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Gladdis and Andersen Racing Quickly Agree To Work Together for 2008 Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear

PALMETTO, Fla., Feb. 4 — Race car drivers have to have fast reaction times both on the track and when opportunity knocks during their careers.

Team owners like Dan and John Andersen of Andersen Racing have to be equally fast when presented with a rookie driver who performs like a veteran. Tom Gladdis did just that when the Palmetto, Fla.-based team tested him last week at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Fla., and today Andersen Racing announced it has signed the 16-year-old British driver for a full season in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear.

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Gladdis was born in the Isle of Wight, England, and resides in Gibraltar, a British territory. He's sponsored by Marrache & Co., the international law firm of Gibraltar that has offices in London, Spain, Lisbon, Prague and Luxemburg.

Both Gladdis and Marrache will fit right in with the Star Mazda series, which is sanctioned by IMSA and often serves as a support event for IMSA's American Le Mans Series with its tagline of world-class manufacturers, teams and drivers.

Gladdis only has one year of racing under his belt, finishing sixth in the rookie standings in the tough Formula BMW UK series last year. He sat in a Star Mazda car for the first time over the Christmas holiday, but he was very fast at the Sebring test.

Gladdis said he had planned to race in Asia this year, but he and Andersen Racing just clicked at the test.

"I loved working with everyone on the team," he said. "Everyone at Andersen Racing made me feel welcome. They all worked very hard and put as much effort in as they could. That's the main reason I signed with the team. The car they prepare is very good and fast."

Dan Andersen originally planned to run three drivers in the Star Mazda series this year. Juliana Gonzalez and Yannick Hofman are already on board and the signing of two more drivers is imminent, but he still agreed to add Gladdis to his stable.

"He is a very fine driver, and the whole team wants him," Andersen said. "We think he can win races, and possibly the championship."

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The relationship developed very quickly. "I read about Star Mazda at the back of an AutoSport magazine in England, and I knew we were coming to America over Christmas," Gladdis disclosed. "I said to my dad that I would really like to drive one of those cars, and that's when he got me a test. Things developed from there, we found Andersen Racing, and now I'm really anxious to get the season started in America."

The season opener is March 14 at Sebring, right before the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring ALMS race the following day.

Andersen Racing is the official development team of Rahal Letterman Racing, which competes in both IndyCar and the ALMS. The team is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp.

In addition to Star Mazda, Andersen Racing fields multiple entries in the F2000 Championship presented by Hoosier Racing Tire and the Indy Pro Series, the official development series of IndyCar. The team strives to provide the best training possible for future open-wheel superstars.

For more information on Andersen Racing see andersenracingteam.com and andersenracepark.com. For more information on the Star Mazda series see starmazda.com.

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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.