



SKIP BARBER FRONT RUNNER COURT VERNON TEST AT ROAD ATLANTA

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ATLANTA, Georgia (September 3, 2009):

On September 3rd, Team GDT returned to Road Atlanta for testing with the very talented Court Vernon. The times put up during testing proved to be extremely competitive with many of the top contenders in the Star Mazda series.

Court Vernon:

“It’s always great to work with a professional team like GDT. I learned so much in one day from all the members on the team. I can only imagine what you could learn running a full season with a crew like GDT has. It’s beyond just having a great set-up on the car, they work on every aspect of the pro driver, from understanding engineering on the car to a driver’s mental preparation, conditioning and nutrition on and off the track”.

Bob Markley, Team GDT Engineer:

“I was very impressed with Court’s natural talent and his technical skills. He is a gifted driver who has the capability and mentality to succeed and flourish through the American open wheel ranks. His quick hands and ability to translate feedback and data into his driving will make him a very tough competitor.

Court was running lap times just off the day’s leaders, which given that they have well over half a season in the Star Mazda car is quite an accomplishment. We spent the majority of the day evaluating different setups and working on Court’s technique and line. Unfortunately we didn’t get to a sticker tire run until later in the day with less than optimal conditions. But then again, you don’t get points for winning a test day and the information we got will make us even stronger in the coming rounds.

I am looking forward to working with Court again as I know that the next time he gets in the car he will have taken all of the debrief information and internalized it to become an even stronger driver. The amount of intelligent and relevant questions he asked was amazing and his eagerness to improve is evident. With a little seat time, he can contend for next year’s Rookie of the Year and possibly even the title. I wish him the best in the remaining Skip Barber races and hope that a little of what he learned with Team GDT at the test gives him a bit more of an advantage through the rest of this season”.

Court currently ranks 2nd in championship points for the Skip Barber National Series. Keep an eye out for Court at Road Atlanta's Petit Le Mans next week where he hopes to deliver another top-notch performance in his quest for that championship and the scholarship to race in the Star Mazda race series next year.

Team GDT owner JW Roberts returns to Round Twelve in the Star Mazda Championship by Goodyear's Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta next week. JW is coming off a strong performance at Trois Rivieres, where he finished 12th overall and won the Expert Class. In last year's Road Atlanta race he also took home the Expert class win so look for a strong finish from the Fearless father of four.

Team GDT also welcomes back Rick Rosin. Rick has had an impressive year thus far with 3 top ten finishes and 1 top five and looks to continue his success this coming race weekend at Road Atlanta.

Rick Rosin:

"I like the high speed flowing nature of Road Atlanta. It is like many tracks I grew up with in Brazil. Last year I finished on the podium in 3rd at this race and I know that the car that GDT will give me I'll have another shot at doing well".



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