

Randy Krummenacher (5th) just misses the front row in Qatar

The first qualifying session of the 2010 season went superb for the STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP team. During the Commercial Bank Grand Prix of Qatar, the Swiss Randy Krummenacher had an excellent start. Krummenacher missed just the front row but will be the first rider on the second row and will start the race tomorrow on P5. Quentin Jacquet made a major step forwards considering his lap time of the Friday session and will start the race from the seventh row in 25th position.

By the end of the afternoon European time the second free practice session started. Randy Krummenacher showed that the sixth place on Friday wasn't coincidence. The Swiss have finally closed the gap to the top and managed in this free training to run to a decent 8th position. The Frenchman Quentin Jacquet had many problems in this session. In the first part Jacquet faced with electronic problems that fortunately quickly and professionally solved by the mechanics of the STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP team. By the lack of laps because of this incident, the Frenchman could not really improve his lap times and finish the session on a 25th position.

Immediately in the beginning of the qualification session Randy Krummenacher made very good lap times and was even in the top 3. Half the session the Swiss rider dropped back to a 8th spot but in the final minutes of qualifying Krummenacher pushed hard and finish the session on a splendid fifth starting position. Quentin Jacquet knew to improve than five seconds from his lap time in the Friday session. The Frenchman didn't improve his position but closed the gap to the other riders and expect to continue this trend tomorrow during the race.

Randy Krummenacher (5th, 2:07.770):

"This is obviously a great start of the season. I'm pleased that we are continuing the good results of the winter tests. It's a little disappointment that I just missed the front row. I just needed a slipstream to improve my lap time there was no rider in front of me. On this track it saves a few tenths of a second. With a good start it should be possible to fight for a top 5 position during the race. I'm really looking forward to the race and I'm curious the result will be after the race! "

Quentin Jacquet (25th, 2:13.874):

"In the free practice session I had some problems. In the beginning I had electronic problems with the bike which fortunately were quickly resolved by the team. It is a shame I missed some track time and track time is really what I need to get adjusted to the bike and the track.. Things are getting better and I achieved a big step in my lap times. In the race I will definitely make another step, with the objective to finish the race. "