

ASTON MARTIN



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CHINESE GP – FRIDAY PRACTICE

MAX VERSTAPPEN

First Practice Session: 1:34.334 Position: 4, Laps: 20

Second Practice Session: 1:33.551 Position: 3, Laps: 29

"Today has been pretty good. We have a good balance in the car and not too many issues, so I'm pretty happy. Of course there was a question mark coming here after Bahrain but we were all quite confident that if we could solve the issue we would be a lot closer, which I think we have shown today. The long runs were alright but it is all about managing your tyres over a race distance here, but that's the same for everyone. Overall, I'm happy with the pace so far and tonight we just need to fine tune the set-up. I think pole position will be tough tomorrow and it's too early to say exactly where we are but we're a lot closer, so hopefully in the race we can mix it up."

PIERRE GASLY

First Practice Session: 1:35.447 Position: 7, Laps: 23

Second Practice Session: 1:34.455 Position: 10, Laps: 32

"I always want more, but I'm quite happy with the programme today. I think we have a good direction and Max showed that the car has good potential. We tested a lot of things between FP1 and FP2, we were pushing the development as much as we could, so now we need to analyse every part we used today. In FP2 I had quite a big moment in the third sector on the fastest lap and lost a bit of time, so it's actually not really representative for the potential of the car. I think we need to focus on tomorrow now and improve my set-up. Also the degradation of the tyres is always difficult here, as the track layout is really tough for the fronts, especially the front left tyre. It is important to find a compromise between qualifying and the race here, but the Team has the experience and the knowledge so I'm sure we'll find the right direction for tomorrow."

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