

SPORT IN PICTURES



MotoGP. There will definitely be a Spanish MotoGP winner for this season's championship after the front three Spaniards took themselves out of reach of the other competitors in the Malaysian Grand Prix last weekend. With just three races and 75 points to win remaining, Honda's Marc Márquez is at the top of the pile with 298 points but his nearest rival Yamaha's Dani Pedrosa, who has accumulated 255 points, beat last year's Moto2 World Champion in Malaysia leaving the final three races to decide the winner. Márquez is still the firm favourite after getting second place behind Pedrosa meaning he could win as early as next weekend in Australia. **APP**



Tennis. World number-one Rafael Nadal was comprehensively beaten in both the semi-finals of the Shanghai Masters 6-2 6-4 to eventual runner-up Juan Martín del Potro and then 6-3 6-4 to Novak Djokovic in the final of the ATP China Open. There wasn't much other Spanish success at the tournaments in Asia with David Ferrer also crashing out early in both tournaments losing to Richard Gasquet in Beijing and then disappointingly to the unseeded German Florian Mayer. Nadal's coach and uncle Toni Nadal recently helped open the school year at the Colegio Internacional Torrequebrada in Benalmádena, giving a lecture on how to improve talent through discipline. He spoke about the value of having a "long term goal" and having confidence in your ability in a lecture at the school's opening ceremony. **APP**



Bowls. The 2013 Malaga Lawn Bowls Summer Championships in Benavista were won by Denis King in the men's, with a close victory over Garry Aldridge, and Wendy Pemberton in the women's, who beat Jeannie Cooper 21-15 in the final. **SUR**



Golf. The Golf International Nerja Society celebrated their 25th anniversary on the 10th of October with 87 golfers playing on the day. There was a meal afterwards and a speech from founding member Ken Hanks, who has seen over 300 members play at the club. **SUR**

IN BRIEF

Maria de Villota **SUR****Female F1 driver dies from crash injuries****FORMULA 1**

Spanish Formula 1 reserve driver Maria de Villota was found dead in a Seville hotel room last week. It is thought she died from complications from injuries suffered in a crash in July 2012. The 33-year-old had lost her right eye in the crash. She had been professionally involved in motor-racing for 12 years and was due to give a talk in Seville promoting her new autobiography 'Life is a gift'.

Tournament kicks off Gaelic football season**GAELIC FOOTBALL**

Spain's season of Gaelic football will be inaugurated by a tournament hosted by the Marbella Costa Gaels. Two more teams, based in Cordoba and Granada, will join the Marbella Costa Gaels, Eire Og Seville and the Gibraltar Gaels in the league this year, bringing the total number of teams in Spain to 17.

The tournament that kicks off the season will be on Saturday (19th) with games beginning at 2pm and finishing around 6pm. There will also be a barbecue and drinks to accompany the games that will take place at the Marbella Rugby Club.

1st regional precision paragliding comp**PARAGLIDING**

Almost 50 precision paragliders will gather in Almuñécar this weekend to take part in the first Andalusian Paragliding competition.

This type of paragliding is relatively new to Spain with this being one of the first events of its kind here. The exact time of the races, which begin at Loma del Gato and finish at Playa de Ve- lilla, depends on the weather but it is estimated the action will begin between 11am and 6pm on Saturday and between 10am and 1pm the next day.