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Windy first practice day at sunny Valencia

This weekend it is already the last Grand Prix of the season. The GP Generali de la Comunitat Valenciana had a lot of sun today but was also very windy. The DeGraaf Grand Prix rider Randy Krummenacher was able to ride to a 18th position in these circumstances. Danny Webb has to ride this weekend with a left broken foot but was able to ride the one hour practice and ended on a 24th position.

During this session there was a lot of wind and the riders couldn't ride the same lap times as in the pre season test. Both DeGraaf Grand Prix riders used the session to get a good set-up for the rest of the weekend. Swiss rider Randy Krummenacher was capable to improve his lap time in the last two minutes and went from P25 to P18. British rider Danny Webb used the session to find out how his broken foot would react on riding at the track. Webb has a lot of pain but the good thing is that the pain stays the same the whole session. This means Webb is able to ride the race in his full length.

Randy Krummenacher (18th, 1:44,171): "There was a lot of wind today here at Valencia. It was very hard to keep the ideal line and I decided to come in to change some things to the suspension. We changed the springs in the front and the rear suspension and at the end it was better. Still I don't have a good feeling with the front. It feels like it is too high and don't have enough pressure on the tarmac. Tomorrow it will be solved and I hope there will be less wind. My goal is to qualify in the top 12 and this is for sure possible."

Danny Webb (24th, 1:44,705): "Today I was curious how my foot would react riding on my bike. It is my left foot and I need this one to shift. The pain is awful but stays on the same level during riding. Halfway the session my foot started to shake and I couldn't control that! I will visit Dr. Costa later and hope he can do something to reduce the pain. This weekend is going to be hard but I'm capable in these conditions to qualify on the first four starting rows."

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