**Media Release**

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**UPDATE: GS Trophy 2022 Qualifier South Africa – Day 3. Team SA is announced!**

**Midrand.** After the activity of the first full day of Qualifier action on Friday, the competitors were keen to catch up on some sleep ahead of another busy schedule on the final day. Just after midnight, though, the night air was pierced by sirens summoning the competitors from their tents to their motorcycles for two more night-time exercises.

They were back in their tents two hours later, only to be woken again at 05:00 for a skills test in the bush. This proved to the warm-up exercise before a hearty breakfast, whereafter the competitors continued with several sand exercises, and tackled challenges to test their resilience on steep hills and corners. One of the exercises played out at the dreaded Wall of Life at the CountryTRAX facility, a deep circular pit set at an angle of about 60 degrees that tested the competitors’ nerves, while battling gravity and a tricky entry and exit point – keeping their motorcycles upright.

The competitors were kept busy until the late afternoon, after which time it was the turn of the GS Trophy 2022 Qualifier South Africa marshals to tally the day’s scores.

Saturday evening’s dinner was followed by the final points ceremony and the announcement of Team South Africa that will compete in the International GS Trophy 2022 in Albania.

Team South Africa for the 2022 competition is: Gerrit du Toit (Limpopo), Dalton de Bruin (Free State), and Warren Venter (Gauteng).

Christelle van der Meulen and Hanneli Zondagh were the highest-ranking ladies after the GS Trophy 2022 Qualifier South Africa. The International GS Trophy 2022 organisers now have the task of determining who will compete in the final women’s teams, based on the global entries received. The announcement of the official ladies’ teams to compete in the International GS Trophy 2022 in Albania will follow.

Penny Sterley, General Manager of BMW Motorrad South Africa, said: “The passion shown by BMW Motorrad owners is unlike anything I’ve ever seen, and the success of this year’s GS Trophy 2022 Qualifier South Africa again demonstrates the love for riding in our amazing country. I must thank all 31 competitors who left their families and support teams at home to give their all in the Spirit of GS to make this event a success. I have no doubt that we have the team to capture an unprecedented fourth consecutive International GS Trophy in Albania next year. What a way to Make Life a Ride!”

All-in-all, the weekend’s activities near Amersfoort in Mpumalanga again demonstrated the breadth of skill held by GS riders in South Africa. Once the weekend celebrations taper off, preparations will begin in earnest in the hunt for a fourth consecutive International GS Trophy win.

For more information on this year’s BMW Motorrad GS Trophy event, visit: [gstrophy.co.za](https://www.bmw-motorrad.co.za/en/experience/gs-trophy-sa.html).

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