

Media Release

A1 TEAM LEBANON READY TO LINE UP ON THE GRID FOR A1 GRAND PRIX OF NATIONS PORTUGAL

22 October 2005...A1 Team Lebanon was pleased to be back out on track in the dry today, following the bad weather which the teams experienced yesterday for the practice sessions. Final practice before qualifying was held in brightening conditions and the weather finally warmed up for afternoon qualifying. Basil Shaaban, driving for the team this weekend in Estoril, will line up on the grid in 23rd place for the Sprint race after the four segment qualifying format.

Shaaban comments, "All the practice sessions yesterday were wet, with only this morning's run in the dry, so most of my experience at Estoril has been in the rain on wet tyres. This lack of time in the dry resulted in us not having the optimum set up for the conditions this afternoon and I think this was reflected in my qualifying time. We'll be out there tomorrow looking to improve on this start position for the races tomorrow."

Trevor Carlin, Racing Director, A1 Team Lebanon, summed up the team's day, "Basil continues to learn his racecraft, but it doesn't happen quickly and he still has a lot to learn. Tomorrow is the important day, so we're now focusing our attentions there and we'll be hoping to see Basil move up the field during the races tomorrow."

A1 Team Lebanon will be back out on track tomorrow morning for a short morning warm up session, followed by a 30 minute Sprint race and one hour later, the main Feature race, which will be one hour duration.

A1 Grand Prix is a new, unique concept in international motor racing, with the 12 race series featuring 25 national teams competing on an equal basis, racing identical cars with no electronic driver aids, leading to performance being determined by human bravery, skill and excellence. The Series will travel across five continents through the winter months, with visits including Europe, Australasia, South Africa, North and South America.

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