



Ostella Set For An Incredible Stretch

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David Ostella has arrived in Joliet, Illinois, where he is preparing for an incredible stretch of the 2010 Star Mazda Championship schedule and its first event - The Harrah's Autobahn Grand Prix presented by Mazda. Beginning with a doubleheader this weekend at Autobahn, Ostella will race five rounds in five weekends, including two in his home and native land.

"It's a very exciting part of the schedule, for sure," Ostella said prior to departing from Pearson International Airport in Toronto. "It's certainly a little different when racing cars, but I like it. It reminds me of when we were karting every weekend and travelling a lot, so really I don't mind at all. It's a great time to start a run!"

Starting a run is something the sophomore driver hopes he has already done. Plagued by a number of issues through the first half of the campaign, Ostella's last start marked the midway point of the season and the 18-year-old was happy to have a trouble-free run at New Jersey Motorsports Park.

"After everything that has happened, it was good to finish the race and be back up into the top ten," he said in recalling his first half and the last start at New Jersey. "It was a good momentum boost and a good launch for the upcoming races this weekend. I've done a lot of training and had a test at Chicago since the last race so I'm feeling good heading back. It's a really bumpy track, but I'm used to that from the go-kart tracks here in Canada. It's also a very long track, which makes the challenge there staying consistent."

From Chicago Ostella will head to his first Canadian start of the season at the Grand Prix of Trois-Rivières, followed by round eleven at Road America and a late August stop at his home track - Mosport. That will complete the five-race run, with two having come at home.

"I really like racing at home and where the races fall on the schedule," Ostella continued. "I love the street course challenge at Three Rivers, and I love Mosport for being my home race and for the track itself. The blind corners and elevation changes make the track very exciting, and of course I'll have so much support there. Racing in front of so many family members and friends always creates extra incentive."

Refocusing on this weekend, Ostella and the Star Mazda drivers will run two Promoter Test sessions Thursday before two Official Practice sessions on Friday. Both Saturday and Sunday will have a Qualifying session and a 45 minute race that will be televised live on HDNet beginning at 3pm. As always, David is able to compete thanks to generous support from Global Precast Intercontinental, Alpinestars, Masters Insurance, Pro Green Demoliton and RAW Integrated Ltd. For more information, please visit davidostella.com and starmazda.com.