 2011

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Scott Redding & Mika Kallio.

### **MILESTONE**

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

## 2012

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Scott Redding & Mika Kallio.

## 2013

## **Moto 3**

### **RIDERS**

Livio Loi.

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Scott Redding & Mika Kallio.

### **MILESTONE**

11 podiums and 4 victories.

## 2014

## **Moto 3**

### **RIDERS**

Livio Loi & Jorge Navarro.

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Tito Rabat & Mika Lallio.

### **MILESTONE**

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

## 2015

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Tito Rabat & Alex Márquez

## **Moto GP**

### **RIDERS**

Scott Redding

### **MILESTONE**

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

## 2016

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Franco Morbidelli & Alex Márquez.

## **Moto GP**

### **RIDERS**

Tito Rabat & Jack Miller.

### **MILESTONE**

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



## 2023

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Sam Lowes and Tony Arbolino.

### **MILESTONE**

2nd in the World Championship with Tony Arbolino.

9 Podiums,  
4 Victories,  
1 Pole.

## 2022

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Sam Lowes and Tony Arbolino.

### **MILESTONE**

4th in the World Championship with Tony Arbolino.

7 podiums and  
3 victories.

## 2021

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Sam Lowes and Augusto Fernandez.

### **MILESTONE**

4th in the World Championship with Sam Lowes.

5th in the World Championship with Augusto Fernandez.

10 podiums and  
3 victories.

Team's 50th Pole Position.

## 2020

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Sam Lowes and Augusto Fernandez.

### **MILESTONE**

3rd in the World Championship with Sam Lowes.

## **Moto E**

### **RIDERS**

Mike Di Meglio.

### **MILESTONE**

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

## 2019

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Alex Márquez & Xavi Vierge.

### **MILESTONE**

World Championship with Alex Márquez.

## **Moto E**

### **RIDERS**

Mike Di Meglio.

### **MILESTONE**

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

## 2018

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Joan Mir & Alex Márquez.

### **MILESTONE**

Joan Mir Rookie of the Year.

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Franco Morbidelli & Thomas Luthi.

### **MILESTONE**

Franco Morbidelli Rookie of the Year.

## 2017

## **Moto 2**

### **RIDERS**

Franco Morbidelli & Alex Márquez.

### **MILESTONE**

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

## **Moto GP**

### **RIDERS**

Tito Rabat & Jack Miller.





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OUR  
RIDERS

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# TONY ARBOLINO

## BIO



**NATIONALITY:** Italian **PLACE OF BIRTH:** Garbagnate Milanese **DATE OF BIRTH:** 3th August 2000 **HEIGHT:** 1.71 m **WEIGHT:** 59 kg



Tony Arbolino's journey to the World Championship began at the age of four when he started riding minibikes in Italy.

He was just nine when he made his debut in the Pre-Moto3 125 2T Italian Championship. He quickly demonstrated his speed and talent and in 2014 he was crowned CIV Pre-Moto3 Champion in a team run by Paolo Simoncelli.

Arbolino then made the switch to the FIM CEV Repsol Moto3 Junior World Championship in 2015 with the Sic58 Squadra Corse project. And it was the Italian-based team that gave Arbolino his big break on the world stage when he entered the Moto3 World Championship in 2017.

He gained valuable experience in his rookie season before securing a move to the Marinelli Rivacold Snipers Team where he established himself as a consistent top 10 finisher and claimed two pole positions.

It was in 2019 though that Arbolino enjoyed his breakthrough season, and he took two victories in Mugello and Assen and finished fourth in the final standings with a total of five podiums.

Arbolino made a sensational start to the 2020 campaign with third place in the second round of the season in Jerez. Second place finishes followed in the

Red Bull Ring, Catalunya and Aragon and he went into a dramatic final round in Portimao fighting for the title after a stunning win in the penultimate race in Valencia.

An incredible recovery from 27th on the grid to fifth in the season finale secured him second position in the World Championship classification.

Arbolino's Moto3 success earned him a deserved switch to Moto2 for 2021 and his maiden season in the intermediate World Championship category in 14th position with 51 points.

Tony Arbolino's first year on the team has been more than satisfying. Getting his first victory in the Moto2 category in Austin, he finished the season in fourth place and adding five podiums, three wins and two fastest laps to his record.

With 8 podiums and three victories, Tony completed a brilliant season in 2023 ending the year as the runner up in the Moto2 World Championship. Full of confidence, the Italian is raring to restart a new season to fight for the title in 2024.

**"HARD WORK PAYS OFF"**

**/// FIRST GRAND PRIX**  
Qatar 2017 (Moto 3)

**/// FIRST GRAND PRIX PODIUM**  
Argentina 2019 (Moto3)

**/// FIRST GRAND PRIX VICTORY**  
Italy 2019 (Moto 3)

**/// VICTORIES**  
9

**/// PODIUMS**  
25

**/// POLES POSITIONS**  
6

**/// RACE FASTEST LAP**  
4



**MotoGP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY\***

\*Until 2023



# TONY ARBOLINO

## RACING LINE

### /// RIDING STYLE

Clean and adaptative to the track and circumstances.

### /// CORNERS

Fast. I Break quite late but love to exit strong from the corners.

### /// FAVOURITE CIRCUIT

Austin Texas. I like the first sector and all the turns. I really enjoy riding there.

### /// FAVOURITE CORNER

Turn 1 of Phillips Island. It's fast and long.

### /// BEST RACE

Valencia 2020. I made a huge come back and achieved the victory

### /// SUPERSTITIONS

I start doing everything with the left side.

### /// SEASON OBJECTIVE

Be a complete and competitive rider fighting at the front of the races

### /// TOOLS TO ACHIEVE IT

Hard work, constancy and dedication



# FILIP SALAC

## BIO

**NATIONALITY:** Txech **PLACE OF BIRTH:** Mlada Boleslav **DATE OF BIRTH:** 12 December 2001 **HEIGHT:** 1.72 m **WEIGHT:** 66 kg **HOBBIES:** Motorsport and Adrenaline



Born in 2001, Salac began his journey to the Grand Prix paddock in the 2016 Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup and he then raced in the FIM CEV Repsol Moto3™ Junior World Championship.

His first full season in the World Championship came in 2019 when he competed for the PruestelGP Team on board a KTM, which concluded with an excellent fifth in Valencia's final round. He switched to Honda machinery with the Rivacold Snipers Team in 2020 before switching back to the PruestelGP squad halfway through 2021.

Gresini Racing gave him the opportunity to move to Moto2 in 2022, with the highlight his second in Buriram. He stayed with the Italian squad for 2023 and took pole position in the season's opening round in Portugal.

One podium in Le Mans and ten top 10 finishes in 2023 have highlighted Salac's rapid progression in just his second season in Moto2. And he has impressed with his calm and analytical approach, strong work ethic and undoubted speed to emerge as one of the top young prospects in the intermediate World Championship category.

## "NEVER GIVE UP"

Even when the times are tough, you need to work even harder and good result will taste better.

**/// FIRST GRAND PRIX**  
Txech Republic 2018 (Moto 3)

**/// FIRST GRAND PRIX PODIUM**  
Le Mans 2021 (Moto3)

**/// PODIUMS**  
3 (Moto3 and Moto2)

**/// PODIUMS**  
3 (Moto3 and Moto2)



**MotoGP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY\***

\*Until 2023



# FILIP SAALAC

## RACING LINE

### /// RIDING STYLE

Agressive with elbows out.

### /// CORNERS

Fast or chicanes

### /// RIDER OF NOTE

Valentino Rossi. He has a good character and he is a very funny guy. Also he is one of the fastest riders in the history with 9 World Titles. So I want to be like him.

### /// FAVOURITE CIRCUIT

Phillip Island. One of the best tracks with best views and fastest corners. I like Le Mans as well because I have amazing memories from there.

### /// FAVOURITE CORNER

Arrabiata 1 and 2 in Mugello. Blind and fast corners.

### /// BEST RACE

Thailand 2022. I was rookie in Moto2 and nobody expected me to lead half of the race and make a podium in my first season.

### /// SUPERSTITIONS

I don't really have big superstitions. I always put the right glove and the right boot on first.

### /// SEASON OBJECTIVE

To be Moto2 World Champion

### /// TOOLS TO ACHIEVE IT

I always need to enjoy and have a smile on my face. I need a team behind me who wants to win like me.





# TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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# MOTO 2 KALEX

## ENGINE

### TYPE

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

### MAXIMUM POWER

Over 145 HP (104KW).

### MAXIMUM TORQUE

Over 85 N.m.

### MAXIMUM SPEED

In excess of 300km/h.

## 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.

## BRAKES

### FRONT BRAKES

Disc latest double Brembo 305mm diameter with cooling fins. Caliper latest MotoGP caliper with cooling fins and cooling piston.

### REAR BRAKES

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

## 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.

## WHEELS & TYRES

### WHEELS

OZ Racing 17" light weight rims front and rear.

### TYRES

DIABLO SLICK  
Front 125 / 75 R17.  
Rear 200 / 65 R17.

## BODYWORK

Carbon Fiber supplied by Kalex.

## SUSPENSION

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

## EXHAUST

SC Project.

## FUEL TANK

Aluminium

## WEIGHT

Over 140 Kg.





# MEET THE TEAM

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TONY ARBOLINO	Rider
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# SAM LOWES

## BIO

**NATIONALITY:** British **PLACE OF BIRTH:** Lincoln, England **DATE OF BIRTH:** 14th September 1990 **HEIGHT:** 1.6 m **WEIGHT:** 65 kg **HOBBIES:** Playing golf



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 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 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 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.

In 2021 Sam was one of the fastest riders in all Moto2 grid achieving four podiums, three victories and 6 pole positions. He finished season fourth in the World Championship with 190 points.

At the end of this 2023 season, the British completed a 10 years' career in the MotoGP World Championship and decided to start a new adventure in the WorldSBK championship after collecting 15 podiums, 7 victories and 12 pole positions in the intermediate category with our team. In 2024 the Briton changes of competition but not of livery as he continues as a Marc VDS rider. Sam knows the WorldSBK championship as he rode there before moving to MotoGP in 2014 after winning the Super Sport Championship in 2013.

## "ON IT"

I used to say it a lot when I was young and it can mean a lot of things so since then it's my sentence.



# SAM LOWES

## RACING LINE

### /// RIDING STYLE

Aggressive and loose.

### /// CORNERS

Technical.

### /// RIDER OF NOTE

Valentino Rossi, because he was my reference when I was young, and my brother Alex as we grew up racing together.

### /// FAVOURITE CIRCUIT

Aragon as it's a track where I usually have good feeling.

### /// FAVOURITE CORNER

Turn 12 at Aragon as it's a fast corner and has great views.

### /// BEST RACE

Aragon 2 in 2020, as i was fastest all weekend and won from pole position with the fastest lap. It was a race where I felt very good and had a bit gap to the other riders.

### /// SUPERSTITIONS

I don't really have big superstitions. I always put the right glove and right boot on first.

### /// SEASON OBJECTIVE

Learn quickly the new category and fight since the first races for important positions.

### /// TOOLS TO ACHIEVE IT

I always need to enjoy and have a smile on my face. I need a team behind me who wants to win like me.





# TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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**SBK**  
FIM SUPERBIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



# SBK DUCATI

SBK Panigale V4 R Superbike

## ENGINE

**TYPE**  
4-stroke, V4 90°, Desmodromic.

**CAPACITY**  
998 cm<sup>3</sup>

**BORE X STROKE**  
81 x 48.4 mm

**TIMING SYSTEM**  
Desmodromic, 4 valves per cylinder

**COOLING SYSTEM**  
Liquid cooled

**ENGINE MANAGEMENT**  
Electronic Ignition-injection  
ECU Magneti Marelli MLE340

**FUEL INJECTION**  
Electronic injection system,  
independent motorized  
elliptical throttle bodies

**INJECTORS**  
Continental with aerodynamic  
butterfly valves, twin injectors  
for each cylinder.

**EXHAUST SYSTEM**  
SC Project titanium 4-2, with  
two carbon fiber mufflers

**POWER**  
> 235 bhp at 16,000 rpm at  
the crankshaft

**MAXIMUM SPEED**  
> 330km/h

**LUBRIFICATION**  
Gear oil pump

## CHASSIS

**FRAME**  
Aluminum front frame, single  
aluminium swingarm

**SUSPENSIONS**  
46 mm pressurized RVP2530  
upside-down Öhlins fork,  
Öhlins RSP40 shock absorber

## TRANSMISSION

**GEARBOX**  
6-speeds, straight cut gears

**CLUTCH**  
STM dry multi-plate slipper clutch  
with hydraulic control

**CHAIN**  
D.I.D

## BRAKES

**FRONT**  
Brembo radial P4x30-34 callipers,  
two Ø 338,5mm floating discs

**REAR**  
Brembo radial P2X34 calliper,  
single Ø 230 mm disc

## TIRES & WHEELS

**FRONT**  
Pirelli slick 125/70-R17

**REAR**  
Pirelli slick 200/65-R17

**WHEELS**  
Marchesini aluminum forged wheels  
3.50x17" front and 6.00x17" rear

## OVERALL DIMENSIONS

**LENHT**  
2070mm

**WIDTH**  
670mm

**DRY WEIGHT**  
168 kg with water and oil

**WHEELBASE**  
1450mm

**FUEL TANK CAPACITY**  
21 litres



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