

Strong performance for STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP duo on sunny Le Mans

The Monster Energy Grand Prix de France STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP team gained during the qualification session a decent second and third row. Randy Krummenacher rode to a good seventh starting position and Luis Salom did very well with an 11th place at the third row.

This morning in the free practice session it went excellent for the two STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP riders. Randy Krummenacher was able to minimize the gap to the first man at exactly one second. The Swiss managed a time of 1:45,122 in the second free practice session and finished at a seventh place. Luis Salom feels at home on the Aprilia RSA and knew to ride more than 2.6 seconds faster than his lap time of the Friday session. The Spaniard climbed therefore to a nice 13th position in the morning session.

The qualifying was held under warm weather conditions with temperatures of over 28 degrees. In the first quarter of the qualifying session Randy Krummenacher was quickly in the top 10. After two pit stops with a number of changes to the set-up of Aprilia, Krummenacher rode in the final minutes to a handsome seventh position.

Luis Salom drove today a very strong qualification. Following engine problems on Friday the Spaniard showed today that he is a talented rider. After the 13th spot in the morning session Salom did even better in qualifying to ride to a superb 11th starting position. For Salom it will be tomorrow its first race on the Aprilia RSA starting from the third row.

Randy Krummenacher (7th, 1:44.580):

"I have reached my first goal for this weekend. Starting from the second row is good and gives me the opportunity to directly pick up with the leading group. My goal for the race is also riding in the leading group and stay with them. The engine feels perfectly. We will have a minimum number of adjustments to the suspension but the base is very good. I look forward to the race and with a good start I will succeed to get a top 6 position in the race. "

Luis Salom (11th, 1:45.021):

"This is a great result! Everything is new to me this weekend but it just clicks. The team works great and the bike was super today. After the small problems yesterday, today it was great starting from the first meters. What a power this machine has! The setup is good and I don't really have problems. I'm very pleased with the 11th place. Tomorrow in the race, I can fight for a top 10 spot and I feel that this will happen! "