



Mosport Closest To Home For Ostella
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An extensive month of racing comes to a close for David Ostella this weekend as the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear makes its annual stop at Mosport International Raceway. Round 12 will produce a third consecutive weekend of racing, and the fifth race in five weekends in what has been a very busy month of August. The penultimate round of the 2010 schedule is also a special one for the eighteen-year-old, as the famed Canadian road course is just 50 miles from his family home in Maple.

“There will definitely be a lot of people at the track this weekend to support me which is really cool to see and a great motivator as well,” Ostella said from home on Wednesday. “Mosport is definitely one of my favourite tracks too. It’s just awesome in a formula car with its huge elevation changes and there are a lot of flat out sections. You really only slow down for about four corners. It’s just an awesome track.”

One thing for certain, the track showed Ostella just how awe-inspiring it can be last year when it produced the biggest shunt of his car career. A rookie at the time, he recounted it this way afterward: “I went into turn one flat-out and the rear of the car just snapped out on me. When I corrected I was already in the grass and I was thinking, ‘this is going to hurt!’ Once the left rear hit it ripped right off and the front snapped around and hit. I thought that was it, but then it started to spin. The rear dug into the ground, causing me to roll, and I landed right side up facing the track! It all just happened so fast!”

The race weekend was anything but negative though, as come race day, Ostella produced one of his best drives of the season in a patchwork car, and charged from P17 on the grid to ninth! It proved one of his fondest memories of the year, and if his recent form is any indication, this weekend should bring more of the same.

“The second half of the season has been a complete 180 compared to the first half,” he said in reviewing. “My luck has really turned around and we have had few of the issues we had in the first half. Of course its hard to move up in the championship after that, but a good finish here would definitely help and I’m really looking for the podium at home!”

After finding just two top-ten finishes from the first six starts of the schedule, Ostella has scored four in the five starts since and climbed to tenth in the championship. He’ll look for another in front of many supporters at home, including those from Global Precast Intercontinental, Alpinestars, Masters Insurance, Pro Green Demoliton and RAW Integrated Ltd. Practice sessions run Thursday and Friday with Qualifying and Round 12 of the championship on Saturday. For more information, please visit davidostella.com