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BMW Motorrad GS Trophy 2012, day 4.
Team Germany stretch their lead in the
GS Trophy 2012.

Munich / Peuma Hue, Rio Negro Province, Argentina.

Day four of the BMW Motorrad GS Trophy 2012 was intended to be an 'easier' day given that it's sandwiched between two marathon stages. However it didn't quite turn out that way, with two riders injured in crashes during the enduro special test and minor spills on the leg of the course that ran up to the Ventisquero Negro (Black Glacier) on Mount Cerro Tronador, fortunately without further injuries. Through it all Team Germany remained focused on defending their lead, which they managed – in fact they slightly extended it.

The day started with an enduro test – the riders completing a two-hour 20-lap test of technique and endurance around a motocross course. Despite the very dusty conditions this event ran successfully with all teams completing the test and all the BMW F 800 GSs coming away completely unfazed despite the extreme nature of the riding.

Unfortunately Team Canada's Marc-André Oteau crashed just four laps from the end. Marc-André was immediately attended by the GS Trophy doctors before being transferred to the hospital in Bariloche where he is confirmed as comfortable. He sadly won't be able to continue in the event and his place in Team Canada is taken by the team journalist, Lawrence Hacking, in accordance with the GS Trophy rules (Lawrence in fact stepped in immediately to complete Marc-André's 20 laps).

Wilfried Schmidtmayr of Team Alps also crashed out of the enduro test, withdrawing from the rest of the day as a consequence, but is looking to return to the competition tomorrow.

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The second half of the day saw the GS Trophy riders ride the gravel switch back that lead to the impressive Ventisquero Negro before completing a technical test in the late afternoon – solving a simulated electrical failure and then completing a swap of the batteries of two of the team's bikes.

The day was won by Team Argentina elevating them to second in the standings over Team France, while Team Germany have extended their lead in the competition to nine points.

Tobi Weiser, Team Germany: "We're very happy to have maintained the lead. My team-mates Ali Métayer and Thomas Donnecker are very good riders and we kept to a steady and safe ride of the enduro test, although Ali's laps were not slow! The technical test was perfect for us, having two mechanics in the team. It was another enjoyable day's riding as well, it's great scenery here in the mountains."

Other highlights:

Meet my country.

The GS Trophy riders made their own entertainment tonight with an evening of presentations themed on their home countries. The highly entertaining mini-shows were certainly varied; Team Japan chose to sing a national folk song, Team Alps also sang – a vocal harmonisation of a Viennese waltz while instructing on the footwork necessary, likewise Team Argentina demonstrated the Argentinian Tango. Even more off-the-wall, Team UK performed a Monty Python inspired sketch while Team Italy ran through a comprehensive demonstration of Italian hand gestures and their meanings. As the South Africans suggested, this was an evening that was very 'lekker'.



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Overall standings after four days:

1. Germany	152 pts
2. Argentina	143
3. France	141
4. Italy	137
5. Canada	131
6. Alps	129
7. USA	119
8. UK	118
9. CEEU	115
=10. South Africa	111
=10. Latin America	111
12. Brazil	81
13. Russia	78
14. Spain	76
15. Japan	64

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