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Shinya Nakano (5th):

Despite our problems in practice the race went well today – I got a good start and managed to improve on my pace from practice so I'm really satisfied. After the warm-up we decided on a medium compound tyre, which proved to be the right choice because the bike felt really balanced and I was able to stick with a fast group of riders from the start. Having chosen a softer compound I obviously didn't want to risk too much in the early stages because I needed to save some rubber for the end and on the final five laps I really pushed hard, taking two riders and crossing the line in fifth. It has been a long time since I enjoyed a race like this so today I'm happy I was able to show our true potential and I'd like to thank the team for that.

Fausto Gresini - Team Manager:

I'm really happy with Shinya's race – he rode very well and was aggressive in the right way, which allowed him to go with a fast group. The tyre choice was the right one and he was rewarded for that. We needed a race like that because it gives us all the motivation to finish the season strongly. At the same time I'm disappointed for Alex. It's a shame because everything was in place for him to have a good race today.