



Ostella Set for Home Debut at Mosport

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After nearly two full seasons of formula car racing, David Ostella finally makes a start at home this weekend as the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear reaches round eleven at Mosport International Raceway. The historic site is less than an hour from the Ostella home in Maple, Ontario, and the sophomore driver has been long awaiting the Mobil 1 Grand Prix of Mosport.

“I’m very excited to have a home race and I have a lot of family and friends coming to watch so they can see what I do and what I work so hard for,” Ostella said early this week. “I’ve been looking forward to Mosport for a long time. I’ve practised on the simulator and done a test, and the track is really fun to drive, especially with all the elevation changes. I’m really looking forward to a great weekend.”

Ostella also participated in a special event in the lead-up to the Grand Prix as last weekend he was part of MazdaSpeed North at Scarboro Mazda. Over forty years of rotary powered vehicles were on hand, including his #71 AIM Autosport Formula Mazda. The Canadian teenager signed autographs and greeted fans, and helped raise funds for Toronto’s Hospital for Sick Children.

“The event was just incredible,” Ostella said afterward. “People started arriving at ten in the morning and had all kinds of questions about the Star Mazda car and championship. The best part though, was dealing with the kids. Letting them sit in the car and seeing the incredible smiles on their faces was just awesome. It was a great opportunity to see the history of Mazda and we raised thousands of dollars for Sick Kids Hospital.”

Action begins Thursday at Mosport with a pair of promoter test sessions before two official practice sessions on Friday and both qualifying and a 45 minute race on Saturday. It’s a schedule Ostella likes, and he heads in following back-to-back top ten runs in Chicago and Trois-Rivières. “I like that the race is on Saturday, a day in which we have already been in the car,” he said. “It’s a better situation than just having a single race on Sunday. We’ll have to make sure nothing happens in morning qualifying, but I just stay positive and make sure the whole team is ready like we have been the past two races.”

The Mobil 1 Grand Prix of Mosport is race eleven of thirteen in the 2009 Star Mazda Championship and the second in a pair of Canadian venues. David will be racing with support from Global Precast Intercontinental, Alpinestars and RAW Integrated Ltd. For more information, please visit www.mosport.com, www.starmazda.com and www.davidostella.com.