

Much work ahead for STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP Team

The STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP team has still a lot of work to do for the British Grand Prix Air Asia race on Sunday. Riders Randy Krummenacher and Luis Salom couldn't impress during qualifying this afternoon. The Swiss came to a tenth starting position and his Spanish teammate will start tomorrow from a thirteenth spot.

The new Silverstone is not an easy track to set-up the Aprilia RSA's adjust. After several adjustments to the suspension, both riders didn't get good feedback from the Silverstone track. With the cold temperatures and with low grip, it is difficult to know where the limit is. In the morning session it went well with a seventh place for Randy Krummenacher and a twelfth spot for Luis Salom.

In the qualifying session the STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP riders started very strong with a first and second position in the first ten minutes of the session. The almost six kilometres long track it is necessary to ride short stints. In this short time frame they can only ride three fast laps every stint. It makes it also more difficult to set-up the bike. Because the track gives little feedback it was also difficult to give good feedback to the mechanics. Eventually Randy Krummenacher moves to a respectable tenth starting position and Luis Salom was just outside the third row in a thirteenth place.

Randy Krummenacher (10th, 2:16.918):

"It was really cold today compared to Friday. I received not enough feedback from the track and there was not so much grip. I really tried to push but the lap times were finally enough for a tenth place. It is not only the set-up of the bike but the whole package. I can still improve my riding. Nevertheless, we also have a lot of work to do to get a good set-up for tomorrow's race. I believe we can find a better set-up and than my goal still will be a top 5 position during the race."

Luis Salom (13th, 2:17,406):

"It's a tricky track to get a good setup. After several adjustments to the suspension I didn't get the desired result. I also missed a couple of times a good slipstream that really matters on your lap time! The cold track and the many bumps make it even more difficult to get a good set-up. I know that the team works hard and I'm sure it will go better tomorrow. Still I will go for a top 10 result in the race and if this happens I have a great weekend!"

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