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Andersen Racing to Field 11 Cars In Five Races This Weekend; Kent Joins Team's Star Mazda Squad

PALMETTO, Fla., Aug. 20 — This weekend Andersen Racing will field 11 race cars in five races staged by three different series competing in two different countries.

It's all part of the Palmetto, Fla.-based team's state-of-the-art program to provide the best training possible for aspiring open-wheel race car drivers.

It will field two cars in the Firestone Indy Lights doubleheader at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif. It has also entered five cars in Round 8 of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear at Mosport International Raceway in Bowmanville, Ontario, as well as four cars in the doubleheader for the F2000 Championship Series presented by Hoosier Racing Tire also being staged at Mosport.

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Despite the heavy workload, Andersen Racing's performance is consistently superlative. It currently leads both the Star Mazda and F2000 point standings, and one of its Firestone Indy Lights drivers is still in contention for that championship too.

The team's 11 drivers hail from six different countries or territories: the United States, England, Ireland, Gibraltar, Poland and Norway.

Its Firestone Indy Lights drivers that will be racing at Infineon are both Americans and rookies. J.R. Hildebrand, who is currently sixth in the point standings with one victory, will be competing at his home track because he's from Sausalito, Calif. His teammate, Daniel Herrington, who began his senior year as an engineering student at North Carolina State University last week, is from Winston-Salem, N.C. They'll compete in a twin 30-lappers at Infineon on Saturday at 11:45 a.m. and Sunday at 11:30 a.m. local time. The doubleheader will be shown on ESPN2 at 5 p.m. Eastern Aug. 28. Andersen Racing is the official development team of IndyCar's Rahal Letterman Racing, and the Firestone Indy Lights Series is the official development series of the IndyCar Series.

Andersen Racing's Star Mazda contingent will welcome a new driver this weekend, as 19-year-old Richard Kent of Olney, England will make his first start with the team at Mosport. Kent, who is from the same area near Milton Keynes that produced IndyCar's Dan Wheldon, has been honing his skills in the tough Formula Palmer Audi series in England after a successful karting career. More information on Kent can be found on his Web site at richardkent.eu.

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Andersen Racing's other Star Mazda drivers competing at Mosport are Charles Hall of Sheffield, England, the series' current point leader; Peter Dempsey of Ashbourne, County Meath, Ireland, who won its last two races; Tom Gladdis of the British territory of Gibraltar, who like Hall has one victory; and another promising rookie, Natalia Kowalska of Biesiekierz, West Pomeranian Voivodeship, Poland. Their race at Mosport, which will be televised at 11 a.m. Eastern time on SPEED on Sunday, Sept. 7, will get the green flag at 3:50 p.m. Eastern time Saturday.

Andersen Racing's Anders Krohn of Sandnes, Norway has a big lead in the F2000 Championship Series point standings, as he's won five of the 10 races already run this year. Two of the team's other F2000 drivers, Jonny Baker of Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, England and Doug Prendeville of Whippany, N.J., have also posted victories this year. Its fourth F2000 driver, Scott Willard of Weston, Conn., is always a contender in the series' masters class. Their 30-minute races at Mosport are slated to start at 5:45 p.m. Eastern on Saturday and 12:05 p.m. Eastern on Sunday. Andersen Racing is Van Diemen's factory team in the F2000 series.

The entire team is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp. More information can be found on the team's Web sites at andersenracingteam.com and andersenracepark.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.