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## **Andersen Racing Records Another Solid Test Day In Preparation for Star Mazda Season Opener**

PALMETTO, Fla., Feb. 18 — Earning the 2008 team championship in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear was one thing; defending that title is another.

Andersen Racing continued to work towards that goal yesterday when it conducted another test of two of its Star Mazda cars at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla., some 193 miles from the team's home base at Andersen RacePark in Palmetto, Fla., and some 153 miles from the site of the Star Mazda season opener March 20 at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Fla.

After Adam Christodoulou and Conor Daly set the two fastest times at the series' test Jan. 27-28 at Sebring for Andersen Racing, the team turned to Richard Kent and Denis Navarro to handle the driving duties for the Homestead test.

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“We ran just two of our Star Mazda cars at Homestead yesterday, as the other two are in the final stages of winter rebuilds,” explained team co-owner Dan Andersen. “The team did its usual flawless job in preparation and implementation of another test day, and I was impressed with the entire day’s program and the results achieved by these two talented drivers. With the season beginning in four weeks, we’re ready and eager to race.

“Richard Kent, who competed with us last year and dominated the season finale, shook down his rebuilt race car and worked on a program involving the series’ new aero and suspension components,” Andersen continued. “Richard is a terrific driver, and his value as a test driver for the benefit of the entire team was excellent. We learned a lot.

“Denis tested with us for the first time,” Andersen said of Navarro. “He’s a product of Brazilian F3. He got up to speed quickly and demonstrated obvious talent by posting times by the end of the day that matched Richard’s. With more time in the car he will not only be a front-runner, but he’ll contend for victories all season.

“It’s not that easy to jump into a different race car and be compared to a driver with Richard’s experience and results,” Andersen pointed. “Denis showed himself to be totally up to the task. We hope to add him to our roster for 2009.”

The team also tested its two Firestone Indy Lights cars at Homestead yesterday, with Jonathan Summerton and Mario Romancini behind the steering wheels of those Dallaras. The Firestone Indy Lights season opener is April 4-5 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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The team's Web site is at [andersenracingteam.com](http://andersenracingteam.com). Information on the team's 1-mile road course test track at its headquarters in Palmetto, Fla. can be found online at [andersenracepark.com](http://andersenracepark.com).

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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, four-step program utilizing multiple entries in four different platforms: karting, Formula BMW, Star Mazda (televised on SPEED) and Firestone Indy Lights (televised on VERSUS). In 2008 it fielded multiple entries in 42 races in 18 states and provinces at some of the best facilities on the continent, including the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Andersen Racing won the team championship for 2008 for both the F2000 Championship Series presented by Hoosier Racing Tire and the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. Two of its drivers finished first and second in the F2000 driver point standings, while another was sixth. Three of its Star Mazda drivers placed third, fifth and sixth in that series' driver standings. RLR/Andersen Racing finished sixth in the 2008 Firestone Indy Lights team standings, while one of its drivers placed fifth in that series' driver point standings.

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. The team is headquartered at Andersen RacePark, an 18-acre facility in Palmetto, Fla. that includes a 1-mile road course test track. For more information see [andersenracingteam.com](http://andersenracingteam.com) and [andersenracepark.com](http://andersenracepark.com).