

FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE

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O'Neill and Wills Win It All at the GoPro Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear Grand Prix at Infineon Raceway

32 Mazda powered racers battle it out at double header in Sonoma

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Sonoma, CA

Patrick O'Neill won race one of the GoPro Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear Grand Prix driving his Pro FM to a 21.279-second victory. "I didn't think about the lead," O'Neill said before the champagne flew. "I thought about hitting the marks, hitting the corners, and doing everything correctly."

In the Formula Mazda class Darryl Wills took the win. "Wills was driving the wheels off his car from the first moment he rolled off the trailer," noted Series Official Ben Hetteema. "He was fast here last year, and everyone knew he was going to be a top contender in 2011." The top five in class in Saturday's race were:

Pro Formula Mazda

- 1) Patrick O'Neill
- 2) [Michael Guasch](#)
- 3) [Lloyd Read](#)
- 4) Phil Fogg Jr.
- 5) [Andre Eriksen](#)

Formula Mazda

- 1) Darryl Wills
- 2) [Jamie Slone](#)
- 3) Mike Anderson
- 4) [Alan McCallum](#)
- 5) Matt Trudell

On Sunday Patrick O'Neill got another great start, and led wire-to-wire for the second day in a row. "I put some good laps together and then had to just be careful in traffic," noted O'Neill. Wills led the Formula Mazdas at the green but had Alan McCallum, Jamie Slone, Mike Anderson, and Matt Trudell breathing down his neck in the opening laps. Wills arrived at the checkered flag victorious, and earned it. The top five in class in Sunday's race were:

Pro Formula Mazda

- 1) Patrick O'Neill
- 2) Michael Guasch
- 3) Lloyd Read
- 4) Stan Kohls
- 5) Andre Eriksen

Formula Mazda

- 1) Darryl Wills
- 2) [Mike Anderson](#)
- 3) Jamie Slone



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- 4) Alan McCallum
- 5) Matt Trudell

"The battles this weekend were epic," noted FCC Series Official Ben Hetteema. "GoPro's media staff had cameras all over cars in the field, and we can't wait to see some of the action up close." GoPro, the event's title sponsor, is producing two short features covering the event that will be posted to the FCC and GoPro websites in a few weeks.

On Sunday, right after the GoPro Formula Car Challenge race, Infineon Raceway celebrated Military Appreciation Day with a variety of tributes to the Armed Forces highlighted by a six-jet air show by the Patriots Jet Demonstration team. "It was great to complete our event and celebrate together while the airshow entertained us," noted one of the racers. "This weekend has been one big party."

Following the lead of the FCC racers Penske driver Will Power took the top spot in qualifying, and led 71 of the 75 laps in the IZOD IndyCar Grand Prix of Sonoma. Team Penske swept the top three spots, with Helio Castroneves second, and Ryan Briscoe third. "This is like home for me," said Power. "To start 1-2-3 and finish 1-2-3, what a dream weekend."

The next event for The GoPro Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear is September 8-11 at Mid Ohio Sportscar Course to determine the national champion.

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About The Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear:

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 - [Formula Mazda \(FM\)](#), Pro Formula Mazda (PFM),



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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 independent drivers.

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

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CAR CLASSIFICATIONS DETAILS FOR THE FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY GOODYEAR



	Formula Mazda	FormulaSPEED2.0	Pro Formula Mazda
Class	FM	FS2.0	PFM
Engine	Mazda RX7 Rotary	Mazda MZR 2.0	Mazda RX8 Renesis Rotary
Horsepower	180	195	250
Gearbox	Hewland 5 speed h-pattern with reverse	Hewland 6 speed sequential with reverse. No-lift shift.	Hewland 6 speed sequential with reverse. No-lift shift.
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 475	Goodyear 475	Goodyear 430
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

