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Sachsenring, Sunday July 18th 2010

Race report
AirAsia - Sepang Int. Circuit

50 Sturla Fagerhaug (42'21"863, 9th)
63 Zulfahmi Khairuddin (42'12"796, 15th)

The best weekend of the season, for the AirAsia-Sepang Int. Circuit Team. Both riders in the points - Zulfahmi Khairuddin for the second time in a row - and Sturla Fagerhaug in the top ten.

The race started on wet asphalt, quickly drying up, and the choice of tyres - that in the World Championship is always up to riders - was crucial. While Sturla Fagerhaus opted for the slicks, Zulfahmi Khairuddin asked for rain Dunlops.

Sturla Fagerhaug: "I'm very happy. I competed three times on this track, in the past, in the Rookie's Cup. My best result was 13th. Ninth in World Championship is great.

On the grid, I opted for the slicks. At the beginning it was quite a tricky race because the tarmac was still wet in several places. With my slicks, I could gain in some parts, but had to lose in others.

Then everything was OK, in spit of a too short gear ration, calculated for a wet race - and I had to struggle a little bit to pass. Basically, I had only a few places in which I could try the manoeuvre. But It was great, and I want another great race in Brno".

Zulfahmi Khairuddin: "I decided for rain tyres, and that was my only mistake. In the first laps the feeling with the bike was very good, and at the start I was able to make up several positions - at the end of lap one I was 12th, if I remember well. Then, the bike began to shake, while the tyres started to wear out. I'm quite happy not only for the result - points twice in a raw - but also because I see that the team, knowing me better, is more and more able to prepare a bike that suits my riding style".

Fiorenzo Caponera (Team Principal): "Choosing the right tyres, in a tricky condition like this, is always very difficult. We use to leave it to riders because it is something very personal.

As far as race and result are concerned, I'm more than happy. In the last GPs Sturla often was in a position to win some points, but for one reason or another he never could get them. Here, he has been very fast all the weekend, and the race rewarded him with a great performance. Sturla has only a real weakness - he suffers when the weather is hot. We have

to work on it.

Zulfahmi did again a strong race. Today he was one of the best placed among the riders that opted for rain tyres. He rode very well, with accuracy, demonstrating that the point he conquered in Catalunya was not accidental. And mind he's a beginner, and has not the same racing c.v. of a European competitor".

