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Maverick Viñales' Career

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USPA NEWS - In the incandescent folds of MotoGP, Maverick Viñales has always been a luminous figure: a rider who doesn't simply ride the motorcycle, but interprets it. His competitive trajectory is a narrative arc that seems written to be photographed—flashes of light, shadows of crisis, sudden rebirths.
Viñales entered the 125cc World Championship in 2011, and even then the paddock understood that the young man from Figueres possessed something different. In 2013 he captured the Moto3 World Championship, a title snatched at the last breath, with the fierce determination of the predestined. From there, the climb continued: Moto2 in 2014, then the leap into MotoGP in 2015, where he became the first rider in history to win with three different manufacturers.
His career is a mosaic of victories, podiums, poles, and flashes of pure talent. When Maverick is in perfect form—athletic, mental, emotional—he becomes an adversary capable of dueling with and defeating the strongest riders in the circus: Márquez, Lorenzo, Dovizioso, Quartararo. He does so with that fluid, almost liquid riding style that seems to carve invisible lines through the asphalt.

Maverick Viñales' Career Timeline
2011 — Debut in the 125cc World Championship
• Debuts in the 125cc World Championship.
• Shows immediate speed and surprising maturity.
• Rookie of the Year: the paddock realizes a new talent has arrived.
2012 — Moto3: first taste of glory
• Moves to the newly formed Moto3 category.
• Wins races, scores podiums, displays pure speed.
• Begins building his reputation as an elegant yet fierce rider.
2013 — Moto3 World Champion
• An epic season: duels, tension, plot twists.
• World title clinched in the final race, at the final corner.
• Becomes one of the youngest world champions in history.

2014 — Moto2: talent confirmed
• Debuts in Moto2 with immediate results.
• 3 wins, 9 podiums, consistent speed.
• Awarded Rookie of the Year in Moto2 as well.
• The jump to MotoGP becomes inevitable.
2015 — MotoGP debut with Suzuki
• Joins Suzuki, a young and growing project.
• Shows rare technical sensitivity.
• Podium at Silverstone: first sign of his explosive potential.
2016 — First MotoGP victory
• Victory at Silverstone: Suzuki returns to winning after years.
• Viñales becomes one of the most sought after riders in the paddock.

2017 — Move to Yamaha: the explosion
• Starts the season with two consecutive victories (Qatar, Argentina).
• Adds a third win at Le Mans.
• Considered a title favorite for months.
• Shows his best form: athletic, mental, psychological.
2018–2020 — Highs and lows, but always fast

• Wins at Phillip Island, Assen, Sepang.
• Poles, podiums, fastest laps.
• When he “switches on,” he is one of the strongest riders in the world.
2021 — Separation from Yamaha and new beginning with Aprilia
• A complex season, internal tensions, departure from Yamaha.
• Signs with Aprilia: a new technical and human chapter.
• Begins a growth path with the RS GP.

2022–2024 — The rebirth with Aprilia
• Podiums, poles, high level performances.
• Becomes one of the most complete riders on the grid.
• In 2024 he wins with three different manufacturers: Suzuki, Yamaha, Aprilia.
2025 — Leap into the Red Bull KTM Tech3 project
• New bike, new philosophy, new challenge.
• Nearly reaches the podium in Qatar: the RC16 seems tailor made for him.
• The most incisive KTM rider in the early races.
• Shoulder injury at the Sachsenring halts his progression.
2026 — The year of resistance
• Returns, stops, pain, rehabilitation.
• Difficult results, but great determination.
• The RC16 is an extreme machine: Maverick tames it when he can.

2027 — Farewell to KTM and a future yet to be written
Rumors in the paddock grow stronger: in 2027 Maverick will no longer be a KTM rider. The rider’s own statements, combined with the decisions of the Austrian management, point to an inevitable separation.
Viñales says with sincerity:
“If the atmosphere were different, maybe I’d race even with the pain. But like this, I can’t.”
The future is a blank page. It is unclear whether Maverick will remain in MotoGP, seek a new project, or decide to close a chapter that has lasted more than a decade. But one thing is certain: when his body is whole and his mind is free, Maverick Viñales remains one of the strongest and most spectacular riders in the world.

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