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Moseley parks BSA's Radical SR3 in front

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AS expected, BSA Motorsports' Radical SR3 took pole position for today's Merdeka Millennium Endurance Race, with development test driver Stuart Moseley clocking a blistering two minutes 15.184 seconds in qualifying yesterday.

And to cap a fine day for BSA Motorsports, Jimmy Low, Wolf Henzler and Marco Seefried completed the front row of the grid with a second fastest qualifying time of 2:16.860s.

The lightweight Radical looked to be in commanding position all the way in free practice and speculation that the Japan GT300-spec Amprex BMW M3 would dominate qualifying proved unfounded.

The Amprex M3 of Genji Hashimoto, Charles Kwan and Matthew Marsh finished third in 2:17.057s.

Moseley, who will partner Simon Moulton and Kozi Kalaitzidis in today's race, said to be on pole was pleasing considering the trio's limited knowledge of the 5.542km Sepang Circuit.

"We have achieved today (yesterday) what we set out to do and we are pleased with the performance. In qualifying, we just set out to be the fastest and it's nice to be starting the race from where we are," said Moseley.

"If it rains we'll go even faster," he joked.

There was a surprise in Class A, when Lotus Owners' Club trio Marcus Chye, Lim Eu Jin and Kamarul Muhamad took pole ahead of works team Honda Malaysia Racing's Takahashi Kunimitsu, Hiroki Kato and Hidetoshi Mitsusada, and Lo Ka Chun, Lo Ka Fai and Ng Kok Chin.

The Lotus trio registered 2:31.597s to top qualifying for Class A.

Drag race emcee Sutan Mustaffa Salihin, Hasrin Tahir and Kang Eng Seng were the fastest of the Class B (1800cc) qualifiers which also had its fair share of surprises. They clocked 2:41.698s in their Proton Satria GTi.

The Projet Women In Motorsports Team of Philippa Yoong, Deanna Yusoff and Maznah Zulkifli proved critics wrong by qualifying in Class B on board their Proton Satria GTi, albeit 17th fastest with a time of 2:46.412s.

In Class C, for 1,600cc cars, the unknown trio of Wong Yew Choong, Soh Kee Koon and Tew Boon Yeap clocked the fastest qualifying time of 2:36.500s.

Today's race will be flagged off by Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein at 10.0am and will end at 10.0pm.

Results - Class O: 1 Stuart Moseley/Simon Moulton/Kozi Kalaitzidis (BSA-Radical SR3) 2:15.184s, 2 Jimmy Low/Marco Seefried/Wolf henzler (BSA-Porsche GT3) 2:16.860s, 3 Genji Hashimoto/Charles Kwan/Matthew Marsh (Amplex-BMW M3) 2:17.057s, 4 Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir/Alex Yoong/Faizal Hakimi Jaafar (Crest Jaseri-Porsche GT3) 2:18.527s, 5 Nigel Albon/Craig Albon/Tunku Hammam Tunku Sulong (Naza-Porsche GT3) 2:19.771s.

Class A: 1 Kamarul Muhamad/Marcus Chye/Lim Eu Jin (Lotus Elise) 2:31.597s, 2 Takahashi Kunimitsu/Hidetoshi Mitsusada/Hiroki Kato (Honda Racing-Integra DC5) 2:32.727s, 3 Lo Ka Chun/Lo Ka Fai/Ng Kok Chin (Honda Racing-Integra DC5) 2:33.049s, 4 S. Krishnan/Karamjit Singh/Lai Wee Sing (Evo 6) 2:33.510s, 5 Shinichi Ito/Shinsuke Saito/Atsushi Katsumata (Lotus Elise 135R) 2:33.659s.

Class B: 1 Sutan Mustaffa Salihin/Hasrin Tahir (Satria GTi) 2:41.698s, 2 Kok Pak Chiang/Ng Pui Choon/Yasuhiro Morita (Satria GTi) 2:43.097s, 3 Eli

Bahrudin/Azuan Ahmat/Shazull Hisham (Satria GTi) 2:43.859s.

Class C: 1 Wong Yew Choong/Soh Kee Koon/Tew Boon Yeap (Honda Civic) 2:36.500s, 2 Chong Fu Seong/Heah Choon Horng/Abdul Halim Razak (Honda Civic) 2:37.005s, 3 Rosli Yatim/Azman Hussin/Samudin Kambali (Honda Civic) 2:37.116s.