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Nice second and third row at Sepang for DeGraaf Grand Prix Team

During the very hot Shell Advance Motorcycle Grand Prix qualification the DeGraaf grand Prix Team manage to qualify on the second and third starting row. British rider Danny Webb manages to park his Aprilia RSA on a fantastic 8 position at the second row. Swiss youngster Randy Krummenacher came in his last flying lap to a very good 12th position and will start tomorrow from the 3rd row. Wildcard rider Blake Leigh-Smith had a big improvement compare to the Friday and qualified on 29th position.

The second free practice Saturday morning went much better for the DeGraaf Grand Prix riders Danny Webb and Randy Krummenacher. In this session the British and Swiss rider had nearly exactly the same lap time with only 0,009 seconds difference. Krummenacher ended this session on 14th position and Webb one place behind his team-mate at the 15th spot. Australian Blake Leigh-Smith manages this session to improve his lap time with more than two seconds compare to the Friday session and finish on a 31st place.

The Saturday qualification went very good for the DeGraaf Grand Prix Team. British youngster Danny Webb was able to grab the last position on the second row at an 8th spot. Webb builds up his speed carefully and picks out on the right moments his flying laps. With less than ten minutes on the clock Webb came to the 6th position. In his last flying lap the youngster was able to improve again but had to give in 2 positions but still will start the race form the second row.

In the beginning of the qualification session Randy Krummenacher used this time to improve the set-up of his Aprilia. In the last ten minutes of the session Krummenacher had the 19th position on the timesheets. In his last flying lap the Swiss youngster was able to follow the pole-man Julian Simon and improved 7 positions and will start tomorrow form a very nice 12th position on the third row.

Blake Leigh-Smith gets already used to ride in the Grand Prix'. Every lap the Australian is improving his lap times and also gets to know the new Sepang track better and better. Leigh-Smith used several riders find out the ideal line and of course a good slipstream. Leigh-Smith qualified on a 29th position and will start tomorrow the race from the eight row.

Danny Webb (8th, 2:14,920): "This was a good qualification session. Yesterday I wasn't happy with my position and not really satisfied with the set-up of the bike. The team worked hard to improve the front and we are going in the right direction. The bike felt good in the qualifying and especially when I went out the second time at the track I had a good feeling. In the last ten minutes I got a new rear tire and pushed to bike to the limit. I manage to ride without a slipstream to the second row. I'm happy about today. Tomorrow I need a good start and than it is possible to finish in the top 10."





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Randy Krummenacher (12th, 2:15,219): "After the two free practice sessions we worked hard on the set-up of the bike. The bike feels much more stabile now and I can ride faster lap times. During the qualification I was able the follow another rider and came to the 12th spot. It is important to have a good slipstream at this track otherwise you lose more than half a second. The start is very important in the race and with a good start it should be possible to fight for a top 10 position."

Blake Leigh-Smith (29th, 2:19,624): "It goes better and better. Every session I'm able to improve. Yesterday I had some difficulties to turn the bike quickly in the second and third section. After the team worked on the set-up of the bike, it went much better today. In the qualification I manage to improve my lap time with more than three seconds compare to the Friday session. I'm happy with this result and I know I will be faster tomorrow during the race. My goal is to finish the race and use the experience for the races in the Spanish Open next month."

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