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**Phenom Racing Group Signs Herrington for Final Two Races of Season**

Monday, September 18, 2006. Benicia, California. Phenom Racing Group team owner Michael Guasch announced today that the team has signed Daniel Herrington for the final two races of the 2006 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. Herrington, who led the early stages of the championship with one victory and three podium finishes before being forced to the sidelines for financial reasons, will make his debut with the team at Road Atlanta for the Petit Le Mans weekend.

Herrington will pilot the #92 Phenom Racing Group Mazda sponsored by Molecule Labs, which has recently introduced a breakthrough technology to treat and clean nomex suits worn by the world's racing drivers.

"As a team owner and competitor in the Star Mazda Championship I am pleased to be able to bring Daniel back to the series for the final two races of the season," Guasch explained. "Daniel has shown that he is championship caliber driver and if he hadn't been caught up in two unfortunate accidents he would still be at the front of the field. Everyone in the organization is excited to have him on our team as we feel this will give us the opportunity to showcase our technical skill and speed."

After running Masters Championship competitors John Faulkner and Guasch, as well as Expert Series driver Mark Pavan for selected events during the team's maiden season, Guasch and Team Manager Pete Mercier were looking to provide an opportunity for an up and coming driver, and were directed towards Herrington by driver coach Ross Bentley. "We were wrapping up a test last week at Buttonwillow Raceway Park and mentioning our thoughts with Ross when he mentioned that Daniel would fit perfectly into our plans. We spoke with Daniel on the phone and things progressed quickly from that point," Guasch explained.

Herrington, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is thrilled at the chance to climb back behind the wheel this season. "I have to thank Mike Guasch and everyone at Molecule and Phenom Racing Group as well as Ross Bentley for providing me with this opportunity," Herrington said. "Ross has told me good things about the team and their engineer has a solid track record at both Road Atlanta and Mazda Raceway so I look forward to showing what this team can do. With the deal coming so close to the event we won't have time for a test ahead of the Road Atlanta race weekend, but I am confident that we will be able to put on a solid effort."

The team is making final preparations for the upcoming races and Herrington's signing has intensified their efforts. "The intensity level has been raised with Daniel joining the team," Mercier revealed. "He has shown that he is a race winning driver and with that there is pressure to get him to the front of the field. We feel that our cars have been fast all season, with John Faulkner in the thick of the Masters Championship battle, having Daniel join our effort will make us even better as his feedback can help everyone get faster in the final championship push."

All the elements will come together for the first time on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, when unofficial practice begins for Round Eleven of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear.

**About Phenom Racing Group**

Founded by Star Mazda Championship competitor Michael Guasch and veteran Formula Atlantic, American LeMans Series and Star Mazda engineer Pete Mercier, Phenom Racing Group is headquartered in Benicia, California and will compete in the 2006 Russell Racing Pro Formula

Mazda Championship as well as the nationally televised Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. More information about the team can be found on their website at [www.phenomracinggroup.com](http://www.phenomracinggroup.com).

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