



## Ostella Prepped for Return to Laguna!

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The Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear resumes this weekend and David Ostella is among the drivers assembled at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. It's the same venue at which the 18-year-old began his open-wheel racing career, and will be the first he has visited on three separate occasions.

"I really love Laguna and can't wait until we get back on the track this week," Ostella said prior to Thursday practice. "It's my first time going to a track three years in a row, and I'm very happy about it as I have been quick and in the top ten every time. The corkscrew was a little scary the first time through, but for me now, I just love it. It's great to go down full throttle and getting a little air is an unbelievable feeling! I always enjoy this track."

Ostella's last visit to the legendary layout was for the 2009 Star Mazda Championship season finale, a race in which he qualified sixth and was running well inside the top ten before being body-checked and beached in the closing laps. He had already produced his best road qualifying effort of the season earlier in the weekend, and was on his way to his best road course finish when the drive was abruptly halted. The result did nothing to dampen his spirits about the famed circuit, and Ostella is eager to get back to work with his AIM Autosport team beginning today.

"Our goal is certainly to get the car setup as quickly as possible and be among the leaders from the word go," he said. "Having been to this track twice in the past I should be on the pace right away, there's no excuses. For the weekend I'm definitely setting the goal as attaining a podium, and I think it's very possible this race. I've already had a better start than last season, now I want to move up in the championship with a good event in California."

The Star Mazda Championship will race this weekend in support of the American LeMans Series, and after a pair of test sessions Thursday, the teams and drivers will run two Official Practice Sessions on Friday before Qualifying early Saturday morning and racing a 45 minute Round 3 beginning Sunday at 9:15am. As always, Ostella will be racing with support from Global Precast Intercontinental, and will have some new supporters on the car as Masters Insurance and Pro Green Demolition have joined Alpinestars and RAW Integrated Ltd. For more information, please visit [www.davidostella.com](http://www.davidostella.com)