

FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE

presented by: **GOODYEAR**

24 Mazda & Goodyear Equipped Formula Cars Battle it Out at Infineon Raceway **Slone Wins it All in FM, O'Neill and Guasch win one race each in Pro FM**

June 14th, 2011
Sonoma, CA

The Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear visited Infineon Raceway for rounds 5 and 6 this past weekend. The FCC West Coast Region visits Infineon Raceway for 8 of their 14 races, but uses a variety of track configurations to make it more exciting.

"We have a lot of different options, and this weekend we used the Indy Car track with the long turn seven for Saturday's race. On Sunday we switched over to the exact Indy Car track," noted Series Official Ben Hetteema. "These two courses allow for a lot of passing opportunities which made both races action packed. Twenty four drivers showed up for the event, and it was a great mix of classes."

The top three in Saturday's Pro FM qualifying were Patrick O'Neill, Michael Guasch, and Phil Fogg Jr. This was Fogg's first FCC event, but he is a long time veteran of the Star Mazda Series and has won races in the Star Mazda Expert Class. The top three in FM qualifying were Bill Weaver, Jamie Slone, and Derry O'Donovan.

At the start of race one the #7 car lost power right as the green flag dropped and the cars behind him scrambled to avoid him and retain their position. This had little effect on the Pro FM class, but did shuffle the Formula Mazda racers. Jamie Slone was able to get ahead of Weaver and he held that position until the checkered flag. In the Pro FM class Patrick O'Neill and Mike Guasch battled at the front, while Phil Fogg Junior and Dave House battled right behind them. For much of the race it looked like Fogg would be on the podium in his first FCC event. House was eventually able to get by Fogg as they both worked traffic in turn 10, and he stayed ahead of him for the balance of the race. The podium for round 5 in Pro FM was Patrick O'Neill, Mike Guasch, and Dave House. The FM podium was Jamie Slone, Matt Trudell, and Derry O'Donovan.

On Sunday Mike Guasch took the pole position in Pro FM, and Slone was on pole for FM. The start of the race was less hectic, but the balance of the race saw multiple incidents that would bring out the yellow flag and require two restarts. Guasch held off his long time rival O'Neill for three starts to guarantee the top spot on the PFM podium. O'Neill finished in second, and Dave House finished third. The Formula Mazda podium was Jamie Slone, Todd McAllister, and Peter Workum.

At every FCC event Goodyear Racing awards free racing tires. The award winners this weekend were Paul LaHaye, Jamie Slone, Matt Trudell, and Todd McAllister.

The series heads to Portland International Raceway next for Rounds 7 & 8. This is a unique event as it is during the Oregon Region SCCA weekend, and the FCC drivers can participate in the SCCA races as well. This makes for a lot of racing as this is the only quadruple-header on the 2011 schedule in all of open wheel racing. The Portland event is July 1st - 3rd, with a series test day on June 30th.

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- [Video from Rounds 5 & 6](#)
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The FS2.0 Has Officially Entered into Competition



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The new FormulaSPEED2.0 was out for rounds 5 and 6 of the Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear. This was the first weekend that FS2.0 cars would qualify for points in the FCC. The car was raced by up-and-coming drivers Nick Mancuso, and Tristan Vautier. Both drivers were faster than all of the FM competitors every session, and faster than some Pro FM cars at times.

"Both Tristan and Nick were great to work with, and fast as soon as they got on the track," noted World Speed Operations Manager Mark Milazzo. "It is going to be fun to follow them as they move up the ranks into pro racing."

The very first time that Vautier was able to drive the FS2.0 was in Sunday's qualifying session where he turned a 1:36:61. This was after only driving the car for 7 laps. For comparison the pole time for FM in that session was 1:38.26. In Sunday's race Vautier was over 2 seconds faster than the fastest Formula Mazda.

- [Behind The Scenes: The Making of the FS2.0](#)
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About the Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear

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The Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear has been taking over the nation. Last season the series held events at Infineon Raceway, MSR-Houston, Texas World Speedway, Thunderhill Raceway Park, Road Atlanta, Roebeling Road, Grattan Raceway, Summit Point Motorsports Park, Virginia International Raceway, Blackhawk Farms, Texas Motor Speedway, Eagles Canyon, Miller Motorsports Park, and Road America.

Two of the 2010 FCC events had 35 cars on the grid making them the largest open wheel races in the country. "We had two events last year with that many cars, and we expect the same number of racers for the 2011 season," noted Series Official Ben Hettema.

The Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear is a regionalized open wheel racing series with an annual national championship. There are multiple regions across the country, and each region has unique features and events.

Once a year the regions meet for the NASA National Championships. The championship features a multi-class format



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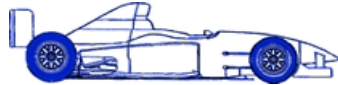
-Formula Mazda (FM), Pro Formula Mazda (PFM), and the FormulaSPEED2.0 (FS2.0). All classes are powered by Mazda, and equipped with Goodyear Racing tires.

Each region is supported by a Region Promoter who is well versed in racing, and who can provide assistance to teams and independant drivers.

The West Coast Region is partnered with [Goodyear](#), [Mazda USA](#), [MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development](#), [Red Line Oil](#), and [NASA Pro Racing](#).

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CAR CLASSIFICATIONS DETAILS FOR THE FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY GOODYEAR

			
	FORMULA MAZDA (FM)	FormulaSPEED2.0 (FS2.0)	Pro Formula Mazda (PFM)
Engine	Mazda RX7 Rotary	Mazda MX5 Cup MZR 2.0	Mazda RX8 Renesis Rotary
Horsepower	180	195	240
Gearbox	Hewland 5 speed h-pattern with reverse	Hewland 6 speed sequential with reverse	Hewland 6 speed sequential with reverse
Weight	1350 w/driver	1300 w/driver	1350 w/driver
Data system	Optional – open	AiM Sports spec EVO4 with steering wheel display	Optional – open
Tires	Goodyear	Goodyear	Goodyear
Chassis	Square tube space frame	Round tube space frame with Kevlar protection panels	Carbon fiber monocoque
Suspension	Outboard Koni double adjustable shocks	Pushrod actuated inboard double adjustable Ohlins dampers	Pushrod actuated inboard triple adjustable Ohlins dampers
Available since	1984	2011	2004
Manufacturer	Moses Smith Racing www.MSRparts.com	World Speed Inc. www.FormulaSpeed.us	Star Race Cars www.StarMazda.com