

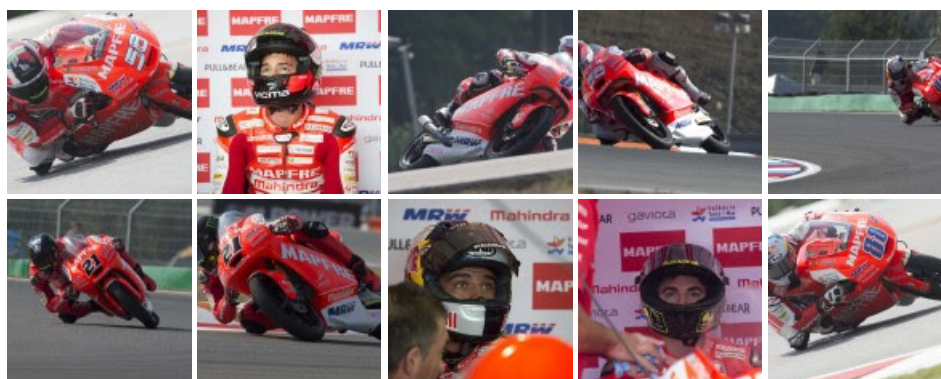
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Cautious start by MAPFRE Team Mahindra riders at Brno

Martín, Guevara and Bagnaia report varied feedback after working on race set-up in free practice sessions



Holiday memories are ever more distant for the Moto3 riders as they tackle the second Grand Prix in as many weekends at Brno. Just five days after racing at Indianapolis on the other side of the Atlantic, the opening free practice sessions for the Czech Republic Grand Prix took place today in intense summer heat. Whether it was the heat or travel weariness the Moto3 lap times today were never a threat to the lap record although the man to beat once again looks like being series leader Danny Kent.

MAPFRE Team Mahindra's three riders encountered differing feelings in today's two free practice sessions, with Jorge Martín the quickest of the trio in seventeenth place. The Spaniard clocked his best lap during this morning's session, ending the day 1.3 seconds off the fastest lap, after encountering some chatter issues during the afternoon. Juanfran Guevara was four tenths off his team-mate in 24th position after

making some promising late progress with his set-up, whilst Pecco Bagnaia is satisfied with the performance of his chassis here but is hoping to find more power off the corners tomorrow.

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JORGE MARTÍN

17th Jorge Martín 2.09.842 (27 laps): "Everything went badly this morning and I struggled to get to grips with the track at first but in the end I sorted it out and set a decent lap time. I still didn't feel totally comfortable on the bike and in the second session the bike was moving around a lot. We rode on used tyres and overall the pace wasn't too bad but we have to improve tomorrow because when we put new tyres in we get a certain amount of chatter. We didn't find the right combination for the tyres today but I am pretty happy with my feeling. We think we

maybe went too stiff with the front spring and it's not absorbing the bumps well so we'll look to change that."

24th Juanfran Guevara 2.10.183 (25 laps): "The setting we had this morning made it hard to turn the bike so we made a change to the front halfway through the session and managed to improve the lap time on the same tyre. We continued to work in the same direction and found some more improvements this afternoon. At the end of the session we put a new tyre in to try and set a fast lap but after two really strong sectors the rear stepped out and I almost crashed. Even though we didn't manage to improve the lap time I am happy because we took some good steps forward today."

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JUANFRAN GUEVARA

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FRANCESCO BAGNAIA

29th Pecco Bagnaia 2.10.371 (24 laps): "We lost quite a lot of time this morning with a gearbox problem and that is why we were so far back. I rode well this afternoon and I felt comfortable on the bike but we had a problem with the top speed. I am losing power compared to the other bikes, which is really noticeable on the exit of the corners. We have to work hard tonight to see what is going on and how we can fix it to be more competitive tomorrow. Chassis-wise we are okay, I can take the bike where I want and brake hard. The problems we have had in

the last couple of races have disappeared so tomorrow we will focus on improving the response of the engine."

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