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Kowalska Signs with Andersen Racing For Three Star Mazda Races in August

PALMETTO, Fla., Aug. 2 — Andersen Racing will enter a car for Poland's Natalia Kowalska in the next three races of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, team co-owner Dan Andersen said today.

The events will be held Aug. 9 at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis.; Aug. 17 in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, and Aug. 23 at Mosport International Raceway in Bowmanville, Ontario.

Kowalska competed in three other Star Mazda races this year with another team. Her best finish to date is a 12th-place finish at Watkins Glen, N.Y. She is not competing for the overall championship this year.

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"We're delighted to add Natalia to our strong roster of drivers," said Andersen. "Based on her background and what she has shown, we believe we can help her achieve great results this season."

Kowalska's addition brings the team back to a four-car effort in the Star Mazda series. Its other female driver, Juliana Gonzalez, departed due to financial difficulties. A fifth driver, Finland's Valle Makela, also plans to compete in three Star Mazda races later this year with the Palmetto, Fla.-based team.

Half of the top-six positions in the current point standings are held by Andersen Racing drivers. Charles Hall is second, just five points out of the lead. Tom Gladdis, who won one of the events last weekend in Portland, is fifth and Peter Dempsey is sixth. All are rookies in the series.

Kowalska, 18, competed in selected rounds of the Formula Renault 2.0 Northern European Cup and Formula Renault 2.0 EuroCup last year. She excelled in karting, earning the Polish Karting Championship in both the ICA 100 and ICA 100 National categories in 2005. A resident of Biesiekierz, West Pomeranian Voivodeship, Poland, she is sponsored by Natan Developers. More details on her racing accomplishments can be found on her Web site at kowalskanatalia.pl.

Andersen Racing offers a unique, three-step program in its efforts to provide the best training an up-and-coming formula car driver can receive anywhere. Its F2000 Championship Series team is competing at Road America this weekend, while its Firestone Indy Lights team will be in action at Kentucky Speedway next Friday and Saturday. The team, which is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp., is the official development team of IndyCar's Rahal Letterman Racing.

For more information, see the team's Web sites at andersenracingteam.com and andersenracepark.com. The Star Mazda series' Web site at 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 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. 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.