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Andersen Racing Signs Hall For Full Season of Star Mazda Competition

PALMETTO, Fla., April 4 — A second-place finish has given Charles Hall a second chance.

Through no fault of his own, the racing career of the driver from Sheffield, England, suffered a major setback in 2005 when he was seriously injured in a traffic accident caused by a drunk driver.

Now fully recovered, Hall drove an Andersen Racing entry in the 2008 Star Mazda season opener March 14 at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Fla., where he qualified second and finished second.

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Impressed with Hall's performance in his first Star Mazda race and how he interacted with the team members, today the Palmetto, Fla.-based team announced that it has also signed Hall to contest the remaining 11 Star Mazda races this year.

Team co-owner Dan Andersen said Hall will replace Yannick Hofman on the multi-series/multi-car team due to contractual issues with Hofman following the Star Mazda season opener.

"We gave Charles an opportunity at Sebring to do a 'one-off' and show us his skills, and he demonstrated both talent and a strong commitment to professionalism that left us no choice but to add him to our Star Mazda roster for 2008," Andersen said. "I have been impressed with Charles both as a driver and as a person, and I am delighted we could make this work for him."

The team is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp. Hall is also supported by Pardoes Solicitors.

Hall will join three other Andersen Racing drivers — Peter Dempsey, Tom Gladdis and Juliana Gonzalez — at the next Star Mazda race, which is scheduled to be held at Miller Motorsports Park in Tooele, Utah on May 17. All four are rookies in the series, which is presented by Goodyear.

The complete schedule and other information are posted on the series' Web site at starmazda.com. The team's Web site is at andersenracingteam.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 Firestone Indy Lights (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.