BMW Motorrad Motorsport



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BMW Motorrad Motorsport – Superbike World Championship – Brno, Czech Republic – Superpole.

Best Superpole result of the year for Troy and Ruben.

Munich. Team BMW Motorrad Motorsport riders Troy Corser and Ruben Xaus will start tomorrow's pair of 20-lap races alongside each other after qualifying in sixth and seventh places - their best qualifying result of the season so far. Today is the first time the team has managed to get into final Superpole and to do it with both riders shows that all the season's hard work is paying off. Now, instead of staring at the start lights from a distance, both Troy and Ruben will be on the second row, just behind Superpole winner Ben Spies (Yamaha). Second quickest in Superpole today is Michel Fabrizio (Ducati), with Max Biaggi (Aprilia) third and Jonathan Rea (Honda) fourth, making it four different manufacturers on the front row for the second day running.

Troy - 6th, 2:00.046

Well, I think that I can finally say that I'm pretty happy with how these two days have gone. Throughout the practices and qualifying, everything has been pretty positive and we've found some good settings on the bike. The bike's balance seems better and it is more consistent - especially on race tyres. I feel I can actually ride the bike now and, when we make small changes, I can feel the changes - and that's really good. Everything that has happened so far this weekend shows that we are going the right way and the good news is that the bike can get even better. Having Ruben next to me on the second row proves that our bikes have made a good step forward and now we can both look forward to fighting with the top guys right from the start.

Ruben - 7th, 2:00.096

Considering that I had some bike problems today and didn't put in as many laps as I would've liked, it is pretty good to get into final Superpole and start tomorrow's races from the second row of the grid. The fact that my team mate is on the same row (and next to me) shows us that we are going in the right direction with the bike. I am really happy for myself, but also for the whole team because I know how hard they have worked to get to this stage. Our recent tests were the first time we've been able to put everything together and now we are getting closer to a good package. All year, I have said that this is the best team in the paddock. I am so happy to be with them and hope we can get some good results tomorrow before everybody starts their well-deserved summer break.

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Berti Hauser (BMW Motorrad Motorsport Director)

Firstly I would like to say how very happy I am for the whole team. Today's results are thanks to all the incredibly hard work they have put in and to get this kind of result shows that we are making the right steps and going in the right direction. Before Superpole we hoped we would qualify for final Superpole, but getting both riders in it made us all more than happy. Troy has had a hard time with injuries recently, so it's good to see him smiling again and great to see him and Ruben next to each other on the grid. To achieve this result today makes me feel really proud.

Final qualifying

1 Spies (USA-Yamaha) 1:58.868, 2 Fabrizio (ITA-Ducati) 1:58.950, 3 Biaggi (ITA-Aprilia) 1:589.055, 4 Rea (GBR-Honda) 1:59.740, 5 Byrne (GBR-Ducati) 1:59.787, 6 Troy Corser (AUS-BMW Motorrad Motorsport) 2:00.046, 7 Ruben Xaus (ESP-BMW Motorrad Motorsport) 2:00.096

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