

Top-6 finish in first ever street race

Event information

- Track:** Trois Rivieres street course, Quebec - Canada
 10 Corners, Very unforgiving with concrete barriers surrounding the entire track
- Date:** August 16th
- Event:** Grand Prix Trois Rivieres
- Race:** Round 10 in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear

My thoughts on Trois Rivieres

I came to Trois Rivieres, which lies just about an hour north-east of Montreal, with massive expectations. I'd been told for about half a year that this was going to be the best event of the season, and it took me about half an hour while having lunch downtown to realize that the place was fantastic. The city has a very European feel to it, and the passion for racing is great. Shifting focus to the track, this was to be my first ever street race in an open-wheel car. The track is one of the best I've ever driven on and the Mundill crew and I placed P3 in the first practice session, which was a very positive start to the weekend.



Qualifying report

We started off the qualifying session in typical fashion, learning what the track will give and how much you can push in each corner. After a few laps I came into the pits for a couple of changes and another set of tires. Two laps into the run I locked up one of my wheels in the brake zone for turn six and had to use the escape route, but quickly got going again. Lap times improved massively each lap, but unfortunately the red flag was brought out after a competitor collided with a wall in turn three. This meant the end of the session, and we found ourselves all the way back in 10th place. Not at all what we had hoped for, but we all know how unpredictable racing can be.



Race report

I got an okay jump off the line and avoided a clash between the two cars in front of me to claim P8 coming out of turn one. From there on it was difficult to make up any ground on the cars up front, as we were all running within a couple of tenths of each other. I made a pass on another car when he made a mistake, but lost a position when getting caught up with lapped traffic. With just a few minutes remaining in the 45-minute race, two cars in front of me got together and I gained another couple of spots. Crossing the finish line in P6, there was no doubt that the key to the race was consistency and making no mistakes. I was glad to finish the race with the car still intact, but would have liked to been higher up on the sheets.



Weekend thoughts

The atmosphere in Trois Rivières was brilliant, and it was great to race in front of such a large and enthusiastic group of spectators. With that said, the guys at Mundill and I were hoping for something more results wise. I appreciate the extremely hard work everyone is putting down and would like to thank David Mundy, Jeff Hill, Eric Russell, Hunter Wright, Sarah Loeb and Tom Dyer for their continued efforts to reach the top. We're hoping it will all come together again just like it did at the Milwaukee Mile earlier this year.



Next event

The Grand Prix of Mosport is next up on the calendar and will be held Saturday August 29th. Mosport International Raceway lies just outside Toronto, and will host the last Canadian race of 2009 for the Star Mazda Championship. Last year I won both races when the U.S. Formula 2000 Championship visited the ultra fast road course, so I've got good memories from the track and look forward to this year's race very much. Mundill and I are currently in preparations for the event, starting with a test in a couple of days. Only three races remain in the championship and we will do everything in our power to continue moving up the championship standings. We are currently 6TH in Championship Standings, and hold 3RD in the Rookie Standings.

New Partner

I am proud to announce that the Royal Norwegian Automobile Club (KNA) will be joining me as a partner for the remainder of the 2009. I have been a member of KNA and their club KNA Klepp Motorsport for as long as I can remember, and it is great to have their support. You can spot the KNA logo on my front wing flaps. I am extremely privileged to have Trallfa Industries and Colosseum Dental as my main sponsors, as well as Antenor, KNA and ZAT Graphics as sponsors. I'd like to thank them for their continued support, and look forward to the continuation of our partnerships.

I will be back soon with more inside information, but until then, please visit www.anderskrohn.com and do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions or ideas on how to improve my updates or website further.

Thanks for your support!

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