## Mike Potekhen to compete in final four Indy Pro Races this season

After a great showing at the Indy Pro race in July Mike was asked to run the final four races of the Indy Pro Series. "I am so fortunate to have this opportunity, last year at this point I was working for a couple of different driving schools and as a driver coach for some of the other competitors in the Pro Mazda series" Mike will compete in the final four races for the Part Sourcing International and sponsored by three sixty brakes, a new team to the series this season. Mike hopes that racing in the series this season will open some doors to the Indy Car Series for next season.

Many feel that the Indy Pro Series is the place to be if you want to race at Indy. Mike will not be the first driver to come out of the Mazda series and like many of his predecessors hopes to find the same success that Marco Andretti and Rafael Matos have seen in the series. Mike will have a very busy few weeks ahead with a strain of five race weekends starting this week in Chicago where Mike will complete his rookie test on Thursday, then off to Three Rivers that evening for round seven of the Pro Mazda Series.

Mike has competed on and off in the Star Mazda series since he was 17 years old including working at the factory in Van Nuys for a summer. "I really think that the Mazda series is the place to be if you are a young driver trying to make name for yourself. The series is affordable and has opened many doors for so many young drivers. Many people are under the belief that spending too many years in one series is a detriment to your career. I feel that as long as you are competitive it does not matter what you are racing. I owe a lot of credit to the Rodriguez family for providing a place where young racers such as myself can prove to the racing community that we are the real deal. I look forward to racing in the Indy Pro Series for the rest of the season and I hope to show well for the series that I owe so much to. I also want to thank so many other people that have helped me get this far I hope to make everyone proud."

Mike will race the IPS car in Kentucky on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August where he hopes to come away with his second win of the year on an oval, the series will then move to Infinion raceway in Sonoma where Mike has seen great success over the years. The final race of the year will be in Chicago where Mike will test this week.