



Ostella Heads Back Where It All Began

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David Ostella is in California this week as the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear prepares for its season finale at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. Saturday's race will bring the final of thirteen rounds, and for just the second time this season the young Canadian will be returning to a track he has raced on prior.

"I loved Laguna Seca last year and it will always be special as it was my very first race weekend in a car," Ostella said prior to departing Wednesday. "I was pretty quick there in Formula BMW as well, so I hope this year will be even better. The track is amazing and offers everything a track can: elevation changes, fast sweepers, slow hairpins and especially the famous corkscrew. It's a perfect track!"

It's easy to see why the seventeen-year old views the track so fondly, as making his formula car debut last season he qualified fourth on the grid and went on to set the fastest lap of the race in the opening event of the Formula BMW Americas schedule. "That was a great day to be sure," Ostella remembered. "I was very nervous of course, but also excited at the same time and I was just so happy to be racing a car for the first time. I was just glad to be racing, and moving up from karts."

A full season followed, before a move up to the Star Mazda Championship for 2009, a season that is about to come to a close. "The last race gives you mixed feelings, but overall things are quite positive," he said looking back at the championship to date. "I've had some ups-and-downs this season, more downs than I would have liked, but a lot of learning for sure. I think the car has a curse or something! We have switched to the back-up to change our luck this weekend, and we'll try to go out with a season best!"

Perhaps also bringing positive vibes will be a birthday celebration, as Ostella turns eighteen when the race weekend begins Thursday. The Star Mazda drivers will complete two promoter test sessions on day one before two official practice runs on Friday. Saturday morning will bring a lone qualifying session, before the finale rolls off at 12:50. As always, Ostella is able to compete in California thanks to continuing support from Global Precast Intercontinental, Alpinestars and RAW Integrated Ltd. For more information, visit www.davidostella.com, or www.mazdaraceway.com