Haas not ruling out getting points

BY IAN RANSOM REUTERS

MELBOURNE — New Formula One team Haas is not ruling out clinching points in its debut at

Sunday's Australian Grand RACING

Prix so long as the "stars align," according to team principal Guenther Steiner.

The first U.S. owned team in the sport since 1986, Haas brings a car built in Italy by chassis maker Dallara with Ferrari engines and technical support.

The well-funded outfit also boasts experienced drivers in Frenchman Romain Grosjean and former Ferrari reserve Esteban Gutierrez, who was previously behind the wheel at Sauber.

right place, it will be realistic but they need to be all lined up," Italian-born American Steiner told reporters at the paddock at

"After the test, because the second week we wanted to do — I wouldn't say scared that we hit the right set-up.

"I think the car is the right platform but now we have to find the right set-up.



possible. Guenther said the team had been working day and night for the past three months to build camarade-

confidence then I think it's

when he says 'the car is doing this, I like this', we know that more set-up work and we he can be a reference point haven't done it, I'm a little bit from last year's Lotus which wasn't a bad machine," he but a little bit conservative said of Grosjean's previous team, now reborn as Renault.

"There's not one thing or one point of data that he brings to the car, it's just a feeling which he brings to the car



Grosiean

"If you have got new drivers who come into Formula One they tell you what I want to hear because they don't know any better. The best (for them) is to make the boss













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