

## **Disappointing qualifying in tropical Catalunya for STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP**

**The qualification of the Gran Premi de Catalunya Aperol was a disappointing one for the STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP team. Randy Krummenacher even crashed in the final stage of the qualification and will start tomorrow from the fourth row in fourteenth place. Luis Salom had trouble getting a fast lap during the session and will start the race next to his teammate on a fifth teen position.**

The second free practice in the morning both STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP riders' performances a strong session. Randy Krummenacher rode his Aprilia to a seventh position and Luis Salom had a strong ninth position. Under the cooler circumstances both riders were able to ride nearly two seconds faster and were hopeful for afternoons qualification session.

The weather circumstances in the qualification session were the same as the Friday session. The lap times of the cooler morning session couldn't be matched in the by any rider in the qualification session. Randy Krummenacher often came in during qualifying searching trying to find the perfect set-up to ride the ultimate lap. In the last part of the session the Swiss rider crashed in the last corner. Krummenacher returned unharmed disappointed back in the pit box and had to settle for the fourteenth starting spot.

Luis Salom raced in the early stages of the session to a fine third position but the Spaniard quickly dropped back to a tenth place. Salom tried to get a good slipstream on the straights but could not find the right group for faster lap times. In the last five minutes Salom pushed hard and improved his time. Sadly, this faster lap didn't brought the Spaniard a better position and will start tomorrow form the 15<sup>th</sup> spot next to his teammate Randy Krummenacher.

### **Randy Krummenacher (14<sup>th</sup>, 1:52.765):**

"Today didn't brought were I was hoping for. This morning went very well and I could ride some laps in the 1:51. I knew that I needed the same lap times in the qualification session to hit the first two rows. Unfortunately I crashed in the last part of the session in the last turn. I'm not hurt but I'm disappointed. This is one of my favourite tracks and I want to perform well here. It's going to be hard tomorrow to get a good result. I have to do the same I did last week at Assen and be aggressive in the first couple of laps. The bike feels good and for sure I will not end on a 15<sup>th</sup> position tomorrow but try to get in the top 8."

### **Luis Salom (15<sup>th</sup>, 1:52,801):**

"I'm not happy. This was a bad qualification session. I tried to find a fast group or a fast rider but I was on the wrong moment on the wrong part of the track. The good thing is that I can ride on my own 1:52 laps and this is an okay race pace. Just like Randy, I have to do the same I did in Assen and give everything to reach the top 10. The set-up of the bike is good so a top 10 should be possible tomorrow. "

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