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**ANDERSON TO MAKE STAR MAZDA DEBUT THIS WEEKEND AT
ROAD ATLANTA**

"USF2000 rookie sensation to make first start in next step of the 'Road to Indy' ladder system as he joins JDC Motorsports for final race of the 2012 season"



Fort Collins, Colorado - Scott Anderson, the 2011 Skip Barber National Champion and MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development scholarship recipient, will continue his open wheel development program as he takes on the next challenge in his racing career. The Colorado native is coming off a stellar 2012 Cooper Tires USF2000 Series presented by Mazda season that saw him net third place in the overall championship on the heels of a late season charge. Anderson carried that momentum into a recent test with the multi-time Star Mazda championship winning team JDC Motorsports of Lakeville, MN. Now Anderson and JDC are going to campaign the final round of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear taking place this weekend at Road Atlanta as part of the 2012 Petit Le Man weekend.

"I'm extremely excited to be racing at Road Atlanta. It's a fantastic opportunity for me to drive a Star Mazda car with JDC Motorsports and get a taste of what the next step is like," comments Anderson. "Regardless of what I'm racing next year I think this will be very valuable. I want to take in as much information as I can and simply learn. While it would be great to do well, and I have every intent to do so, if I can learn and adjust to the differences of the car, a good performance will follow."

Regarded as one of the top development series in North America, the Star Mazda Championship takes in 17 rounds of racing over ten weekends that began with the Streets of St. Petersburg and included three weekends of action in Canada. The season ends this weekend with the final race of 2012 at the famed Road Atlanta course. With the series championship already settled, this weekend is about taking the win for most of the drivers, a perfect place for Anderson to make his debut.



"After a successful Star Mazda test with JDC, the next logical step for Scott is to have him experience race weekend conditions," states Derek Daly of the Derek Daly Academy. "As his plan is to move up to Star Mazda in 2013 he will use Road Atlanta as a learning time and perhaps the biggest advantage to doing the race will be that he will go through the winter knowing what to expect in 2013 instead of wondering what he should expect."

Road Atlanta, situated in northeast Georgia, is rated as one of the best tracks in North America with 2.54 miles of racing over 12 turns. Action kicks off on Tuesday with a full day of testing followed by official series practice on Wednesday. Thursday will see drivers qualify with the single round of racing taking place on Friday.

An expert skier, the Fort Collins, Colorado resident joined the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development ladder after winning the 2011 BFGoodrich/Skip Barber National Championship Presented by Mazda and raced in the 2012 Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship powered by Mazda with Belardi Auto Racing, scoring two wins, a pole position and setting a lap record.

Anderson would like to thank MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development, Skip Barber Racing School, Laser Nail Centers of Colorado and Neuropathy Testing Centers for their support. Anderson is also a member of the Derek Daly Academy led by former Formula One driver Derek Daly.

Away from the track, Anderson resides and attends college in Fort Collins, Colorado. Learn more about Scott Anderson at www.scottandersonracing.com. For more information on Scott and his racing program please contact Jeff Grist at the Derek Daly Academy by email at jeff@derekdalyacademy.com or by phone at 905.327.7458.

