



## Hall third in Windsor training with new attack strategy

WINDSOR, Canada – Matt Hall posted the third-fastest time in the first training session of the Red Bull Air Race in Windsor on Thursday after the Australian ace made a change in his strategy that paid off handsomely ahead of the weekend's race on the Detroit River straddling the U.S.-Canadian border.

Hall, sounding more eager than ever before to get his first career win after coming close with second place in Perth earlier this season, said he decided to attack the race track at high speed and with more aggressive flying on the first run in Windsor rather than stick to his previous strategy of starting slowly and then building up to quicker times in Qualifying and the race.

"It's a little bit of a philosophy change to how I normally do it, but that's what I'm here to do – to keep pushing my own boundaries," Hall said after posting a time on Thursday of 1:13.86, which was just 1.89 seconds behind the session's fastest pilot, Paul Bonhomme of Britain, and 1.17 behind Hannes Arch of Austria.

"I came to this race prepared to take more risks in training one, to see how fast I can go from the start. It's the first time I've ever done that. It wasn't a clean flight. It was definitely a messy flight. But I've got some decent times so now I can start looking for some really good times."

The former RAAF fighter pilot from Merewether NSW, who last year became the most successful rookie in race history with third place overall, is currently in fourth place in the championship on 22 points – nine points behind Bonhomme after three of eight races this year. After his Perth success, Hall is clearly determined to make the next move higher.

"I look at Perth and, in hindsight, I flew for me a near-perfect race," Hall said.

"But I also look back at it and see places where I could have knocked off 0.1 or 0.2 of a second here and there and I was only half a second off winning it.

"I'm pretty sure I can get in the top half of the field by flying conservatively but if I want to win the one point in Qualifying, if I want to win a race and if I want to win the championship, I have to learn what that limit is.

"So I've now had to break through my own boundaries and be prepared to make mistakes because, hey, I can actually go harder."

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