

Good start for Randy Krummenacher (6th) at Le Mans Debut Luis Salom (22nd) at Stipa-Molenaar Racing GP

The Monster Energy Grand Prix de France started well for Randy Krummenacher. The Swiss finished the first day with an excellent sixth position. The Spanish rider Luis Salom, replacement for the Frenchman Quentin Jacquet, had to get used to the new Aprilia RSA and it ended in a 22nd spot.

The weather conditions at Le Mans were very good today. The thermometer indicated 24 degrees during the first free practice and the sun was dominant. Randy Krummenacher was able to participate from the start with the best riders and remained in the top 7. Eventually Krummacher closed the session at a decent sixth position. Newcomer to the team is Luis Salom. The Spaniard had today to get used to the unfamiliar Aprilia RSA. After the mechanics had adjusted the seat position, Salom started his first meters for Stipa-Molenaar Racing GP. Salom was from the beginning very happy with the steering behaviour of the Aprilia but also indicated that the engine speed wasn't fast enough. The team got grip on the cause and assured Salom that these problems are resolved tomorrow. Salom finished the first day 22nd.

Randy Krummenacher (6th, 1:45.571):

"The start of the weekend is good. I'm very happy with sixth position and this provides perspective for the rest of the weekend. The engine runs very well and the speed is good. The basic set up is already very good actually better than when we departed from Jerez. We still working on fine tuning, and I will definitely have a better time to ride. I expect tomorrow to be able to hold this position in qualifying but I guess at a spot on the front row."

Luis Salom (22nd, 1:48.769):

"I think it's great to ride for the STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP! The team has extensive experience and the Aprilia RSA is fantastic. Today was to get used to the bike and team. The team has very good people and I feel already at home. The riding was still not satisfactory. I had some problems with the engine which had problems to climb in the RPM's. This problem will be solved tomorrow. The steering behaviour of the RSA is very good. I don't have much to change for the setup of the suspension. Tomorrow, I would make a great step forward and then we'll see where we stand on the grid. "