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## **Jorge Martin enjoys Sepang debut with fourteenth fastest time**

*MAPFRE Team Mahindra rider quickly gets to grips with Malaysian circuit layout despite not finding ideal set-up*



The third Grand Prix in as many weekends got underway today at the Sepang International Circuit in Malaysia, where the traditional stifling conditions were exacerbated by the haze caused by forest fires at Palm oil plantations in neighbouring Indonesia. Despite the conditions the riders were able to work as normal on track, with series leader Danny Kent registering the quickest time of the opening day in this morning's first free practice, two tenths quicker than Australian race winner Miguel

Oliveira.

There were differing feelings inside the MAPFRE Team Mahindra garage, with Jorge Martín and Pecco Bagnaia progressively improving but Juanfran Guevara's pace wilting somewhat in the afternoon heat. Martín was impressive on his first outing at this notoriously technical track, the youngster setting the fourteenth fastest time of the day despite not feeling entirely happy with the performance of his bike, which was moving around on the slick and bumpy track. Bagnaia arrived in Malaysia with a hairline fracture to his right collarbone and after riding through the discomfort this morning he opted to take painkillers in the afternoon, lapping just over a second shy of Kent's pace in fifteenth. Guevara will look to make improvements tomorrow from 24th position.

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**JORGE MARTÍN**

**14° Jorge Martín 2.14.826 (26 laps):** "This is a good circuit for me. It is wide and it suits my style, the only thing is that it is quite bumpy and it is unsettling the bike, which is moving around a lot. I can't quite explain to the team exactly what the problem is but I am sure we can find a way to improve it tomorrow. For the first day here I am fast and happy. The temperatures here are extremely high and the conditions changed a lot from one session to the other. In general I am happy with our work here today, we kept improving despite the heat and hopefully

we can continue in the same way tomorrow."

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**15° Pecco Bagnaia 2.14.840 (28 laps):** "I went out this morning without taking anything and I felt a little pain, so this afternoon I had some ibuprofen and it felt better. It just hinders me in the direction changes. Anyway, I can put up with it. This is my third year here and it is the first time I have known it so hot. The first two sessions have been good, we were fast in both even riding alone. The bike suits the track quite well even though we need to improve the speed on the straights. We had a gearbox problem on my last run this afternoon so hopefully we can fix it for tomorrow."

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**FRANCESCO BAGNAIA**

**24° Juanfran Guevara 2.15.976 (25 laps):** "This has been quite a negative first day for us because I hardly had any feeling on the bike, especially with the rear which is moving around a lot. It seems like our bike doesn't soak up the bumps so well and we have tried a whole bunch of things without finding a solution just yet. We have to look at the data tonight and try to find the right way forward tomorrow. We know the bumps are causing the issue so we need to find the answer."

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