



### NEWSLETTER #3 MARCH 25, 2010



Here we are in Abu Dhabi for the first race of the season. It is an oasis city in the UAE, and it is getting hot!

The good news is that we have our aircraft back after all the trouble at the start of the month...engine changes, rudder replacements, and pack up.

Unfortunately, it took a long time to get access to the aircraft once it arrived, due to some paperwork, though the lucky part was it was the same for all teams, and we were not at a disadvantage.

We are now putting together the rest of the bits and pieces, all the tracking data, TV cameras, antenna for the telemetry, new wiring for larger power supplies...the list goes on. It has been a long week already and we have only just started training in the track.

My flying started off not as smooth as I would normally have liked, though considering I have not flown in a track for 5 months, and it is a new plane that I have not flown in a track before, it was acceptable.

Thankfully my technique came back quickly, and I now feel better in the track today. I am finding some good lines through the track and happy I am making minimal errors, though we are definitely off the winning pace by a number of seconds at the moment.

We still have a few more things to do to the aircraft to get it faster, though I think until we put the race engine back on again, we are going to be fighting hard to stay up with the pack.

The track here is more challenging than last year, which was more a flowing track. This track is always changing direction. There are only two straight lines, the rest are reversing turns.

This type of track allows more risk to get good times, as trimming the gates will save time, though it can also finish in a pylon hit...definitely not worth it.

It is also good for lots of power...the more turning you do, the more drag you have and the more power you need to keep accelerating back up to race speed.

I think this is the one we are going to be working against on this particular race. We are still hopeful that we will be back on track by Perth, the home race!

**Stay tuned, Matt.**



This edition's *Hotpic* is from star photographer Mark Watson

THE LAUNCH – Sydney Harbour, March 11, 2010

Images like this one can be found on [www.matthallracing.com](http://www.matthallracing.com).

**HOTPIC**



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THE MACHINE

Team Technician Lenny Rulason is so busy working on the plane here in Abu Dhabi he didn't have time to write anything for this edition so we thought a photo of the plane would be a nice change.



## RACE WRAP

In the *Race Wrap* Team Coordinator Dave Lyall will bring you up to date reports on all things in the Red Bull Air Race World Championships including an event wrap from every race on the circuit.

Smoke on!! That is the overwhelming feeling here in Abu Dhabi where the Matt Hall Racing team and our 14 rivals are in the midst of training and preparations for round one of the season.

For Matt Hall fans it's 'Smoke on' too with plenty of ways to keep on track with Matt as he does his best in the track in 2010.

Our website, [www.matthallracing.com](http://www.matthallracing.com) will be updated daily with all the latest info and goings on from each race venue – stories, videos, photos and some thoughts from Matt will all be there for fans to drink up.

The Facebook and Twitter pages will be another source of information too, as will the fantastic [www.redbullairrace.com](http://www.redbullairrace.com) website with its live ticker during race days. Check it out and you may even get to chat with Matt as he will be spending some time each race week on the ticker chatting with fans.

One HD and Fox Sports will also show the race and also other packages – check your local guides.

Before every race last year and even during the offseason Matt has been overwhelmed with messages of support from his fans so we'd like to recognise some of those people by publishing a selection of 'Hero Messages' on our website on Race Day each round. If you want to send Matt your best regards – send a message to [team@matthallracing.com](mailto:team@matthallracing.com) during race week with 'Hero Messages' in the subject title. Be sure to include your name and suburb, then check back to see who has been wishing Matt well.

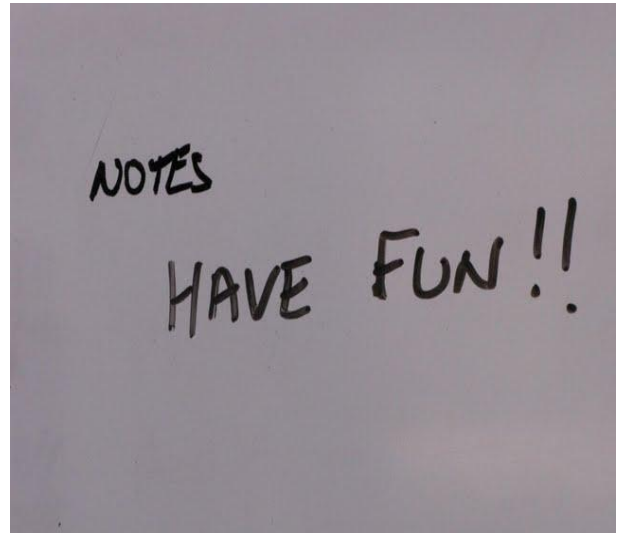
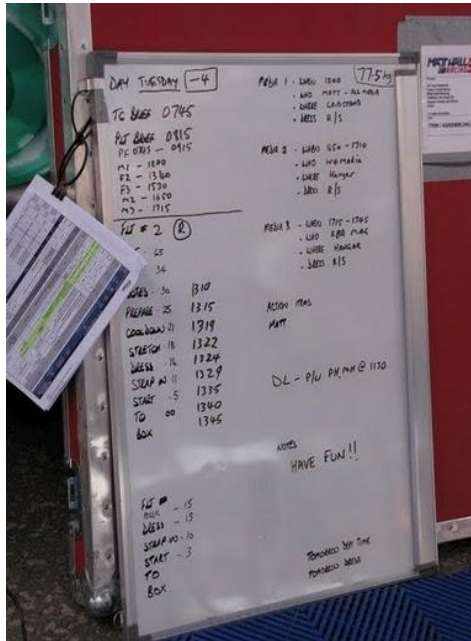
## RESULTS AND SCORES

### ABU DHABI Timetable

	2010 Pre-Season Rankings	Pilot	Nationality	Race #
<b>March 24 – 1st Training Day</b>	1	Paul Bonhomme	GBR	55
<b>March 25 – 2nd Training Day</b>	2	Hannes Arch	AUT	28
<b>March 26 – Qualifying Day</b>	3	<b>Matt Hall</b>	<b>AUS</b>	<b>95</b>
1st session @ 10pm Sydney time	4	Kirby Chambliss	USA	4
2nd session @ 11pm Sydney time	5	Nicolas Ivanoff	FRA	27
<b>March 27 – Race Day</b>	6	Nigel Lamb	GBR	9
Top 12 @ 1008pm Sydney time	7	Peter Besenyei	HUN	5
Super 8 @ 1049pm Sydney time	8	Matthias Dolderer	GER	21
Final 4 @ 1123pm Sydney time	9	Michael Goulian	USA	99
	10	Sergey Rakhmanin	RUS	18
	11	Alejandro Maclean	ESP	36
	12	Yoshi Muroya	JPN	31
	13	Pete McLeod	CAN	84
	14	Adilson Kindlemann	BRA	7
	15	Martin Sonka	CZE	8

# HAPPY SNAPS

Check out our *Happy Snaps* section each edition for photos you might not see anywhere else (not if we can help it anyway!).



The schedule in the hangar is very meticulous and important to a successful day – as is this message that was on it from Day 1 in Abu Dhabi!



Father and son apply stickers to the aircraft



One of the many photo shoots a pilot is involved with in race week

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