

Grand Prix of China MXGP R18 2026 Race Day

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- **Calvin Vlaanderen finishes 4th overall at the MXGP of China.**
- **Top 10 finish for Ferruccio Zanchi upon his return to MX2**

The Oriental Beauty Valley MXGP of China took place this weekend at the Shanghai circuit—a venue featuring a futuristic structure capable of hosting up to 50,000 spectators, located in the Fengxian district just outside the metropolis of Shanghai.

After securing sixth place in Saturday's qualifying race, Calvin Vlaanderen struggled to get the best jump off the gate in the first moto but fought tenaciously to climb from tenth to sixth position. He got off to an excellent start in the second moto; the Red Bull Ducati Factory MXGP Team rider made the most of his Desmo450 MX to run with the leaders right from the beginning. Running fourth from the opening lap, Calvin posted impressive lap times and crossed the finish line in fourth place, securing fourth overall for the day. For the Dutch rider—who matched the fourth-place finish he achieved at the South African GP—this marks his best result of the season in terms of points scored over a single weekend.

The riders will now head to Darwin, Australia, where the final round of the 2026 MXGP World Championship will take place next weekend.

Calvin Vlaanderen: “It was a good weekend overall, I'm happy with my riding and my speed already from the first practice on Saturday. I had a good feeling with the track and the bike and I felt like I was fourth best all weekend long, so it was nice to get a good start on that second race and to finish in fourth overall. Let's carry this momentum into Australia for the final round; thanks to all the team and the crew for the hard work and let's try and finish off with the good result.”

After Saturday's disappointment, Ferruccio Zanchi delivered a solid performance across both of Sunday's motos. After finishing eighth in the morning warm-up, the Beddini Racing Ducati Factory MX2 Team rider secured top-ten finishes in both motos—taking 10th place in the first and 9th in the second—earning him 9th place overall at the MX2 Grand Prix of China. This race, marking his return to competition on the Desmo250 MX after a two-month hiatus, was his best of the year in terms of points scored; it allowed him to climb to 15th place in the world championship standings, despite having missed eight rounds due to injuries.

Ferruccio Zanchi: “It was great to get back to racing after such a long absence, and I'm happy to be doing what I love again. Unfortunately, we were held back by a problem on Saturday, but I felt good on the track and with the bike all weekend, improving every time I went out. It was a solid weekend where I didn't make any mistakes and rode two good motos. Now we're preparing for Australia, aiming to do even better.”

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