Spies tops day two as Honda sidelined

Rain threw a spanner in the works on day two of MotoGP testing at Sepang, as Honda remained pit bound while engine testing occurred in Japan

Day two of the official MotoGP test at the Sepang International Circuit in Malaysia on February 29 finished with Yamaha's Ben Spies leading the field, while an engine failure in Dani Pedrosa's RC213V machine the day before forced HRC to prevented all four of its riders from going out.

The engine was sent to Japan for analysis, the results of which HRC claimed were positive and stating that the Honda riders will be back on track today (March 1).

Australia's Casey Stoner (Honda) was fastest on day one.

Despite the rain on day two, several riders continued testing, including Jorge Lorenzo who earlier set the second fastest lap of the day with a 2:01.293. Today Lorenzo is testing a new chassis as the 2010 world champion and his team diligently work to reclaim the title.

Third for the day was Andrea Dovizioso, who opted not to run on the wet track in the afternoon. The Italian was nonetheless pleased with a new found bike set up on his Tech 3 Yamaha that allowed for a more efficient riding position.

"Today was the first day that I could run well and in a comfortable position, and being two-tenths off the official Yamaha is not too bad. I tested the new engine specification and so far it has been positive," said Dovizioso.

Full times were as follows:
1. Ben Spies (USA) Yamaha Factory Racing 2'01.285
2. Jorge Lorenzo (SPA) Yamaha Factory Racing 2'01.293
3. Andrea Dovizioso (ITA) Yamaha Tech3 2'01.522
4. Cal Crutchlow (GBR) Yamaha Tech3 2'01.695
5. Nicky Hayden (USA) Ducati Team 2'01.748
6. Hector Barbera (SPA) Pramac Racing Team 2'01.989
7. Valentino Rossi (ITA) Ducati Team 2'02.130
8. Franco Battaini (ITA) Ducati Team 2'03.566
9. Colin Edwards (USA) NGM Mobile Forward Racing 2'05.816
10. Ivan Silva (SPA) Avintia Racing 2'07.532
11. Yonny Hernandez (COL) Avintia Racing 2'08.213

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