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## With the weekend in Portimao the WorldSSP300 has come to an end for Gaggi and Sofuoğlu

Portimao saw the conclusion of the **WorldSSP300 2021** for **Bahattin Sofuoğlu** and **Marco Gaggi**. In free practice, the Turkish rider set his best lap time in the morning session with a 1'56.765, good for ninth position. Thirty-first, Marco Gaggi, set a time of 1'58.085, with a significant margin of improvement, given the only second gap from the top twelve.

In the Superpole, Bahattin got the first row, with the third time of 1'55.696, improving by more than one second the reference of Friday. Same step forward for Marco, who signed a 1'57.085, dropping exactly one second below the performance of the free practice. Starting well from the front row, for Bahattin the race developed in the leading positions and with the usual determination shown throughout the season. Always with the podium within his reach, in the final rush he finished fourth, after a good head-to-head. Good race also for Gaggi, who had suffered a bit more from the track conditions and the wind during the qualifying, finishing 25th. He got off to a good start and was in the group between nineteenth and twenty-fifth. Turning at the pace of the leading riders, he finished in twenty-second place.

On Sunday, in the final race of the season, Sofuoğlu again showed that he deserved to be on the podium. Generous and courageous, he attacked throughout the race, until the last lap, crossing the finish line in third position. A podium that, unfortunately, was not confirmed due to a penalty of three seconds and given the minimal gap between the riders at the finish, relegated him to seventeenth position. Gaggi got off to a good start and ran a race similar to that of Saturday. Inserted in the central group, he was very clever not to be "detached" from the other drivers, especially on the straight. Hammering along at the same pace as the leaders, he finished in 24th place.

A daring and unexpected end, which did not make us rejoice until the end for a result achieved on the track, but confirms the excellent growth of the two young drivers throughout the season and reveals, with good performances, the high level reached by the team, thanks to the important work done this year.

*"A season full of changes for us has come to an end. It's a pity we couldn't give continuity to the work done in winter testing because of some questionable choices that were not ours. Given the results, from mid-season onwards, we could have achieved something different. I hope to be able to continue the growth of our young drivers"* **Sandro Carusi**

