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James Toseland was back on track and covered 14 laps in qualifying, setting the nineteenth fastest time. James said: "The most important thing is Ayrton's result. He has the same bike and his achievements are fantastic for the team and for me too. Unlike Assen, where the bike was behind on development, we now have updates and we can see the difference. As far as I'm concerned I'm quite happy to be back on the bike and I want to ride, obviously not pushing for results. I do not want to force things. I need to prevent damaging the wrist which is still recovering. I must think about the next race where I will definitely be fit".

Superstock riders in the BMW Motorrad Italia Superstock team hold the top two places at the end of the first qualifying session. The best time was put in by **Lorenzo Zanetti,** two-tenths ahead of team-mate **Sylvain Barrier**. Lorenzo fell below the track record set last year by Ayrton Badovini, also on a BMW, but is yet to beat the unofficial time set by Ayrton.

Serafino Foti, sporting director of BMW Motorrad Italia Superbike team said: "After the first day of official practice we are pleased with the improvements made after the hard work during the past weeks. We used the updates that have improved the performance of our bike. Ayrton was very good at exploiting the situation and, as usual, the team did the rest. As for James I'm glad he's back in action and still wants to continue tomorrow, while at 50/60 per cent physically. We don't ask anything of him and we do not expect anything because it is not currently possible, but getting some race experience and staying on the bike will bode well for Miller's. Our riders and Superstock team have done excellently. We will try to stay focused and prepared as well as possible for Sunday's race, considering that we have acquired good data over the weekend while racing in the CIV".

QUALIFYNG:

SUPERBIKE: 1° L. Haslam (BMW) 1'42"934 - 2° M. Biaggi (Aprilia) + 0.019 - 3° E. Laverty (Yamaha) + 0.331 - 4° **A. Badovini** (**BMW)** + 0.342 - 5° J. Rea (Honda) + 0.387 ...19° **J. Toseland (BMW)** + 2.055

SUPERSTOCK: 1° L. Zanetti (BMW) 1'46"381 - 2° S. Barrier (BMW) + 0.207 - 3° D. Petrucci (Ducati) + 0.494 - 4° M. Magnoni (BMW) + 0.591 - 5° M. Bussolotti (Kawasaki) + 0.632.



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