



Ostella Set for Road Course Return

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Fresh from his first podium run of the season, David Ostella departs today for races eight and nine of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. The doubleheader event runs as part of the Harrah's Grand Prix at Autobahn Chicago, and is an event that the young Canadian is looking forward to.

"I'm excited to get back to road course racing but I did so well on the ovals that I wouldn't mind doing a few more!" Ostella said through a chuckle prior to departing from Toronto. "The ovals were a great experience and I really enjoyed the fresh challenge, but Chicago will certainly provide that as well. It's a long track with twenty-one corners so it's great that we have so much track time on the schedule. I've been on the track during testing and on the simulator, and though it's a new track it has some bumps in bad spots."

After two promoter test sessions on Thursday, the Star Mazda racers will have two Official Practice sessions on Friday, two qualifying sessions and race eight on Saturday, and race nine on Sunday. The time should allow Ostella and his AIM Autosport team to find an optimum set-up, and the seventeen-year-old has set an ambitious goal for the weekend.

"On such a long track it's hard to be as consistent as you can be on an oval but I've set a goal of following my best oval finish with my best road course finish of the season," he said. The series' rookie has a pair of top-ten finishes from five road course starts, the best being a ninth from Virginia International Raceway. "I know the team will be 100 per cent prepared so I need to match that as well and together we can do it!"

With his podium run at Iowa, David jumped to twelfth in the Championship with 158 points. He will be competing at Chicago with support from Global Precast Intercontinental, Alpinestars and RAW Integrated Ltd. For more information, please visit www.autobahncountryclub.net, www.starmazda.com and www.davidostella.com.