



Misano – Free Practice & Qualifying Practice 1. Friday, 10 June 2011.

Weather conditions: Sunny, with some clouds in the afternoon.

Temperature: Air: 24 – 26 °C, Track: 39 – 44 °C

Number of riders participating: 23 from 13 teams

Fastest lap Free Practice: Carlos Checa (Althea Racing) 1:36.458 min

Fastest lap Qualifying Practice 1: Carlos Checa (Althea Racing) 1:36.024 min

The sixth round of the 2011 FIM Superbike World Championship at Misano (ITA) started with mixed emotions for the Team BMW Motorrad Motorsport. This Friday morning went well with works riders, Leon Haslam (GBR) and Troy Corser (AUS), finishing third and fourth in the first Free Practice. But in the final minutes of the first Qualifying Session Troy crashed in Turn 8 and had to be taken to the Medical Centre. After being checked by the medical staff it was found he had suffered no serious injuries. The decision as to whether it will be possible for him to ride tomorrow will be taken tomorrow morning according to his physical conditions. Troy provisionally qualified fifth. Leon tried several solutions for his BMW S 1000 RR and finished the day 11th.

Troy Corser:

Fastest lap Free Practice: 1:37.191 min (P4)/Fastest lap Qualifying Practice: 1:36.656 min (P5)

Leon Haslam:

Fastest lap Free Practice: 1:37.090 min (P3)/Fastest lap Qualifying Practice 1: 1:36.810 min (P11)

“It was quite a good day. We were trying a lot of different strategies with the bike, and I think we have made some positive moves today. We were not really caring about lap times, and did most of the session with the same tyre. Then at the end of the session, I still put in my best time after ten laps. Now we just have to put all the bits and pieces together for tomorrow, but I am feeling pretty confident.”

Rainer Bäumel (Head of Race Operations):

“After the checks in the Medical Centre the doctor told us Troy seems to be okay with no serious injuries. He obviously was following Carlos Checa and then highsided in a pretty fast corner heavily.

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“On the track, this Friday was not too bad for us. We tested quite a few new things and now we have to work on the set-up. All in all, it is going in a good direction. We now just hope that Troy is okay and will be able to ride tomorrow without any physical restrictions.”

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