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Andersen Racing's Goring Qualifies Sixth; Baker and Saville 12th and 13th

ELKHART LAKE, Wis., Aug. 10 — Jonathan Goring qualified sixth on Friday at Road America for Saturday's Star Mazda race presented by Goodyear. His two Andersen Racing teammates who are also entered in this race, Jonny Baker and Phil Saville, qualified 12th and 13th, respectively, in a tight 27-car field.

Goring's time was just 0.399 off the pole. The top 11 drivers were within a second of the pole. Baker was just 1.043 off the fastest time, and Saville's fastest lap took just 0.404 longer than Baker's fastest lap.

The fastest lap for Goring, of Norfolk, Conn., was his sixth circuit of the 4.048-mile, 14-turn road course, when he was timed in 2:07.069. That works out to an average speed of 114.684 for Goring, who drives the No. 14 advertising the Skip Barber Racing School, Alfas Unlimited and NPA Graphics.

Baker's fastest lap in the Andersen Racing No. 6 was his second one when he did a 2:07.713 (114.106 mph). He hails from Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, England.

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Saville, of Oak Brook, Ill., drives the No. 22 sponsored by New York Jewelers of Chicago; NVG Residential; Mac Marketing & Advertising Corp. and Chicago Indoor Racing. His fastest lap in qualifying was his sixth lap, done in 2:08.117 (113.746 mph).

Tomorrow's 45-minute race is slated to get the green flag at 11:40 a.m. It will be broadcast on SPEED at 3 p.m. Eastern time on Aug. 18. It supports an ALMS and Champ Car weekend.

After Road America the circuit moves to Trois-Rivieres, Quebec for a race on Aug. 18-19 and Mosport International Raceway in Bowmanville, Ontario on Aug. 24-25. No Star Mazda races are scheduled for September. There are two races on the schedule for October: Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga., on Oct. 4-5 and the season finale at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif., on Oct. 19-20.

Andersen Racing is committed to offering a program that gives up-and-coming drivers the proper training to reach open-wheel racing's major leagues. It fields multiple cars in the F2000 Championship Series, the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear and the Indy Pro Series. It is the official development team of Rahal Letterman Racing for the latter series. More information on the team is available on its Web site at andersenracingteam.com. The Star Mazda Web site is at starmazda.com.

Post-qualifying quotes follow:

Jonathan Goring: "I feel the session was good. I ran a 7 flat. I felt I could push myself more mentally, but I made a mistake on the last lap in Turn 8. I dropped two wheels off the track, so I aborted that lap. The others gained on that lap, and it pushed me back to sixth. But I feel I have a good car and I can get it done in the race."

Jonny Baker: "We were sixth for awhile and getting quicker and quicker. Then with three laps to go, I downshifted in Canada Corner and I heard a hissing noise, so I pulled into the pits. It might be the flywheel. It's a shame, because that compromised that session. I'm sure the Andersen Racing crew will get it fixed and we'll have a good car for the race."

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Phil Saville: "That wasn't my best qualifying session, but tomorrow is another day, and we'll be ready."

The weekend stats so far:

Test Session 1 (Thursday, rain):

1. Steve Welk, 2:11.109, 111.150 mph
2. Jonny Baker, 2:12.454, 110.022 mph
3. Jonathan Goring, 2:26.592, 99.411 mph
5. Phil Saville, 2:30.822, 96.623 mph

Test Session 2 (Thursday):

1. Dane Cameron, 2:10.315
4. Jonathan Goring, 2:10.561
6. Phil Saville, 2:11.363
7. Jonny Baker, 2:11.875

Test Session 3 (Thursday):

1. Nick Haye, 2:06.613, 115.097 mph
6. Jonathan Goring, 2:07.780, 114.046 mph
10. Phil Saville, 2:08.448, 113.453 mph
13. Jonny Baker, 2:08.896, 113.059 mph

Qualifying (Friday, dry):

1. Marco DiLeo, 2:06.670, 115.045 mph
6. Jonathan Goring, 2:07.069, 114.684 mph
12. Jonny Baker, 2:07.713, 114.106 mph
13. Phil Saville, 2:08.117, 113.746 mph