

Strong performance Randy Krummenacher (7th) at Catalunya Luis Salom (DNF) retired after technical problem

After the unsatisfied qualification session during the Gran Premi de Catalunya Aperol where the riders of STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP had to start from the fourth row, the race went much better. Randy Krummenacher had a strong performance and manages to score a very good seventh place. Luis Salom had also a very good race but had to give up due a technical problem in the fourth-teen lap out of the 21 laps race.

The warm-up session was not a good one for Randy Krummenacher. In the last five minutes the Swiss had a technical problem and finish the session at the seventeenth position. Luis Salom went very well with some fast lap times and ended the session on a good seventh place.

Randy Krummenacher had a very good start and came from a fourteenth starting spot to a seventh in the first lap. Krummenacher tried to hook on Sandro Cortese but due some tire problems the Swiss had to let go. Krummenacher came in a group fighting for the seventh position together with five other riders including his teammate Luis Salom. The entire race Krummenacher was battling for this seventh position. In the last lap Nicolas Terol crashed out and suddenly the battle was for the sixth position. Krummenacher pushed to get this sixth position but lost it with only 0,05 seconds on the start finish line. In the World standings Krummenacher moved up to the seventh position with only two points behind the fifth place.

Luis Salom had a very bad start and dropped back form a 15th starting spot to a 26th place before the first turn. Salom had a very good first lap and climbed up from this 26th position to a fourth-teen position crossing the start finish line. In the fifth lap the Spaniard had already the connection to the group that were battling for the seventh place. Together with his teammate Krummenacher both STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP riders tried to break away form the group, but they didn't succeed in this mission. In the fourteenth lap Salom had to give up due a technical failure and entered the pits and had to retire.

Randy Krummenacher (7th):

"The race went really much better than qualifying. I had a great start, and managed to win seven positions in the first lap against my fourteenth grid position. Soon I was battling with another five or six riders for the seventh place. I was leading this group almost the entire race. In the beginning I wanted to follow Cortese but my tires didn't give me the grip I wanted already after the first two laps. In the last lap I saw that Terol was out and knew we were battling now for the sixth position. I tried to grab this position but I was 0,05 seconds short. This result after the bad qualification session is very good. At the Sachsenring I want to ride a good qualification so I can battle for a top 5 position."

Luis Salom (DNF):

"It is unfortunate that I had to retire the race. I completely messed up my start! I pushed the first few laps at my maximum to make it up. I succeed in this and I was already in the fifth lap in the same group as Randy. Before I joined the group of Randy, I passed four riders in once at the back straight. The engine was very good today! Unfortunately I had to give up in the last part of the race. The engine broke and I had to retire. This race has given me a lot of confidence and I know now it is possible to battle for a top 7 position. I can't wait to go to the next race at the German Sachsenring!"

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