CARLSON WINS CART STARS OF TOMORROW OPENER AT WILLOW SPRINGS; BBGP ATLANTIC TEAM ANNOUNCES DRIVERS; TAMAYO NAMED SKIP BARBER MARKETING DIRECTOR

DETROIT (MARCH 28, 2002) – Despite racing in a field featuring drivers from the upper levels of the CART Driver Development Ladder System, Phil Carlson dominated the ICC 125 class during the Stars of Tomorrow season opening event at Willow Springs Kart Track in Rosamond, Calif. Carlson – who is a resident of Rosamond – outraced polesitter Matt Jaskol to gain the point heading into Turn 1 and would never really be challenged for the remainder of the race.

While Jaskol settled into a comfortable second place run, Barber Dodge Pro Series rookie AJ Allmendinger, fresh off of his maiden professional victory at Sebring, battled with Michael Abbate for third after losing the position on the start. Allmendinger would eventually regain third place on Lap 3 and hold it to the finish. Abbate, of Las Vegas, Nevada took home fourth place while Jason Bowles of Ontario, California rounded out the Top Five. Formula Dodge National Championship rookie Colin Fleming, the 2001 CART Stars of Tomorrow Rotax Max Champion, came home sixth, recovering nicely from a slow start.

“The opening race of the CART Stars of Tomorrow was a class act event,” commented the JAF Racing team member. “The competition was intense, close and clean. I am looking forward to the next event. I hope this is a good omen for 2002 and I look forward to continuing this successful run, parlaying it into advancement up through the CART Ladder System.”

Jaskol, Abbate and Bowles were invitees to the Barber CART Karting Scholarship Runoff in January, while Fleming was one of the four Runoff winners to earn a Scholarship in the National Championship ($45,000 value).

Close to 100 entries showed up to contest several classes, including the ICC 125, Rotax Max, Junior Superbox and the 80cc Junior. Another Barber CART Karting Scholarship Runoff invitee, Chris Carmody won the Rotax Max race.

CART Stars of Tomorrow ICC 125 Results
(Willow Springs)

1. Phil Carlson
2. Matt Jaskol
3. AJ Allmendinger
4. Michael Abbate
5. Jason Bowles
6. Colin Fleming
7. Lorenzo Mandarino
8. Kevin Christensen
9. Tim Maddux
10. Kevin Glover

- CART Stars of Tomorrow race information partially supplied by www.ekartingnews.com
**TWO MORE TOYOTA ATLANTIC ENTRIES FOR LONG BEACH**

As was previewed last week, BBGP Racing and owner John Brooks have confirmed their Long Beach entries for Stephan Roy and Victor Gonzales. Roy, a native of Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, is returning for his third season of CART Toyota Atlantic racing after finishing 12th in the 2001 Season Points Championship. Gonzales, of Trujillo, Puerto Rico, is entering his rookie campaign.

Twenty-seven entries are now confirmed for the 32-lap race through the streets of Long Beach, which takes place Sunday morning at 10AM (PT) just prior to the start of the Champ Car event. The race will be televised, same-day delay, on SPEED Channel at 2:30PM (ET). The Atlantic television coverage will lead into the Champ Car broadcast at 3:30PM (ET) on FOX.

**NEW SKIP BARBER MARKETING CHIEF**

CART marketing partner Skip Barber, LLC announced the promotion of George Tamayo to the Director of Marketing and Communications position. He previously held the Marketing Communications Manager position. In relation to the CART Ladder System, Tamayo will be responsible for the marketing and public relation functions and staff related to the Barber Dodge Pro Series and Skip Barber Race Series (Formula Dodge Regional and National Championships). He will also be responsible for these areas in relation to the Skip Barber Racing School and Dodge/Skip Barber Driving School, the “Official Racing and Driving Schools of CART.”

“Over the last two and half years, I've enjoyed a great working relationship with the CART Communications Team,” commented Tamayo. “Going forward, I am looking forward to working with the entire CART Marketing Staff to continue cultivating Skip Barber's involvement in the CART Ladder. I believe that together we have the best system anywhere to propel young drivers to the top of the sport, and our challenge is to ensure that the CART Ladder and the Barber-CART Scholarships become household names. We are in a great position to make sure that happens, and that it happens very soon.”

**WHAT’S NEXT**

The CART Toyota Atlantic Championship will race next as part of the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, April 12-14. American Joey Hand of DSTP Motorsports looks to gain momentum after a third place finish at Monterrey, Mexico and improve on his third place finish one year ago at Long Beach.

The Barber Dodge Pro Series will return to action in the traditional Memorial Day Classic at Lime Rock Park, Connecticut. Round 2 will commence on Monday, May 27 as part of the Trans-Am Championship weekend. Davy Cook, currently second in the BDPS point championship, looks for a repeat of his 2001 pole winning performance at Lime Rock.

Rounds 3 and 4 of the Formula Dodge National Championship will be at California Speedway, April 11-13, in conjunction with the Champ Car weekend at Long Beach. The always tight competition of the National Championship moves to the newly renovated infield stadium road course at California Speedway.

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**Formula Dodge National Championship**
(Through Round 2 of 13)

1. Burt Frisselle 36 points
2. Grant Maiman 34 points
3. Al Unser 27 points
4. Scott Speed 25 points
5. Robbie Montinola 21 points