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## **Andersen Racing's Goring Finishes Fourth in Star Mazda Race At Road Atlanta Friday**

BRASELTON, Ga., Oct. 5 — Andersen Racing's Jonathan Goring rebounded from a crash in qualifying to start 10th and finish fourth in the Star Mazda race presented by Goodyear Friday at Road Atlanta.

The 17-year-old from Norfolk, Conn., avoided a six-car crash at the start in Turn 1 to advance to seventh by the end of his first lap of the 2.54-mile, 12-turn road course. Unfortunately his two teammates in the 26-lap race, Jonny Baker of Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, England and Montreal's Yannick Hofman, who drives the Jig-A-Loo No. 00, were caught up in the melee through no fault of their own and didn't complete a single lap.

The beginning of the race was held under a steady rain, but the track was dry at the end. All the cars sported dry Goodyear tires, and all the drivers were challenged by the changing track conditions.

Goring's No. 14, which advertises the Skip Barber Racing School, Alfas Unlimited, NPA Graphics and Performance Drink, stayed in seventh place for the first six laps. He got sixth place on lap seven when he passed Dane Cameron, who went on to seal up the series championship. He moved into fifth on lap 10, and ran for many laps with the eventual second-place finisher, Devin Cunningham, in front of him and Nick Hays behind him.

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James Davison, who led from the start, dropped back behind Goring on a restart on lap 22, which pushed Goring to fourth. Russell Walker flipped on the next lap and the race ended under yellow with 26 laps complete. Luckily no one was hurt in any of the crashes.

Lorenzo Mandarino went on to win over Cunningham, Alex Ardoin, Goring and Davison.

"I just drove a clean race," Goring said afterwards. "The track was way off because of the rain. I just let people make mistakes in front of me. Considering the crash yesterday, it was a good race and a good result.

"I want to congratulate Dane Cameron for winning the championship," he added. "We had a nice battle for awhile. I got by him, and the gap stayed about the same. My car developed an understeer, but I made an adjustment to help that. For awhile I had the fastest race lap, too."

How did Goring avoid that first-lap crash, which was caused when one competitor spun in front of the rest of the field?

"I focused on not looking at him," he said with a smile. "I was happy that I avoided that."

The race will be broadcast at noon Eastern Oct. 13 on SPEED. The team's Web site is at [andersenracingteam.com](http://andersenracingteam.com), while the series' Web site is at [starmazda.com](http://starmazda.com).

After this event the season finale will be held Oct. 19-20 at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif. The season finale will air on SPEED at 3:30 p.m. Eastern time Oct. 27.