

Shared fourth place for Randy Krummenacher (5th) at Mugello Provisional fourth row for Luis Salom (15th)

Randy Krummenacher started well during the first day of the Gran Premio D'Italia TIM. The Swiss was in the first free practice constantly in the top of the field and ended this session with a fifth position. Luis Salom used the first part of the session to adjust the Aprilia RSA properly. The Spaniard has classified on a fifteenth place.

Randy Krummenacher was right from the start running fast lap times. The team even showed Krummenacher on his pit board P1 in the first 20 minutes. The Swiss encountered a few problems and has a good basic setup for this weekend. In the last 10 minutes the rear tire was out of grip and therefore the Swiss couldn't improve his lap times anymore. Krummenacher came to exactly the same lap time as Efen Vazquez as both had a lap of 2:00.218 but the Swiss was ranked fifth instead of fourth.

Luis Salom came in the first 20 minutes several times into the pit box because he wasn't satisfied with how the engine responded. After a number of amendments by the chief-engineer Hans Spaan allowed the engineers to get the Spaniard right back on track. Salom rode a few laps just to find the rhythm and clutched it with some faster riders and managed to climb to a fifteen position.

Randy Krummenacher (5th, 2:00.218):

"It's a good start of the weekend. This is a great track and after the stop-and-go circuit in Le Mans circuit it is a relief. Right from the beginning of the session I was able to ride fast lap times. After a slight modification to the engine, I knew even to reach the first place. Till ten minutes before the chequered flag I couldn't improve my lap times anymore due the condition of the rear tire. With this basis, I can battle for the top positions this weekend. For tomorrow I need to be at least at the second row but I have a good feeling to catch a spot on the front row. "

Luis Salom (15th, 2:01.705):

"The first twenty minutes of the session I wasn't happy how the engine responded. I came several times in and after the changes the engine was superb. I stayed on track for a long time to find my rhythm and to follow some riders. The RSA is still new for my but it gets better and better. I like this track and I know that a slipstream is very important on this track. To start with a fifteen positions isn't bad but I want to be in the top 10. We have to work on the set-up of the suspension and make some modifications to let the bike react better in the chicanes. If we succeed in this I can go for a top 10 qualifying tomorrow. "

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