

## **Strong season opener for Randy Krummenacher (6<sup>th</sup>) in Qatar**

**Tonight the first Grand Prix in 2010 has been ridden during the Commercial Bank Grand Prix of Qatar. Randy Krummenacher rode a very good race and was able to fight for the podium positions from start till finish. At the finish line the Swiss rider took a fantastic 6th position. The Frenchman Quentin Jacquet was able to bring home his Aprilia and finished on a 23<sup>rd</sup> spot.**

The 125cc race was once again a race to be framed! Seven riders battled from start to finish for the victory. In this leading group also STIPA-Molenaar Racing GP rider Randy Krummenacher was fighting for a top result. In the seventh lap of the race fellow rider Sandro Cortese rode against the Aprilia of Krummenacher and lost the Aprilia of Krummenacher lost the front fender! Fortunately, this was the only damage was made and Krummenacher was soon back in the front group. Riding on the seventh position Krummenacher knew just before the finish line to pass Esteve Rabat and just missed the fifth position at 0.02 seconds of Sandro Cortese.

The Frenchman Quentin Jacquet had just before the start of the warm-up lap difficulties to start his Aprilia. Fortunately, the Aprilia started just in time and Jacquet could start from his 25th spot the race. The Frenchman could connect to a large group of riders in the beginning of the race but had to let him go after several laps. Jacquet has achieved its objective and finished in a 23rd place.

### **Randy Krummenacher (6<sup>th</sup>):**

"Phew! This was a tough race! From start to finish it was fighting in the front group. My start was good and right from the start I connect in the front group. The group drove fast lap times starting right from the first laps. This lap times were the same as the qualification session and we break away fast from the other riders. I kept my head cool and didn't want to take many risks. However, in the 7th lap Sandro Cortese thought differently! He nearly crashed into my bike and luckily I didn't crashed. I lost my front fender and could continue the race. I had to push harder to get back into the front group. I succeed and didn't want to finish as last of the group of 7 riders. On the finish line I could pass Esteve Rabat but just missed the 5<sup>th</sup> position of Sandro Cortese by a couple of hundreds of seconds. This is a very good start of the season. This kind of races I want to ride the rest of the season!"

### **Quentin Jacquet (23rd):**

"I was very nervous for the start of the race and then also my bike had troubles to start! Just before the start of the warm-up lap my mechanic Rick could start the engine and I didn't had to start the race from the pit-lane. The start was good and I was able to ride in a big group of riders. After a couple of laps I had to let them go. I finished the race which is very important for me. I have achieved more experience now and want to use this to make even bigger steps during the next race in Japan which will be two weeks from now."

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