Monza – Qualifying Practice 2 & Superpole.
Saturday, 07 May 2011.

Weather conditions: Sunny.
Temperature: Air: 20 – 25 °C, Track: 34 – 43 °C
Number of riders participating: 21/20 from 13 teams
Fastest lap Qualifying Practices: Leon Haslam (BMW Motorrad Motorsport) 1:42.934 min
Fastest lap Superpole 3: Max Biaggi (Aprilia Alitalia Racing) 1:41.745 min

Team BMW Motorrad Motorsport had a successful Saturday at Monza (ITA) and will start the fourth round of the 2011 FIM Superbike World Championship from the first and second rows. After strong performances in the second Qualifying session in the morning and in the Free Practice, the team consolidated on these in the deciding Superpole session. Works rider, Troy Corser (AUS), who scored the first podium for BMW Motorrad Motorsport one year ago at Monza, qualified fourth. His team mate, Leon Haslam (GBR), finished the very close third and final part of the Superpole in sixth, only three hundreds of a second behind Troy. Leon set the fastest lap times in the Qualifying sessions for the Superpole.

Troy Corser:
Fastest lap Qualifying Practices: 1:43.039 min (P3) / Fastest lap FP: 1:43.058 min (P4) / Fastest lap Superpole 3: 1:42.688 min (P4)
"I am quite happy with today's result. I tried to push in Superpole 2 and made a small mistake at La Roggia - I hit the kerbs and lost some time. In Superpole 3 I was a little bit more cautious, and I braked a little sooner. As a result, again I lost a few tenths. The BMW S 1000 RR still does not like to be pushed too much. Nevertheless, I am happy enough as I made it onto the front row for the first time this season. I now hope for a good start and to get through the first chicane without any issues. On the race tyre I have quite a consistently good pace. I think wherever we are after the start, we can also be at the end of the race. I am looking forward to tomorrow's race."

Leon Haslam:
Fastest lap Qualifying Practices: 1:42.934 min (P1) / Fastest lap FP: 1:42.877 min (P3) / Fastest lap Superpole 3: 1:42.723 min (P6)
"I made a slight mistake in Superpole 1, which meant I went for the qualifying tyre to ensure I posted a quick time, so that's why my lap time in SP1 was my fastest of the three sessions. In Superpole two I used the second and final set of qualifiers, but again I caught some riders in the wrong place on the track and my lap time wasn't as quick. Still I made it through to Superpole 3. There I was forced to do the whole session on a race tyre, but I still managed sixth place. With regard to tomorrow I am feeling pretty confident, our race pace is good so I am really looking forward to getting out there."

Rainer Bäumel (Head of Race Operations):
"It was important for us to make it through to Superpole 3 today so we could qualify for the front two rows. In Superpole the results are determined by how much of a slipstream you have to benefit from. Still we are starting the races tomorrow from fourth and sixth, and we have a good base setting to work with. The races here are always about utilising the slipstream effect to your advantage and I think the podium is a real possibility."

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