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"Penalty Free Porto"

Nigel Lamb and his team touch down in Porto for the 5th round of the Red Bull Air Race World Championships with an improved MXS aircraft and a clear strategy to work their way back towards the top rankings.

The Breitling MXS has spent the last 2 weeks in the UK to cure the temperature problems which made the last race in Budapest one to forget. Pilot Nigel Lamb Comments;
"No more Budapest distractions. We have completed some cylinder work and got the engine running just how we like it. My main aim is for more enjoyment in the track… that should bring more consistency and less chance of those tiny errors that lead to a penalty. The trick is to manage this without getting too relaxed and losing tiny fractions all around the track. Now we have so many teams podium capable, there is a very small difference between good and simply not good enough."

If the crowd emulates last year over one million spectators will line the river valley of the Douro to watch 15 pilots fly 370km/h, 18 metres above the tidal waters, pulling up to 12g's in the high speed turning manoeuvres.

This year Qualifying takes place on Saturday 12th September at 14:30 local time followed by Race Day on Sunday 13 September starting at 14:00.

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