

## **Northwest Autosport and Sam Schmidt Motorsports to offer Indy Pro Series Test**

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The Northwest Autosport Inc. Mazda Pro Series team announced today that it would be offering a helping hand up the motorsports ladder to their championship drivers in 2007, a test in an Indy Pro Series car. The Highest finishing Northwest Autosport driver will have a chance to get behind the wheel of a Sam Schmidt Motorsports Indy Pro Series car following the 2007 Mazda Series season. Sam Schmidt Motorsports leads the Indy Pro Series with the most wins and pole positions in series history. They are also coming off a championship winning season, their second championship in just three years. "We are extremely excited to make this test available to Northwest Autosport and their highest finishing driver," commented Schmidt, "The Mazda Series is an obvious feeder series that is ripe with future talent, so it is a natural fit to have this test."

Northwest Autosport is coming off their sophomore season as a Mazda Pro Series team, finishing third in both the driver and team championships. "This test really helps to solidify our team and the Mazda series as logical steps in the ladder to being a professional driver in open wheel racing," commented Mike Hernandez, Northwest Autosport team manager. "Northwest Autosport is a championship contending team and now we can offer a little something more to our drivers beyond the series prize package."

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