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Press Release

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Nelson Shatters Jerez Track Record

New York, NY (05 December 2002)—American Red Bull driver Joel Nelson set a new unofficial fastest lap while testing at Jerez, Spain on Friday November 29th. Driving for the John Village Automotive European F3000 team, Nelson lowered the pre-existing fastest lap for 1999 spec F3000 cars by lapping at 1:32.74. On only his first flying lap and using used tires, Nelson beat 2003 Renault Formula One driver Fernando Alonso's best-recorded lap by two tenths of a second before lowering the standard again.

"I was surprised to see that time to be honest. It was my first hot lap of the day and while it felt like a reasonable lap, it didn't feel exceptional", says Nelson.

Nelson and the team worked through two productive days of testing and development in wet and dry conditions.

"I had only woken up and gotten out of bed shortly before setting that quick time and it was only my first flying lap of the day, so that was a nice way to begin. But more importantly, we learned a lot about the car, especially on longer stints that I am sure will help us during the races next year", reported Nelson.

Nelson, one of four winners of the Red Bull F1 Driver Search was go karting in America this time last year.

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