

France, Oz and South Africa off to Thailand

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GENERAL manager of BMW's biking side, Motorrad South Africa, Alexander Baraka, was the proud host of the first International GS Trophy Female Team Qualifying at Amersfoort Country Trax earlier this month.

Ten women from 10 different countries competed for one of three finalist places in the female team at the BMW International GS Trophy 2016 in Thailand.

Dr Ralf Rodepeter, head of brand and product management at Motorrad, said it was very impressive not just to see



Stephanie Bouisson from France (centre) won first place, followed by Amy Harburg from Australia (right) and Morag Campbell from South Africa. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

how the women competed in the blindfold riding, holding a rope while riding around a tree, slowly slaloming over ploughed

fields and fast night racing through hay bales, but also the bikers' team spirit.

"The team spirit is really reflective of the GS trophy," said Rodepeter.

Svenia Ohlsen, head of brand experience at BMW Motorrad, said that while the women helped each other, they fought hard for the three places. Stephanie Bouisson from France won first place, followed by Amy Harburg from Australia in second place and Morag Campbell from South Africa in third place. They now have four months to train for Thailand.