



# Joan Mir

Joan Mir Mayrata (Palma de Mallorca, 1997) has not had the archetypal career path into MotoGP. In fact, his beginnings in motorcycling came much later than that of his rivals in the road racing championships. His first motorcycle was a Polini when he was six years old, until he received a small Honda QR as a gift one year later. But unusually, his family didn't have an excessive enthusiasm for bikes - everyone around him was more into off-road riding than on track, and most were enthusiastic about other sports. His father Joan, in fact, owned a skate shop in Mallorca, so a young Joan grew up surrounded by skateboard decks.

It was not until he saw his cousin Joan Perelló, who was in the Stop & Go team in the World Championship, that he became fascinated with speed. An admirer of his countryman Rafael Nadal, Joan admitted in an interview that "like Rossi, I do not look up to anyone." And yet his first experience of racing at the track arrived at Chicho Lorenzo's school, where he remained for a year. From there he moved to the Balearic Motorcycling Federation's school in 2009. There someone discovered that Joan had more to offer than just his enthusiastic smile. It's also where he met Daniel Vadillo, who advises him and has accompanied him to each race since then. "We saw that he had something different," recalls Dani.

He then started the adventure of the Bankia Cup in the XL 160 category, in 2011. The Mallorcan won the crown with two races left before the championship came to a permanent close. Then came the MotoGP PreGP 125 Cup, the next step in the arduous climb to the World Championship, and Mir did not hold back, securing another title. In 2012, he headed to the Red Bull Rookies Cup where he completed two seasons: 2013-2014. During the first year of adaptation, the Balearic rider finished ninth in the general standings while in the second year he finished runner-up after a very close battle with Spaniard Jorge Martín.

A somewhat turbulent 2015 arrived, in which some challenging circumstances arose. Joan, who had already prepared to start his career in the FIM CEV Championship, was left out because the Leopard Racing team cancelled the project at the last moment. Joan and his entourage got in touch with rider manager Paco Sánchez, and he helped the youngster to complete the CEV championship with a Ioda bike in the Team Machado but finally supported

by Leopard Racing team. Then, just as the season was reaching its end and Joan was on vacation, he received a call from Leopard Racing team again; they wanted him to replace Japan's Hiroki Ono, injured, at the Australian Grand Prix. It was a wild card appearance that was worth its weight in gold. After a low key debut Mir, who was 15th on the grid at Phillip Island, got a rocket start and placed himself in the lead group, but crashed out whilst in fourth. He had nevertheless left his mark. Leopard recognised his achievement and recruited him for the 2016 season.

The World Championship officially welcomed Joan Mir in 2016. And he quickly proved his worth; in Austria he surprised everyone with a superb race that gave him his first victory and his debut podium in the category. He finished the championship in fifth position, as Rookie of the Year, after getting three podiums, one pole, and two fastest laps. It turned out to be the perfect warm up for the 2017 season - 10 wins, 13 podiums, and a dominant title campaign. His strength and talent were clear and the Mallorcan won the Moto3 crown. An ideal way to graduate to Moto2.

He entered Moto2 with Team EG 0,0 Marc VDS. Adapting quickly, Joan seemed competitive from the beginning and onlookers sensed a podium was coming. He did indeed secure his first Moto2 podium in France, and soon after in Italy. However, his promising start fizzled out a little for various reasons. All in all, Mir finished the season in sixth position and was awarded as Rookie of the Year just one day before testing in Valencia - his first experience riding the GSX-RR with the Team SUZUKI ECSTAR.

Joan's debut season in MotoGP in 2019 saw him adapting quickly to the Suzuki way of working, and he said his introduction to the team was like "finding a second family." At his first race, in Qatar, he achieved a great eighth place. He went on to score a further nine Top 10 finishes, despite a debilitating mid-season injury which saw him miss two rounds. Joan returned to secure his best result, an impressive fifth place, in Thailand and then backed this up with two further fifth place finishes in the last two races of the season in Malaysia and Spain. He completed his rookie season 12th in the Championship standings. With his focus on adjusting his riding style to better suit the GSX-RR's own strengths, Joan Mir is ambitious and aiming high for the 2020 season.

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BIOGRAPHY	
Birthdate	01/09/1997
Age	22
Place of Birth	Palma de Mallorca (Spain)
Weight	68 kg
Height	181 cm

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SUMMARY	MotoGP	Moto2	Moto3	All
First Grand Prix	2019 - QAT	2018 - QAT	2015 - AUS	
First pole position	-	-	2016 - AUT	
First race fastest lap	-	2018 - GER	2016 - ARG	
First podium	-	2018 - FRA	2016 - AUT	
First Grand Prix victory	-	-	2016 - AUT	
Grand Prix victories	0	0	11	11
2nd Positions	0	2	3	5
3rd Positions	0	2	2	4
Podiums	0	4	16	20
Poles	0	0	2	2
Race fastest lap	0	1	5	6
World Championship wins	0	0	1	1

STATISTICS	Season	Category	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.	Poles	Bike	Points	Pos.
	2019	MotoGP	17	0	0	0	0	0	Suzuki	92	12
	2018	Moto2	18	0	2	2	4	0	Kalex	155	6
	2017	Moto3	18	10	2	1	13	1	Honda	341	1
	2016	Moto3	18	1	1	1	3	1	KTM	144	5
	2015	Moto3	1	0	0	0	0	0	Honda	0	

