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### **Tom Sutherland joins Northwest Autosport**

Northwest Autosport announced last week they have signed 17 year old Tom Sutherland to a multi-race contract for the 2006 Star Mazda Championship Series. Sutherland a 17 year old junior at Los Gatos High School, competed in the 2004 and 2005 Formula BMW Series. In the 2004 season, he had 14 starts and 14 finishes, was 5th in the Rookie Cup points, and at age 15 set a new record for the youngest driver to compete at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. In 2005, he had 14 starts and 14 finishes, finishing 4th at Indianapolis and placing 9th in Championship points with nine Top Ten finishes.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> and round 5 of the Star Mazda Championship Series from Montreal, Quebec, Canada is where Sutherland will be added to the Northwest Autosport driver line up along side Phil Fogg Jr. and teammate Ryan Justice. Tom's experience here over the last 2 years will certainly help this series rookie as the team arrives at Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve, a course who few in the series have only seen once and many not at all. His pair of 7<sup>th</sup> place finishes last year in rounds 5 and 6 of the Formula BMW series shows his consistency at the high speed Canadian circuit.

Northwest Autosport is very excited about round 5 of the 2006 Star Mazda Championship as they enter into the largest event they will see all year. With a new attendance record of 336,000 spectators over 3 days being set in 2005, there is no better place for this team to show their speed and experience. Listed below is the Northwest Autosport / Grand Prix of Canada driver line up:

Tom Sutherland - #40 ClickAway Computers & Networking Pro Formula Mazda  
Phil Fogg Jr. - #29 Consonus Health Services Pro Formula Mazda  
Ryan Justice - #38 Northwest Autosport Pro Formula Mazda

Follow the team here at these websites. [www.starmazda.com](http://www.starmazda.com) [www.northwestautosport.com](http://www.northwestautosport.com)  
[www.sutherlandracing.com](http://www.sutherlandracing.com)

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