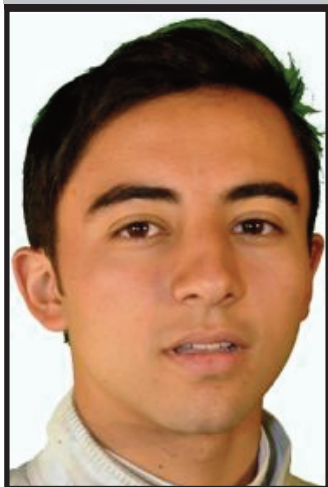


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Team GDT to Test Four Drivers Wed. and Thurs. on IMS's Road Course

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 9 — Team GDT will be looking for “velocidad” (speed in Spanish) as the Dallas-based team takes a decidedly Hispanic approach to the second annual Chris Griffis Memorial Test tomorrow and Thursday on the road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

It will be the first time the team has fielded cars in any event at the Brickyard, and the first time any of

the four drivers it will test there have driven at IMS, one of the most famous racetracks in the world.

The team's full-season driver in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, Andres Méndez of Bogotá, Colombia, will be there with his No. 53 sponsored by DataFile Internacional S.A. and Grupo Kriterion. He'll be joined by two drivers from Mexico's LATAM Challenge Formula 2000 Series

Powered by Volkswagen: point leader Francisco Cerullo of Venezuela and second-place driver (and 2009 champion) André Solano of Costa Rica. Rounding out the team's driver roster at the test will be Juan Camilo Acosta of Cali, Colombia, who competes in the Panam GP series and even won that series' most recent race.

Cerullo and Solano received their opportunity to test one of Team



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GDT's Star Mazda cars as part of a new partnership between the Mazda Road to Indy and the LATAM Challenge Series. So far this year Cerullo and Solano each have two LATAM victories. Cerullo has two poles and Solano has one. Cerullo has three fastest race laps, and Solano set the fastest lap in one race.

Cerullo and Solano are sponsored by VW and LATAM. Cerullo has additional support from Jackers and Solano is also sponsored by A3 Energy Drink. Following the test, the LATAM drivers will compete in a race in that series this weekend at MSR Houston. That series uses Tatuus chassis, 2-liter VW engines and Kumho tires, so driving a Star Mazda car will be quite different for them.

The Star Mazda cars are scheduled to be on the 13-turn, 2.534-mile road course between 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. both days. USF2000 and Firestone Indy Lights will also participate in the test.

"We're very excited to be testing these young drivers as part of the Mazda Road to Indy Chris Griffis Memorial Test," said Paul Mata, team manager. "We look forward to introducing them to the Star Mazda series. As a team we're also very excited to be part of a test at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It's a very special place not only for drivers but also for our engineers and mechanics."

"This is my first time here and I'm feeling pretty anxious," said Solano on Tuesday as he prepared to take the medical exam required of all new drivers. "I watched a couple of on-board videos and I'm starting to learn the track from them."

Americans might recognize Solano's name from his accomplishments in karting's Florida Winter Tour and other karting events. In addition to the LATAM series the 24-year-old native of San Jose, Costa Rica has also done the Italian F2000 series, the Italian Formula Renault

Winter Series and quite a bit of Formula 3 testing. He's also very active in drifting.

In other news, the Star Mazda races that were held at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca Sept. 8-9 will be shown on the Mazda Motorsports Hour on Discovery Channel's Velocity channel at noon Eastern time on Saturday. The Star Mazda season finale, which will be held Oct. 19 at the Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta, will be broadcast on the same TV program at noon on Saturday, Nov. 24. The TV crew will also be on hand at the IMS test to tape features on some of the new drivers for future broadcasts.

More information on Team GDT can be found on its Facebook page and Twitter account. The series' website at StarMazda.com will feature live timing and scoring from the test. Méndez has a website at agMéndez.com. The track's website is at IndianapolisMotorSpeedway.com and the LATAM series' is at latam-challengeseries.com.