

First session STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP at new Silverstone track

On the renewed Silverstone track today started the AirAsia British Grand Prix. After nearly 25 years have ridden at the British Donington Park the MotoGP championship is moved to the brand new Silverstone circuit. The STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP riders Randy Krummenacher and Luis Salom started the weekend well in sixth and thirteenth position in the first free practice.

The first free practice was mainly used by the riders to find the ideal line at Silverstone. Randy Krummenacher was quickly to find out these lines and was up in the top 3 of the timesheets. Luis Salom did well in the first half of the session with an excellent fourth position. After most riders were started to know the track, the STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP riders dropped a number of positions.

Randy Krummenacher manages to improve his lap time every week but it wasn't good enough to finish the session in the top 5. After the chequered flag came down, we saw the Swiss back on a nice sixth position. Luis Salom had troubles to pass some slower riders and had to settle for thirteenth place.

Randy Krummenacher (6th, 2:17.561):

"The new Silverstone is a good track. With the long straights on this track you're really need a slipstream. If you miss the slipstream you can easily lose one second or more. We are still working hard to find a good setup for this new track. There are still plenty of changes we can do to improve the bike on this track. Tomorrow everyone will be a lot faster and I will certainly not be left behind. It is difficult to make predictions but I'm only satisfied with a top 5 position during the qualifying session. "

Luis Salom (13th, 2:18.954):

"This track has many bumps and this makes it difficult to find the limit. I have followed many more experienced riders to get an idea of what the ideal lines are. I noticed that we could make a big step to align the gearbox. In the higher gears, it's no problem to follow the fastest riders, but coming out of the corners we miss some acceleration. Tomorrow this will be a lot better, and I will go for a top 10 spot in qualifying. "

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