



David Ostella, Road America Preview
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After just four days out of the seat, David Ostella jumps back into the cockpit today as the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear begins action at Road America, in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. The Canadian teenager will be looking to carry momentum from Sunday's start at GP3R, his best of the year and one that still had the sophomore Mazda driver excited midweek.

"I'm still riding high, for sure," Ostella said prior to departing for Wisconsin on Wednesday. "It was an awesome race for me, and to be the top Canadian and score a top five in front of those passionate fans was a great feeling."

While he looks for a similar result this Saturday, the conditions couldn't be more different. After running in the close confines of Trois-Rivières, a temporary street course with wall-to-wall concrete, Ostella and the Star Mazda competitors will now tackle 4 miles of Wisconsin rolling hills in the Time Warner Cable Road Race Showcase. While a different animal altogether, Ostella is still excited about the challenge ahead.

"I suppose the tracks couldn't be more different," he said from home in Maple, Ontario. "But that's why I like the Star Mazda Championship and feel it is such a good training ground for young drivers. From courses like Road America and upcoming Mosport, to ovals, to street courses, you get a taste of everything. It really prepares us for the next steps in our careers, which could be vastly different from one driver to the next driver."

"We were at Road America for Formula BMW two years ago, but I haven't been since so we'll be looking to get to know the track again and to improve the times in every session," Ostella continued. "Having finished in the top five at Chicago and Quebec, we really want to be right back there this weekend."

While active with two promoter test sessions Thursday, two Official sessions Friday, and Qualifying and Race 11 on Saturday, Ostella will also have thoughts for the Le Circuit Mont-Tremblant, where many friends will be attending the 2010 Canadian Karting Championships.

"I have many great memories from karting that I cherish and many friends competing in Quebec this weekend," he said. "While obviously focussed on the task I have at hand, I'll be wishing them the best of luck. I was able to attend the Championships last year not far from my home in Maple, and it was awesome to see the young talent and think that was me just a few short years ago. It's a good to know karting is still doing well at home and hopefully it just gets better and better."