



Daly tops afternoon session in Valencia

This was a great test for Conor and many think it is a true preview of what might be in 2012. His impressive form during the second half of 2011 is now being realized with impressive speed in each of the four sessions in Spain.

For the first time, Conor Daly ended an official GP3 session on top of the time charts when he set the fastest time of the afternoon session on day two at Valencia. The hotter afternoon was generally slower than the cool of the morning because, but nevertheless it was an impressive run by Daly.



"This feels good" , said Daly. "This was a pure testing 2 days, concentrating more on car performance then ever before. Carlin really did a great job and I'm so glad to reward them for their efforts and for an American, this is a good thanksgiving"

Carlin fielded three drivers during the two day test in Spain, with Will Buller joining Daly in the Carlin garage on Wednesday before Tom Blomqvist took over driving duties in the number 16 car on Thursday.

Wednesday morning's run saw Daly finishing 4th while Buller impressed finishing 11th in what was his first GP3 outing. During the afternoon test the Carlin duo worked on race simulations and longer runs finishing 10th and 17th respectively.

On Thursday morning Daly was joined in the car by British driver Tom Blomqvist. In only his second day behind the wheel of a GP3 car, Blomqvist was 15th quickest in the morning session before improving to go 11th fastest overall later in the afternoon.

Daly was on the pace once again on Thursday morning, although his progress was temporarily halted by an exhaust problem. The American hotshot hit back in the afternoon however to post the quickest time of the session.

Reflecting on a successful test Conor Daly said, "This morning I think we had the potential to be quite a lot quicker than we





were but we had an issue with the exhaust right after my quickest lap, so I think we could have been very close to the top had it not been for that. We knew we had good pace in the car, so we only made a few small adjustments before the afternoon session. I felt really comfortable this afternoon; I was able to just

keep improving as the car felt really good. It's great to end P1 and nice to be at the top of the timesheets. I'm very happy with our test here."

Daly will participate in two more days of testing in Jerez, Spain next week before GP3 officially closes out the 2011 season.

