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## **Navarro Joins Andersen Racing For 2009 Star Mazda Campaign**

PALMETTO, Fla., March 6 — Defending team champion Andersen Racing is pleased to announce that it has signed Denis Navarro to its driver roster for the 2009 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear.

He joins Richard Kent, Conor Daly and perhaps one other driver on the Palmetto, Fla.-based team's squad this year in that very competitive series.

Navarro finished third in the South American Formula 3 championship last year, earning four victories and four pole positions. Like Mario Romancini, who will drive for RLR/Andersen Racing in the Firestone Indy Lights Series, he hails from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Navarro will turn 22 on March 17 while he is in Sebring, Fla. preparing for the Star Mazda season opener there on March 20. His car will be sponsored by Navarro Medicines Distribution and Andersen Racing's team sponsor, Allied Interior Products.

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"We are delighted to confirm Denis as one of our drivers for 2009, as he impressed us greatly at our recent test at Homestead, Fla." said team co-owner Dan Andersen. "He was on pace with his new teammate, Richard Kent, and we believe he will be a championship contender immediately. Our lineup now of Denis, Richard and Conor Daly is very strong, and I see many victories for Andersen Racing with this talented group."

"I hope to have a good year in the Star Mazda series," said Navarro. "It's a new challenge for me, but nevertheless I'm very hopeful that I can have a very good, competitive season. I know that Andersen Racing is very competent, and it will be a great step in my racing career."

Navarro tested with the team Feb. 17 at Homestead-Miami Speedway, not only showing the team executives what he could do, but also helping the crew to sort out several new car components.

Andersen Racing is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp. and it is the official development team of Rahal Letterman Racing. Drivers wishing to obtain more information about the team's programs in karting, Formula BMW, Star Mazda and the Firestone Indy Lights Series may contact Andersen at [dandersen@andersenracingteam.com](mailto:dandersen@andersenracingteam.com) or (201) 532-9630.

Navarro's bio will be posted shortly on the team's Web site 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).

### *About Allied Building Products Corp.:*

Allied Building Products Corp., headquartered in East Rutherford, N.J., is one of the largest roofing and siding distributors in the United States. Founded in 1950 with five employees and two trucks, today it is a \$1.8 billion building material distribution company with over 3,500 employees, more than 200 branches in 30 states, well over one million square feet of office and warehouse space, and an inventory of approximately 85,000 products, from residential roofing and siding to doors, windows, waterproofing, manufactured stone, interior products and commercial roofing systems. For more information see [alliedbuilding.com](http://alliedbuilding.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, 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).