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## Sebring 2006

**Steven Hickham Jr.** qualifies 11<sup>th</sup> and races to 3<sup>rd</sup> in his first professional race before dropping back to a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish in his #71 **HB Turbo** sponsored Mazda.

After competing in only 13 races in the Southwest Formula Mazda Championship, Steven moved up to the Pro Formula Mazda for his second season of racing. When asked how he went from 11<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in the first lap Steven said "My plan was to hug the inside wall and hopefully the big crash would drift out –wow it did."

Steven raced a good consistent race, even racing 3<sup>rd</sup> for a short time. "This was one of the best learning races I've ever had." I ran with the big boys, he said.

**Russell Walker** used some quick lap times to qualify a strong 5<sup>th</sup> place but was moved to the back of the field after having to change tires because of a last lap qualifying incident.

Star Mazda rules state that you must race on the same tires you qualify on.

"Knowing the session was almost over I went for a quicker time and missed my turn in for the ultra fast turn one and into the tire wall I went," he said.

The crew, Josh Hough and Johnny Hayter did a great job getting the #28 **Pavecon** car repaired for the race. Russell moved up the order to finish 21<sup>st</sup> in his first Star Mazda race.

The team and drivers are already looking forward to the next series race at The Houston Grand Prix in May.

