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Red Bull's Joel Nelson Learns Some Spanish

New York, NY (26 November 2002)—Joel Nelson, one of this year's four Red Bull F1 Driver Search winners, completed his first test with the John Village Automotive European F3000 team November 19 and 20 at Circuit de Catalunya, near Barcelona, Spain. Nelson, who just one year ago was racing karts in America, completed two days of running in wet and dry conditions.

Despite a few offs, Nelson outpaced his teammate, current European F3000 star and race winner Romain Dumas, in all but one session. Dumas tested a new, softer-compound Avon tire and set the quickest time on the first day of testing.

Nelson reported, "I would say the test was okay. I was on the pace in only 20 laps or so, but I made too many mistakes while getting to terms with the F3000. I was consistently quicker than my teammate, who is highly rated, so producing the lap times is not a problem. I just need more seat time to become more familiar with the car at the limit." Nelson worked with engineer Brian Ireland exclusively and made good developments with the car.

"Joel did an excellent job during the Barcelona test. He learned remarkably quickly both a new track and new car, and thereafter gave me precisely the information I needed to develop the setup. I was particularly impressed with his sensitivity to very small changes, which only drivers who are balancing the car on the limit can feel. I am sure that we can run at the front from the outset of next season, and am confident that we will be challenging for victories," Ireland said. Nelson will return to Spain with the team for more testing November 28 and 29, at Spain's Jerez circuit.

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