## Section: Marco Simoncelli0

Context: Simoncelli got off to a slow start to the 2010 season, having suffered two preseason testing crashes at Sepang; the second of which cracked his helmet. After finishing eleventh on debut, Simoncelli improved over the rest of the season, finishing 16 of the 18 races in the points en route to eighth place in the championship with 125 points. His best finish was a fourth place in Portugal, missing a podium by 0.06 seconds to Andrea Dovizioso. In the 2011 season, Simoncelli was promoted to ride a factory Honda as part of the Gresini team, whilst Hiroshi Aoyama rode a satellite Honda for the team. Simoncelli was predicted to be the surprise package of the season. He finished fifth in the season opening race in Qatar, before falling from the lead of the wet race at Jerez. He secured his highest starting position to that point of 2nd, before falling on the first lap of the Estoril race. During the French Grand Prix at Le Mans, Simoncelli collided with Dani Pedrosa while they were battling for second. The resulting crash saw Pedrosa break his collarbone and Simoncelli received a ride-through penalty, eventually finishing fifth. Simoncelli initially rejected blame for the crash, claiming he braked no later than normal, and that he left Pedrosa room. Before the next race, however, he accepted that he needed to reflect on his riding style. Simoncelli was required to meet with race direction before the start of the racing weekend at Catalonia. On the track, Simoncelli secured his first MotoGP pole position, 0.016 seconds ahead of Casey Stoner. However, a poor start saw him drop to seventh managing only to recover one position to finish sixth. Simoncelli earned his first podium in the premier class, with a third place in the Czech Republic. His best MotoGP finish was second place in the Australian GP at Phillip Island. CANNOTANSWER

STUDENT: What was Simoncelli's best year in the MotoGP? TEACHER: His best MotoGP finish was second place in the Australian GP at Phillip Island. TEACHERX: His best finish was a fourth place in Portugal, missing a podium by 0.06 seconds to Andrea Dovizioso. TEACHERX:  $\hookrightarrow$  2010 Honda as part of the Gresini team, TEACHERX:  $\hookrightarrow$  His best MotoGP finish was second place in the Australian GP at Phillip Island. STUDENT: How many did he compete against? TEACHERX:  $\hookrightarrow$  CANNOTANSWER STUDENT: What year was that? TEACHER:  $\hookrightarrow$  In the 2011 season, TEACHERX:  $\hookrightarrow$  2011 TEACHERX:  $\hookrightarrow$  2011 TEACHERX:  $\hookrightarrow$  In the 2011 season,

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STUDENT: So his last year was his best? TEACHERX: → CANNOTANSWER TEACHERX: → CANNOTANSWER STUDENT: What did he win? TEACHER:  $\checkmark$  Simoncelli earned his first podium in the premier class, with a third place in the Czech Republic. TEACHERX:  $\checkmark$  Simoncelli earned his first podium in the premier class, TEACHERX:  $\checkmark$  His best MotoGP finish was second place in the Australian GP at Phillip Island. TEACHERX:  $\checkmark$  Simoncelli earned his first podium in the premier class, with a third place in the Czech Republic. STUDENT: Was his family there? TEACHERX:  $\not\hookrightarrow$  CANNOTANSWER 

STUDENT: How did he begin racing?

TEACHER: → CANNOTANSWER

TEACHERX: → CANNOTANSWER

STUDENT: Does it state how old he was?

TEACHER: → CANNOTANSWER

TEACHERX: → CANNOTANSWER