

## **Great qualifying Sachsenring Randy Krummenacher (5th) Electronic problems Luis Salom (21e)**

**The Eni Motorrad Grand Prix Deutschland qualification brought the STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP team a fantastic result for rider Randy Krummenacher. The Swiss knew from the beginning to the end of the session to ride very good lap times and came was less than 0,1 second short to park his Aprilia RSA on the front row. Luis Salom had during qualifying several electronic problems, which couldn't be solved during the session, and the Spaniard has to be satisfied with a 21 starting spot.**

The free practice began in the morning on a wet track. During the session the track dried, but the rain tire was still the right choice. Both STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP riders were able to establish top 5 positions and with less than two minutes on the clock, Randy Krummenacher and Luis Salom decided not to take any risks and parked their Aprilia's into the pitbox. Eventually the Swiss rode to a tenth place and the Spaniard ended the session when a seventeenth position.

From the first minute until the last minute Randy Krummenacher rode very competitive lap times and was even halfway through the session on P1. The Swiss showed that the Sachsenring track is really one of his favourite tracks and will start the race from the fifth position. Krummenacher was only 0.093 seconds short of the front row and had the give in only 0.102 seconds for the third position.

So it went very good for the Swiss STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP rider but Luis Salom had a disappointed session. The Spaniard struggled with electronic problems that could not be solved in the qualifying session. The engine couldn't use its maximum power and stops at a certain level of RPM's in. Salom tried his best to get everything out of the bike but had to be satisfied with a 21<sup>st</sup> starting position.

### **Randy Krummenacher (5<sup>th</sup>, 1:27.480):**

"This is a great result! In the morning session it went well in the rain but this afternoon's qualifying session was almost perfect. I could find already in the beginning of the qualification session a good rhythm and was able to ride lap times of 1:28. In the last twenty minutes I could even ride 1:27 laps. It's a shame I just missed the front row but I have a good race pace. I like the track very much and I believe I can ride tomorrow with the front-runners. A good start and 27 laps of full throttle is the only thing I can do tomorrow! "

### **Luis Salom (21<sup>st</sup>, 1:29.577):**

"I'm very disappointed. Yesterday and this morning we got a problem in the sixth gear. We thought we solved this problem but this afternoon it was even worse! In several gears the engine couldn't give maximum power. We knew what the problem was during the session but there was no time to fix it. A disappointment 21<sup>st</sup> starting position is not really my goal but today there wasn't more possible. The electronic problems will be solved for tomorrow. It's going to be a tough race tomorrow but I will try to get the maximum out of it."