



Istanbul/ One race victory for Red Bull Extreme Sailing

Red Bull in form on Day 2 but Hagara hampered by fever

A victory in the fourth race of the day and a second place in the opening race on Thursday in Istanbul (TUR) helped the newcomer team Red Bull Extreme Sailing once again catch the attention of the world's sailing elite. The only setback on the day was that skipper and double Olympic gold medal winner Roman Hagara was weakened by illness.

ISTANBUL (TUR) - By taking places 2/5/5/1/11/8/8 in Thursday's races the team Hagara/Steinacher (both AUT) along with Will Howden (UK)/Craig Monk (NZL) was able to move up to 7th place in the interim standings. Team tactician Hans Peter Steinacher was nevertheless less than content: "What we're lacking is consistency," he said. "We can't afford to make any mistakes and have to sail all-out from the start to have a chance of beating the top syndicates. That didn't always work out as planned today."

The tight city course is full of perils. It is close to the heart of the Istanbul and in front of tens of thousands of fans. "The wind is especially treacherous and is constantly changing direction. The gorges between the buildings make it sometimes impossible to predict. We capsized last month in China. We want to avoid that here while at the same time upset some of the America's Cup syndicates," said bowman Craig Monk from New Zealand.

Sweden's Team Artemis Racing is holding the lead after two days of sailing ahead of Emirates Team New Zealand and Alinghi (SUI). Red Bull Extreme Sailing is now in 7th place in the 11-boat competition. "We're only 19 points away from a spot on the podium - and we've still got three days of racing so everything is still possible," said skipper Roman Hagara with a fighting spirit even though he was waylaid by illness. "I've had a fever and caught a nasty cold. But we've just got to grit our teeth and get on with the job."

Since Wednesday there have been up to 7 races each day in Istanbul. The grand finale is set for



Sunday.

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