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Andersen Racing Signs Hofman For 2008 Star Mazda Campaign

PALMETTO, Fla., Jan. 21 — Last year Yannick Hofman tested the waters in the Star Mazda Championship Series presented by Goodyear by entering two races in preparation for a run at the series' 2008 Rookie of the Year award. He had immediate success, recording a top-five finish in Andersen Racing's Jig-A-Loo No. 00 at Trois-Rivieres in his native Quebec. Today the 19-year-old from Montreal and the team that brought him those results, Andersen Racing, announced they'll combine forces again in 2008 for a full season of Star Mazda competition.

Hofman will join Juliana Gonzalez under the Andersen Racing tent in the Star Mazda paddock, along with at least one other driver whose name will be announced soon.

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The Palmetto, Fla.-based team is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp. Additional sponsors for Hofman for 2008 will be announced soon.

Hofman comes to Star Mazda from the Formula BMW USA Series, where he finished seventh last year. He was the sportsman division champion of the Skip Barber Southern Region in 2005 with four victories. One of those victories occurred at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Fla., site of the 2008 Star Mazda season opener on March 14.

"We are pleased to announce that Yannick Hofman is joining us for the 2008 Star Mazda season," said team co-owner Dan Andersen. "Based upon his fine performances in the two events he did with us in 2007, we expect podiums and victories from this very talented young man."

"I was impressed with the team at Andersen Racing, and how professional everyone is in the crew," said Hofman. "The Star Mazda single-seater is fun to drive—considering the extra power I had, but taming the car and the tires was much easier with the help of my engineer and the mechanics. No wonder they have always put their cars at the top of the charts. I'm really excited and happy to be with them for a full season."

Andersen Racing is the official development team of Rahal Letterman Racing, which competes in both the IndyCar Series and the American Le Mans Series.

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About Andersen Racing:

Andersen Racing strives to provide the best and most comprehensive training possible for future open-wheel superstars while giving its marketing partners media exposure and hospitality opportunities at some of the most prestigious events in North America. It provides a unique, three-step program utilizing multiple entries in three different series: the F2000 Championship (webcast), Star Mazda (televised on SPEED) and the Indy Pro Series (televised on ESPN2). In 2008 it will field multiple entries in 42 races in 19 states and provinces at some of the best facilities on the continent, including the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Andersen Racing's principals, brother Dan and John Andersen, have extensive experience in series administration as well as team management. They've worked with many of today's top open-wheel stars, including several Indy 500 winners.

Andersen Racing is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp. It is the official development team of Rahal Letterman Racing, which competes in the IndyCar Series and the American Le Mans Series. In addition, its F2000 team is also the official factory team of Van Diemen. The team is headquartered at Andersen RacePark, an 18-acre facility in Palmetto, Fla. that includes a 1-mile test track. For more information see andersenracingteam.com and andersenracepark.com.