



Racing Engineering –GP2 Magny Cours - Friday

Some positive results but there is still room for improvement, that's the outcome for both the Racing Engineering cars in today's qualifying session at Magny Cours. The base setup achieved last week and which gave such good lap times at Paul Ricard, wasn't as well suited as was expected to the recently resurfaced northern French track that is the venue for this weekend's fourth round of the 2007 GP2 series.

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Javier Villa and Ernesto Viso have been improving throughout the day, working closely with their engineers to get the best possible setup on the pair of Racing Engineering Dallaras. After finishing the free practice session 18th (Viso) and 23rd (Villa), with lap times over the 1:24 mark, the two drivers improved dramatically in the qualifying session. Javier managed to get down to a 1:22:809 good enough for a place on the seventh row of the grid, and just one second shy of the pole and one tenth away from eighth position. Ernesto also improved quite a lot on his previous best time although he couldn't obtain a better position as he, quite understandably, suffered from a car setup that's not yet suited to his driving style as today was the first time he has sat in the Racing Engineering Dallara.



Both drivers were happy with how the cars worked and feel confident regarding their scope for improvement which allow the whole team to be optimistic before tomorrow's race, the longest of the weekend, where the first target will be to look for positions among the top 8 in order to get the best possible starting spot for Sunday's sprint race.

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Alfonso D'Orleans (team principal): "At the end of the day I'm not completely happy. We are working in the right direction but today we saw that not everything that worked at Paul Ricard was good here and now we've still got some tests to pass. What we have to do now is look for our weaknesses and try to work out how to solve them overnight in order to be better tomorrow for the race. Javi is well placed to do some good recovery work and I'm sure Ernesto is perfectly capable of winning races; it's only that we have to adapt the car to him and we haven't yet had the time to do it. The whole team has been working really well and the cars worked faultlessly which is always positive"



Javier Villa (driver car 14): "I finished 13th but just one tenth away from 8th which is quite good. We have been improving the whole day, since being 23rd in free practice and I'm pretty sure we can improve still further tomorrow. If we can get yet another three tenths we will be with the leaders so we will have to push from the very beginning of the race in order to be there with them."

Ernesto Viso (driver car 15): "Things weren't that good as we were all hoping but there is a big improvement margin there, especially because we had almost no time to prepare for this first race. The car setup is best suited for a different driving style so we have to adapt it to better suit me but we are already working on this with the team"

