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## RACE REPORT – VALENCIA

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This weekend promised to be a much better opportunity for me than Donington was - remember that I had a broken wrist and had never even played Donington on PSP let alone walked/ridden the track. All things considered coming away with a 9th was not too shabby even if I say so myself. So I was really fired up for Valencia as our testing went very well and I had a good setting to start off with.

However this was just not to be.

The weekend started off with a wet session which I missed out on as my team manager **Lucio Pedercini** thought it was best to skip the session to avoid hurting my hand.

The next session was a qualifier. We had found a good setup at Donington Park and the team thought we could use this for Valencia, but it wasn't to be as I qualified 18th with a 1:40.4, a full one and a half seconds slower than my previous best which I had set just a few weeks ago.

This setup was not what I needed to be up front. This set me back quite significantly due to the time frames being so tight and very little chance to "catch up" the gap that was widening with each session.

On Saturday I was in the top 7 for both sessions but it was still so wet that my qualifying was still 18th (last year we did not do too many races and tests in the wet and wet racing in South Africa - well that's just a daft notion as it does not happen).

Raceday I was feeling absolutely awesome with my girlfriend, dad and the GANG... Starting in 18th was tough but I got a good start and then got boxed in off the line and was down to about 28th into turn 2, and by the end of lap 1, I was 24th and by the time I got up to 18th the race was red flagged.

For the restart I was again in the 18th hot spot but I was 13th by turn 2 and then the dude in front of me crashed at turn 5, and ran me off the track. Looking at the video footage you



can actually see the bike hit me on the side. I rejoined the party and made my way back up the ladder riding my proverbials off to finish 12th on track and 13th after they aggregated the 2 starts.

### **The Get-A-Long Gang Part 2**

I would really like to thank (*Dad, Cliffie Coleman, Colin Humphries, Jarred Humphries, Andrew Hare, Marthinus Liebenberg (2M Trailers), Pieter van Niewkerk (2m Trailers), Shane Rheeder (Empire Estates), Richard Coetzee (Empire Estates) and Jason Paisley (Empire Estates)*) for making the effort to come and support me, it's great to have people around that are behind me 100% and I hope you guys make it out again. I hope that at the next round I can repay this appreciation with a much better result.

See you all at Assen - The Cathedral of Speed.

To all my supporters out there, keep the messages flowing....it helps a great amount.  
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