



## Red Bull KTM Ajo finish 2016 work before the winter break

Bo Bendsneyder and Niccolo Antonelli complete two days of testing in Valencia, in which they rode for the first time in the wet.

**11/22/2016 - Ricardo Tormo Circuit, Spain**

The Red Bull KTM Ajo Moto3 lineup for 2017 returned to Valencia this week, for their final two days of testing before the winter break. Bo Bendsneyder and Niccolo Antonelli were able to continue the work with their new KTM begun last week at the Jerez Circuit, and additionally had the opportunity to test for the first time in the wet.

The pair put in more than 80 laps on Monday, as well as 40 in the wet on Tuesday, as they continued looking for the perfect setup for their new chassis and new engine for 2017. Bendsnevder and Antonelli

gathered important data that their crew will use over the next two months to analyse and develop the behaviour of the KTM.

Due to the winter testing ban, the Red Bull KTM Ajo riders will not get back on their bikes until next February. Until that time, they will be resting and training on their own.

### **Aki Ajo - Team Manager**

"These testing days in Valencia for the Moto3 team have been very good. It was dry on Monday and wet on Tuesday. I am happy that we have had these different conditions because we are testing the new chassis, the new engine and many other new parts for the bike in all kinds of conditions. This is very useful to get as much information as possible for the winter break. It has also been important for our riders. Bo [Bendsneyder] continues to progress and has shown great potential for the future, and Niccolo [Antonelli] has shown great improvement, taking a step forward and working very well with the team."

### **#23 Niccolo Antonelli**

"We had a very good two days of work here at the Valencia circuit. We have improved our feeling with the KTM with respect to the first day of testing. Day after day, lap after lap, I felt better on the bike and with the team we have found a good path to going faster. I am very happy to go into the break having found such a good feeling on the bike; I will have to work hard this winter, but I am happy with the final result of these first few tests with the team for the 2017 season."

### **#64 Bo Bendsneyder**

"These two days of testing in Valencia have gone well: The first day was dry and the second was wet. This helped us in the end, as we were fast in both sets of conditions, we have had a good pace and we have worked well on our setup. We've tried a lot of things and all the data we've gathered is very good for next season. Now we have a little break, but I'm looking forward to training again in order to face next season well."

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## Brad Binder undergoes successful surgery on left arm injury

Red Bull KTM Ajo rider operated on in Barcelona to treat fracture of left radius, suffered in a crash yesterday at the Valencia circuit.

**11/22/2016 - Barcelona, Spain**

Current Moto3 World Champion Brad Binder underwent surgery on his left arm this morning at the Hospital Universitari Dexeus -Barcelona-. Dr. Xavier Mir and his team operated on the South African's fracture-dislocation to his the left forearm, suffered yesterday afternoon in preseason testing at the Valencia circuit.

The crash occurred at around 3pm, when he suffered a highside at Turn 9 and experienced the misfortune of his bike falling onto his arm.

Dr. Xavier Mir, surgeon:

*"Brad Binder suffered a fracture-dislocation of the left forearm known as a 'Galeazzi Fracture,' which consists of a fracture of the radius and a dislocation of the ulna at the wrist. In this case the radius was very displaced so we had to put it back in place, fixing it with a plate and seven screws. This movement caused the ulna to put itself in place. He has a small lesion of the interosseous membrane and this, without causing any problem, will delay somewhat the recovery of the rotation of his arm by about three weeks. In principle, we believe that in four or five weeks it will be cured."*

The injury prevented the Red Bull KTM Ajo rider from taking part in the final day of Moto2 testing at the Spanish track. Binder will now have up to two months in which to recover, taking advantage of the winter break. It is expected that he may be fully recovered in four to five weeks.

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