

Randy Krummenacher (5th) just misses front row at Mugello Luis Salom (12th) starts from third row

Randy Krummenacher was during qualifying of the Gran Premio D'Italia TIM 0.096 seconds short to grab the front row in the afternoons qualification session. The Swiss rode a very strong qualifying and fought until the end for the pole position. Krummenacher start Sunday's race from a very good fifth position. Luis Salom ended on the twelfth position and will start the race tomorrow from the third row.

This morning's free practice was used by the STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP to see how the latest changes reacted to the Aprilia RSA. Randy Krummenacher tested a number of different tyres and did not go for the fast lap times. The Swiss ended the session in ninth place. Luis Salom came several times in the garage to modify the engine and was at the end of the session satisfied with these changes. The suspension was not adjusted to the satisfaction of the Spaniard and, after consultation with the suspension specialist it should be better in the qualifying session.

The qualification session was for the STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP a true thriller! For the first time in years a rider of the team was really fighting for the pole position. Randy Krummenacher rode very strong and was the only rider out there who could ride these fast laps without a slipstream. The Swiss was able to ride a couple of 1:58 laps on his own. From the first minute until the last minute the Swiss fought for first place. Eventually Krummenacher missed with only 0.367 seconds the pole position and finished fifth.

Luis Salom had at the start of qualifying the bad luck that he didn't have anybody to follow. After a small break in the pit box was the Spaniard to go along with compatriot Nicolas Terol. This was a very good lap Salom climbed up to eighth place. After a pit stop for a new tire Salom went back on track in the last ten minutes and waited for a group of riders to have the advantage of their slipstreams. In the last lap the Spaniard came right behind Marc Marquez but two slower riders messed up his lap and Salom couldn't improve his lap time and ended the session as twelfth."

Randy Krummenacher (5th, 1:58.682):

"This was a good qualifying. I could run fast lap times from the start and I went for a spot on the front row. Unfortunately I just missed it and have to start from the second row. I know that I can run these lap times on my own and that will be an advantage for tomorrow's race. Tomorrow I need a good start and I can run with the leading group. My intention is to make a gap to the second group. If I'm up there in the last couple of laps I will do everything to finish the race on the podium."

Luis Salom (12th, 2:00.052):

"I'm not completely satisfied. This morning I had some problems with the suspension of the Aprilia but they were resolved this afternoon. The engine felt very good and fast. The set-up is not perfect but good enough for this track and for the race. In the beginning I tried to get a slipstream from other riders but I was riding all alone. In my second stint I could go along with Nico Terol and manage to set a good lap time. In the last minutes of the session I tried to follow Marquez but some other riders in this group messed up my lap and couldn't improve my lap time. Twelfth position is good and still I can fight for a top 10 position or even better!"

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