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Veach Hopes To Continue Momentum In Canada With Grand Prix of Edmonton VEACH HOPES TO CONTINUE MOMENTUM IN CANADA WITH GRAND PRIX OF EDMONTON

Andretti Autosport's Zach Veach To Make Second Consecutive Canadian Stop On The Star Mazda Championship Schedule

EDMONTON, ON (July 18, 2012) – Andretti Autosport Star Mazda driver Zach Veach thinks a return to Canada will be his lucky charm to best his second-place result on the streets of Toronto to get his first win in the Star Mazda Championship series during this weekend's second of three straight Canadian races for the teen driver.

"I think we're back where we need to be heading into Edmonton," said Veach. "I'll be working extremely hard to make these next races have most of the same luck as Toronto! I can't thank K12 enough for this opportunity, and I can honestly say, I'm looking forward to school starting again!"

Veach had been looking for a little luck to fall his way in the Star Mazda Championship series after a rough go at the 2012 season thus far, starting the season's four straight road course events buried in the crowd and lacking a top-five result. All that changed with his second-place result on the oval in Indianapolis and follow-up second-place result on the Streets of Toronto in his K12 machine.

"The Toronto weekend was a little bitter sweet for us as we were P1 in the first practice session and that momentum just carried throughout the entire weekend," continued Veach. "I was able to record my best Star Mazda finish with a second on Saturday, and qualified second for the race on Sunday. I want to say thank you to my crew for sticking with me through the tough start to the season and working so hard every weekend."

His return to Canada for the Edmonton Indy will again coincide with the IZOD IndyCar Series headlining race, both held on a temporary circuit at the Edmonton City Centre Airport near the downtown area of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Practice at the 2.224-mile 13-turn circuit opens for Veach and Star Mazda on July 20 at 9:00 a.m. EDT with qualifications set for July 21 at 11:00 a.m. EDT followed by Race #1 at 2:30 p.m. EDT later that day. Race #2 is set for July 22 at 9:30 a.m. EDT.

Live timing and scoring is available throughout the weekend via <u>http://www.starmazda.com/timing/</u> or by downloading the Race Monitor app. Further, the race will be prepared for network distribution via tape delay on Discovery's Velocity Network, Canada's Rogers SportsNet, and globally on ESPN International. In the U.S., the race will air at 12 Noon, EDT on Sat., Aug. 25. For international dates and times, check local listings.

Following the race weekend, Veach will be traveling on behalf of the Young Marines youth organization to participate in the organization's annual National Leadership Academy, addressing the value of maintaining a healthy, drug free lifestyle to achieve personal goals.

Veach's 2012 effort in the Star Mazda Championship is primarily supported by K12 with additional backing provided by: the Young Marines youth organization, Zakosi Data Backup, ADS IT Solutions, Replay XD, OMP, and Arai Helmets.

Sanctioned by INDYCAR, the Star Mazda Championship is one of two series part of both the Mazda Road to Indy ladder system and the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development driver program. Andretti Autosport is currently the only INDYCAR team to compete in each level of the Mazda Road to Indy.

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