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## John Pew steps down and will race Ricky Taylor at Road Atlanta

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North Palm Beach, FL- 2005 Star Mazda Masters Series Champion, John Pew will not be able to defend his championship this season due to a recurring shoulder injury that has hampered his racing for the last two events. At Road America, Pew arrived with an aggravated shoulder injury that has bothered him since mid-season. At Road America, the effects were clearly evident in his performance. Then, at the latest round at Mosport, Pew who was unable to drive in all but one of the practice sessions and none of the qualifying sessions still competed in the rain event.

Now that Pew has decided to step out of the car for the remainder of the season, he will enter into a physical rehabilitation program so that he will be fit for the 2007 racing season. "My shoulder is now to the point where I need to take a break for some physical therapy," stated Pew. "I need to think about my long term racing plans for next year." This was a tough decision for Pew as Road Atlanta is one of his favorite tracks on the Star-Mazda calendar.

For the Petit Le Mans race weekend, John has decided to put Ricky Taylor in the #15 Velocity Motorsports Star-Mazda. Ricky is son of Sports Car veteran Wayne Taylor who won the premier Petit Le Mans in 1998 in a Ferrari 333SP with co-drivers Eric van de Poele and Emmanuel Collard. Wayne Taylor just completed the 2006 Rolex Sports Car season with his Sun Trust Racing Team, he earned the series championship alongside hi co-driver Max Angelelli in 2005. Pew got a chance to race this year in the Rolex Sports Car Series against Wayne Taylor at the Miami-Homestead event. "I have known Ricky for several years through karting and his participation in the Skip Barber Race Series. He is a talented young man and I am very glad to be able to give him this opportunity," said Pew. "I would like to thank NVG Residential, Inc. and the Velocity Motorsports team for all of their support this season." For more information on John's 2007 racing plans, visit [www.johnpewracing.com](http://www.johnpewracing.com).

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