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Shinya Nakano (13th):

We knew after free practice and qualifying that this was going to be a tough race for us. I lost a few positions at the start but started to make up ground after a few laps. By the end I was battling with the group in front and I reached the 13th place. This isn't the result we were hoping for so we have to improve next time. I'm confident for Jerez – we've tested there and we have a lot of good data to work from."

Fausto Gresini – Team Manager:

It has been a difficult day and we expected something more. With Alex we had a few problems with chattering and he wasn't able to ride as he has all weekend. It's a shame he wasn't able to reproduce his pace from practice in the race. This made it difficult for him and led to the crash. He has grown though and never stopped fighting. Things were a little better for Shinya but he was also further back than we'd hoped. Now we have to be positive for Jerez because we have better potential."