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**JUNCOS RACING SET TO CONTEST 2009 STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Team to debut with three-car effort at Sebring International Raceway

FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA (November 18, 2008) - When the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear returns to action in 2009 a new team will be in the paddock at Sebring International Raceway. Set to make its foray into American open-wheel action is Juncos Racing, a three-car effort based out of Fort Pierce, Florida. At the wheel of a trio of Star Mazda race cars will be rookies Michael Furfari and Sean Burstyn, with Walt Bowlin contesting the Masters Class Championship. It is an ambitious project and while it seems a debut in open-wheel racing for Juncos, in reality it will be anything but.

Established in 1997 by team founder and owner Ricardo Juncos, the outfit was based in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where it opened doors as full-service Formula Racing Team Juncos Competicion. Over a five-year span, the team contested various National Championships including the Formula Renault 1600 Championship, Formula Renault 2000 Championship, and finally the National Sport Prototype Championship of Argentina. A move to North America followed, and in 2003 Juncos Racing opened its doors in Miami, Florida, and began its second successful five-year phase. This time the focus was a National karting program and the team was incredibly successful as it captured a combined nineteen local, regional, and National karting Championships throughout North America, culminating in 2007. Last season Juncos Racing dedicated its time to training drivers and crew for its latest phase, and when the new year dawns all will be prepared for the much anticipated next step into the vast world of open-wheel Formula Car racing and the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear.

All three drivers have tested at the state-of-the-art Juncos Racing base in Fort Pierce, and 15-year-old Michael Furfari of Ontario, Canada, is a driver who has pedalled each of the team packages from karts to cars. After contesting a full season with Juncos Racing in the World Karting Association, Furfari advanced through Juncos programs until he reached Star Mazda cars, testing extensively in preparation for Sebring and the season ahead. Juncos Racing is one of very few teams in North America able to offer such a development ladder, and 17-year-old Sean Burstyn of Miami, Florida, and Masters racer Walt Bowlin of Tarpon Springs, Florida, are graduates of Juncos Racing

Schools as well. The trio and team are each well prepared for what the season ahead will bring, and additional seats are available for interested drivers.

**Fast Facts:**

Juncos Racing is based at 7465 Commercial Circle in Fort Pierce, Florida. The team offers three, two, and one-day sessions in karts, Formula Renault 1600, Formula Renault 2000, and Star Mazda race cars. Private and Group sessions are also available with a focus on providing drivers with a foundation upon which they can build a career in motorsports. As it begins competition in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, Juncos Racing will maintain its karting program as well, assisting the development of formula car drivers of tomorrow.

For additional information on driving opportunities and racing school schedules, please visit [www.juncosracing.com](http://www.juncosracing.com) or contact Ricardo Juncos at (786)488-3520.

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