
Vroom vroom: 0-100kmph in 2.5 secs. That's MotoGP's cracking debut for you

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MotoGP made a cracking debut in India on Friday as riders in all three classes primed themselves and their steeds up for the sharp end of the business that will unfold in stages from Saturday.

Friday was all about learning the way the bikes could turn into and out of corners, which will determine who climbs top step of the podium and the day after in the main Grand Prix. Suffice to say the riders had their work cut out, and boy was it entertaining the teams went about perfecting the bike set up and understanding what they must do to get their electronics into play for every section of the 5km Buddh International Circuit.

Let's start with the biggies in the blue riband MotoGP class. Every rider up and down the field experienced tricky situations, especially in the critical opening corners from 1 to 4. This is where the set-up is going to be critical because it is not just about a fast entry into the right hander after the start but the



Bikers during the practice session ahead of the Grand Prix of India at Buddh International Circuit on Friday

way the re-profiled corner tightens up and makes it so easy to either go off line or miss apex completely, both situations being untenable.

Jorge Martin and Marco Bezzecchi were blazing hot but the likes of Honda-mounted Marc Marquez and Yamaha's Fabio Quartararo were right there in the mix. World Champion Pecco Bagnaia is still feeling the after-effects of his Catalina MotoGP crash because the physical demands of tipping into the first right hander using body English is yet not there as it demands.



A spectator takes a photo during MotoGP practice session