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## BMW MOTORRAD ITALIA SUPERBIKE TEAM - WSBK - Phillip Island - Superpole

Weather conditions: Sunny, with a few clouds in the afternoon

Temperature: air 22-25 ° C, track 36-49 ° C

Superpole: Carlos Checa (Ducati Racing Althea) 1'30 "882

At the first event in the World Superbike Championship, the **BMW Motorrad Superbike Team Italy** managed to get into Superpole with James Toseland, which this year is limited to the first 16 drivers from qualifying.

Having not been able to complete the testing programme, the riders didn't have the ideal set-up for the qualifying.

**James Toseland** made Superpole with the sixteenth fastest time, managing to gain a position during the final three-step qualification and will start from the fourth row of the grid in 15th. **Ayrton Badovini**, however, was unable to get into the Superpole phase having set the 20th fastest time, having concentrated on bike set-up for the race and overall performance.

**Serafino Foti**, sporting director of BMW Motorrad Italy Superbike Team said: "We have made many changes on the bike during practice to improve on the technical side, some positive and others less so. We focussed our attention more on the race than on Superpole. Tomorrow in the warm up we will still have time to test some options for race set-up. "

**James Toseland** (1'32"547, 15°) said: "Honestly I feel sorry to be only fifteenth. The team did a great job but we have effectively only had two days testing. Given Leon Haslam's result today we have confidence in the bike's potential. "

**Ayrton Badovini** (1'33"161, 20°) said: "We are not there yet and on slick tyres make it worse for us. With race tyres there is a smaller gap from the rest and this gives me a bit 'of hope for tomorrow. We understand the right direction and we still have some things to try tomorrow. "

Info

Phillip Island: 4.445 km

Corner: 5 to 7 on the left and right

Winners 2010:

Race 1: Leon Haslam (Alstare Suzuki) 34'13 "435

Race 2: Carlos Checa (Ducati Althea Racing) 24'16 "428

Fastest lap 2010: Leon Haslam (Alstare Suzuki) 1'32 "193

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