

Portimao: New track for Pedro,  
new bike for Matthieu.



Not really time to breathe and the team is on the road again to beautiful area of Algarve in Portugal.  
After some 1700 kms by truck, 2 days of travel, under blistering heat, what a pleasure to settle in a cool box!

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Changing bike during the season is a risky and difficult challenge (especially with only seven days ahead) ...  
This was however team choice who decided to ride with a BMW S1000RR from Portimao.  
Tuesday, Wednesday: Finding funding for the new bike and racing parts,  
Thursday, Friday: Order parts, make space in workshop and console our "poor abandoned Kawas"  
Saturday: Receive new S1000RR, remove standard parts,  
Sunday: Make a few kms from running on Dynojet, make this beautiful bike in racing bike  
Monday: Loading truck for early departure next day to Portimao.  
Who said: "Life is a bed of roses !!!"

Although result in qualify and race therefore isn't satisfying and revealing of bike potential , team and Matthieu are delighted. ` Three free practice sessions haven't been sufficient to find right settings especially with rear suspension (no data acquisitions). Level engine: no worries. Florian's help from BMW Motorrad was a fantastic asset to optimize settings. Indeed, Berthold Hauser will give us the support and BMW Assistance for rest of season and we thank him warmly.

"I'm really happy to ride this bike; front is great, bike goes where I want but lack of tests and equipment at our disposal in this race didn't allow us to adjust right adjustments for rear shock. I couldn't finding enough grip all weekend and it was missing one second to enter in top 10. It should be better at Misano. "

Saturday May 30th:  
Bike is still in dealer BMW Bougival Différence 78.  
Thanks for his help.



Eight days later :  
Ready for qualify!



Bem Vindo to Pedro on the land of his ancestors ...

Portimao track isn't the easiest to learn ... Its fast curves

and vertical drop require many sessions before realize satisfying lap times.

Pedro has to discover circuit in first free practice session without looking for performance.

Unfortunately he crashed in 3rd lap not seriously and can even go back on track for a few laps.

He significantly improves in second session to finish at 5 seconds leading riders; many of them were training three days on this track previous week end.

It's difficult to test between races because calendar generates frequency of race every 15 days and three days testing represents a heavy investment of money (travel, fees, tires, petrol etc ..) .

For last races, it will be easier to have training before races because there is more time.

Qualification session, under very high temperature, will permit to win 2 seconds and Pedro finished in 26th position.

In race, Pedro made a good start but will be hampered by a rider's crash and yet managed to recover some positions finishing 24th

*"I'm nevertheless quite happy with this race because this circuit is difficult and new for me. I missed my first session because of a crash and it was a handicap for the rest of the weekend "*



Rendez vous in almost one week in Misano Adriatico.

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