

Randy Krummenacher 14th at Le Mans despite crash Top 10 debut for Luis Salom

The race at the Monster Energy Grand Prix de France has resulted in a very good tenth position for Luis Salom. Randy Krummenacher missed a top 10 ranking after a small crash in the last part of the race.. Despite the crash, the Swiss manage to pick up his bike and finish on a fourteenth position.

In the warm-up session the STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP riders tried a small adjustment to the bike but decided not to use it during the race. Randy Krummenacher drove in this morning session to a fine fifth position while Luis Salom finished 17th.

Randy Krummenacher didn't have a good start in the race. The Swiss passed the first lap at a 12th spot and started to catch up. After several laps Krummenacher climbed on to a ninth position and managed to keep the same race pace as the leading group. This gap to the leading group couldn't be closed to that competed for the third position. With several laps to go Krummenacher had a small crash and lost the ninth position. After picking up his bike the Swiss finished on the 14th position and grabbed two points for the championship.

Luis Salom had a good start and passed the first lap on the 10th spot. The Spaniard was quickly passed by his teammate Krummenacher and came in a group that fought for the 11th position. Salom battled the entire race at the 11th position with Johann Zarco and gained three quarters of the race joined by Jasper Iwema and Jonas Folger. Salom found in the closing laps something extra and passed Zarco and knew to make a one second gap from the group. After the crash of teammate Krummenacher the Spaniard finished tenth.

Randy Krummenacher (14th):

"I'm not happy that I crashed in the final of the race. For sure a ninth spot was certain but after the fall I finished 14th. My start was not great but I was able to pass several riders quickly. My race pace was equal to the leading group and I tried to connect with the group who fought for the final podium spot. Sadly I couldn't close this gap and before I knew it, I even crashed! Fortunately I was able to continue the race and grabbed two points. In Mugello will be a new race and we know we have the pace."

Luis Salom (10th):

"A top 10 place was my goal and I'm glad I got this result! I had a good start and manage to fight in the group for the 11th position. Almost the whole race I was fighting with Johann Zarco and halfway the race Jasper Iwema and Jonas Folger joined us. I really wanted to be the first rider on the finish line of this group. I saw on my pit board that they were right behind me and I put my head down to pass Zarco and finished 10th. In the race I had a small problem with my engine which started to stutter. It wasn't a big problem but i couldn't pass riders on the back straight. But a top 10 is great and I really can't wait to go to the next race at Mugello! "