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GOSHEN COMPLETES CANADA RACES WITH 7th PLACE FINISH AT MOSPORT INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

After the misfortune suffered at Road America, Billy Goshen was looking forward to the Grand Prix at Trois Rivieres, Canada (GP3R). Being the only street course and with only two practices scheduled for Friday, August 15, there would be a premium on having prior experience here and on street courses.

By Friday's second session, Goshen was able to record the seventh fastest lap at 1:03.962, which gave the team a lot of confidence going into Saturday morning's qualifying. The Star Mazda series was scheduled for qualifying at 10:00 on the 1.521 mile course with a huge crowd already on hand for the two days of racing. Billy was able to get up to speed quickly and recorded a lap of 1:03.220, more than .7 seconds faster than his fast lap on Friday afternoon. Immediately thereafter, he had to come in for some equipment repairs, while faster laps were being set. Unfortunately, when he went back out to improve his time he was unable to get a clean lap and had to settle for 11th on the grid for the afternoon race.

In spite of the very tight and short course, Billy Goshen was confident he could move up during the race, which started at 11:15 A.M. With the cars lined up on the grid, there was 10 minutes of pre-race festivities with the United States and Canada national anthems being sung. The race started on schedule and all of the cars were able to get through Turn 1 without incident. By lap3, Goshen was in 10th place. On lap 5, Billy was making a pass on Turn 9 when the #16 car turned down on him putting Goshen into the wall, ending his day very early.

After the race, Billy said "this is very disappointing especially after the misfortune at Road America. This really hurts me for the Points Championship, but also I wanted to put on a good show for the great fans here in Trois Rivieres. I have to give a special thanks to PMA Insurance for their hospitality and inviting the team to see the race from their suite. I am definitely looking forward to coming back next year and putting on a much better performance for them."

The Goshen Motorsports Team left Trois Rivieres Monday morning heading for Mosport International Raceway in Bowmanville, Canada hoping for better results compared to the two previous races. The American LeMans Series was the featured event for the Grand Prix of Mosport, so a huge crowd was expected for the four days of practice and racing. By Thursday morning, fans were already arriving with their motor homes, campers and tents looking to set up at their favorite location around the track.

The first practice for the Star Mazda series started at 9:20 A.M. with Billy Goshen showing a little attitude after being taken out at Trois Rivieres. On lap 12, Goshen laid down the third fastest time for the session at 1:16.535, only exceeded by Charles Hall and Joel Miller on lap 17. In the afternoon practice, Billy continued to be fast recording the 7th fastest time, at 1:17.406, despite being on old tires.

On the final practice Friday afternoon, Goshen recorded the second fastest time, at 1:16.577, giving the team encouragement for Saturday morning's qualifying. Regrettably, he could not better Friday's time and had to settle for the 8th spot on the grid with a time of 1:16.735.

The eighth race in the Star Mazda series started at 4:00 P.M. with the entire 2.459 mile course lined on both sides with spectators. It was a clean start with all 22 cars making it through the 1st turn. Within the first few laps, Billy was able to move into 7th place before a full course caution slowed the field for a good 5 minutes, while the track was cleared. When the race went back to green, Goshen made several attempts to pass the car in front, but was unable to get the job done before a broken oil line on one of the slower cars created another full course yellow. With 25 minutes left in the race, Billy was confident he would get the chance to move up, but the safety crew was unable to get the track cleaned and the race ended under the caution.

After the race, Goshen said "the two cars in front of me were a lot slower, so I might have been able to move up to at least 5th. Having only five or six laps under green for the entire race was very disappointing. Also, it must have been disappointing for the spectators, who wanted to see a good race. The Canadians are great race fans and I am looking forward to coming back to Trois Rivieres and Mosport next year."