

David Ostella returns with AIM Autosport for 2010 Focus on strong second season in Star Mazda Championship



Woodbridge, Ontario, March 9, 2010 – AIM Autosport is pleased to announce that Ontario native David Ostella is returning for a second season in 2010 to contest the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. The eighteen-year old Ostella will be driving the AIM Autosport / Global Precast No 16 Formula Mazda and he is looking forward to the season's first race at Sebring International Raceway on March 19.

Ostella teamed with AIM in 2009 to run in the Star Mazda Championship and take advantage of their successful open-wheel racing programs. AIM won the 2008 Star Mazda Championship and had a solid reputation for developing young drivers.

"It was a very steep learning curve coming into the series last year", said David. "AIM and Star Mazda team manager Keith Willis have an excellent reputation and they had just come off a championship season so the decision to team with them was easy."

He continued, "We learned a lot in '09 and we knew that sticking with AIM and building on last season's work, could lead to success in 2010. Our goal is to be up front and fight for the championship."

Ostella had a strong debut season with AIM in 2009 ending the year with seven top-ten results including a third-place finish at Iowa Speedway. David also achieved his best qualifying run at that race starting fifth. He would end the season thirteenth overall out of thirty-two cars entered in the championship – a successful result for both David and the team.

"We are looking forward to working with David again this year", commented team principal Keith Willis. "David learned a lot last year and progressed throughout the season. He has developed a strong bond with the race engineers and crew that will also carry forward. It is always an advantage to have that dynamic going into a second season and we look forward to many podium opportunities this year."

AIM and Ostella have been testing over the winter and are now at Sebring for official series testing ahead of the first race later this month. The first race in the Star Mazda Championship takes place March 19th at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Florida.

David continues his racing efforts with generous support from Global Precast Intercontinental. He also has renewed support from both Alpinestars and RAW Integrated Ltd.



AIM Autosport Facts:

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