



125 PARADISE BLVD
 ATHENS, GA 30607
 T (706) 543 1797
 F (706) 354 4255
www.comprent.net

Comprent holds high hometown hopes.

Wednesday, September 23, 2009. Athens, GA.

Local team Comprent Motor Sports, based just 1 hour from the Road Atlanta circuit in Athens Georgia, might have a home track advantage this weekend. And they're once again looking to be hometown heroes.

Team owner Kevin Kloepfer and Comprent have much experience and knowledge to draw upon for this weekend.

"For over 20 years we have existed and spent more time at Road Atlanta than any other circuit. Last year we were the hometown heroes; all but clinching the 2008 IMSA Lites 1 Championship when Jonathan Goring took out both races from pole. After that we only needed 1 point for the Championship in Monterey."

Comprent's Australian driver Tom Drewer is somewhat a 'local' too. He has made Georgia his US base for the past two years, this season staying near the Comprent team in downtown Athens.

He also shared success last year taking out the IMSA Lites 2 Championship at Road Atlanta, scoring his seventh and eighth wins of the season.

Charlie Shears will be another one to look out for this week. He missed earlier rounds due to illness and the birth of a child but returned in style at Lime Rock to score Comprent's maiden 2nd place of the season.

Teammate Jonathan Gore is expected to make his return after missing Canada due to illness. Last year Jonathan scored one of his best finishes of the season at Road Atlanta with 2nd place in race 2. Furthermore, he leads Comprent's 2009 podium tally with 3 third places and recently showed he had what it takes when he took the fastest lap of race one at Lime Rock to qualify on pole for race two.

The father and son duo of Wayne and David Ducote will also make their return after missing Canada. Son David has just completed a two day test with Comprent at Road Atlanta and set impressive times in the sweltering heat. He feels "extremely positive coming into this round with a few laps" under his belt.

This week however, it may not be sweltering heat that the drivers feel here in Braselton. Rain still looms over the fast undulating 2.54 mile (4km) circuit after Atlanta experienced record downpours over the previous six days.

Comprent Motor Sports and the IMSA Lites are scheduled to hit the track Thursday for Qualifying and Race 1 at 5:20pm and Friday for Race 2 at 12:10pm.

Additional information follows.

For further information visit comprent.net, phone (706) 207 5714 or email kevin@comprent.net.

supported by



representative for



distributors of



BALD SPOT SPORTS

racing in



World Class





125 PARADISE BLVD
 ATHENS, GA 30607
 T (706) 543 1797
 F (706) 354 4255
 www.comprent.net

Additional information:

IMSA Lites 1 Championship Points after Round 12 (Mosport)

1	Joel Feinberg	197
2	Matt Downs	170
3	Lucas Downs	163
6	Jonathan Gore	113
7	Tom Drewer	103
11	Charlie Shears	69
14	David Ducote	36
15	Wayne Ducote	26

***Bold denotes Comprent drivers.**

Jonathan Gore, aged 25, looks set to make 2009 his year after his strong finish in 2008. Jonathan claimed 2nd at the Petit Le Mans race and finished 5th place on the Championship ladder in only his first season of IMSA Lites 1. He hopes with his move to Comprent this year comes the wins he's after.

The former Auburn student is no stranger to the winner's podium. Jonathan was a regular front-runner in the 2006 Skip Barber National Series and in 2005 was runner up in the Skip Barber Mid Western Regional Series 2005. His ties to Skip Barber remain strong. Jonathan is currently an instructor for the famous driving school.

Charlie Shears joins Comprent Motor Sports after finishing 6th in the 2008 IMSA Lites Championship, an impressive feat given a series of mechanical failures that caused the Masters title to slip from his grasp. His podium finish at Lime Rock in 2008 shows his true talents though and Charlie is set to return to his winning form, and be serious Championship contender, in his quest to take the Masters title this year.

Charlie started racing motor-cross at the age of 12, in 1973 and continued until he was 18 years old. In 1998 he began racing cars in the SCCA's SRF series and became consecutive Southwest Division Champion in 2005 and 2006. 2006 also saw Charlie run selected Lites 3 races and in 2007 Charlie made the progression to Lites 1. When Charlie isn't racing cars he attends to his Real Estate Development company as well as his young family.

Tom Drewer, aged 23, is an up and coming Australian driver who in his first year of North American competition dominated IMSA Lites 2 in 2008, taking the Championship with 11 pole positions, 10 wins, setting 5 lap records, all on unfamiliar circuits. This gave Tom back-to-back Championships across the Pacific after he took the Australian Thundersports Sports Car Championship for West Race Cars in 2007.

Tom's driving duties were split in 2007 with seats in both the Fujitsu V8 and V8 Giant Supercar Series, the feeder categories to Australia's premier motor racing series, V8 Supercars. Tom made his transition to cars in 2002, driving Formula Vees and winning the FVSA Drivers' Championship, after a stellar karting career beginning at age 7 and once backed by triple World Champion Nikki Lauda's airline, Lauda-Air.

Australia's *AutoAction* magazine has named Tom 'Best Overseas Rookie' in their annual awards while prestigious *Wheels* magazine has put Tom in their 'Hot Half Dozen Watch List' for 2009. Given his pace amongst the Lites 1's last year including a 2nd overall in Utah, Comprent also think he's one to watch this year as he tries for their second consecutive Lites 1 Championship.

Continues...

supported by



representative for



distributors of



BALD SPOT SPORTS

racing in



World Class





125 PARADISE BLVD
ATHENS, GA 30607
T (706) 543 1797
F (706) 354 4255
www.comprent.net

Comprent Motor Sports, the legendary Athens, GA based team founded by Kevin Kloepfer is a full service racing team with over 20 years of experience.

Comprent has enjoyed countless success in National and Pro-Level open-wheel and sports-car categories including Formula Atlantic, IMSA Lites, Star Mazda, and the Camel Lites GTP Series competing at many of the biggest races throughout America and Canada including the Daytona 24 Hour.

Comprent is the reigning IMSA Lites 1 Team and Drivers' Champions. These wins add to their 2006 BOSS Historic Formula Championship (IndyCar), 2005 SCCA Sports 2000 National Championship and 1990 SCCA Formula Atlantic National Championship.

From its extensive facilities in North East Georgia, Comprent's in-house technicians and engineers specialise in preparation, fabrication, machining, transmissions, composites, data acquisition, and driver coaching.

Comprent is Élan Motorsport Technologies' IMSA Lites customer service representative, the official USA distributor of Elite Racing Transmissions, and agents for Pi Research systems and Bald Spot Sports seat kits. Tifosi is the official eyewear of Comprent Motor Sports.

IMSA Lites Presented by Frisby Performance Tire is the feeder category to the American Le Mans Series (ALMS), the premier prototype and GT endurance racing series in the world. Like the ALMS, IMSA Lites features three distinct classes of prototypes from global race-car constructors Élan Motorsport Technologies, West Race Cars and Van Diemen.

The series offers drivers from around the world the opportunity to showcase their talents in front of ALMS team bosses in a multi-class racing environment at famous and historic racing venues such as Sebring, Road America, Road Atlanta, Mosport and Laguna Seca. Previous Lites 1 Champions Adam Pecorari and Gerardo Bonilla have gone on to drive in factory Le Mans Series Prototypes.

The Panoz Élan DP-02 Prototype is the official chassis of Lites 1. Built by Élan Motorsports Technologies it is a high-tech purpose-built sports car designed to develop advanced drivers with aspirations of graduating to the next level of professional racing.

The DP-02 features an FIA certified carbon-fibre monocoque chassis, 6-speed sequential 'no-lift shift' Hewland gearbox, tunnel-floor, and is powered by a 2.3 Litre, 4-cylinder Mazda MP2 racing engine supplied by Élan Power Products.

Top speed of an Élan DP-02 at most North American circuits is 170 mph, while their average speed is generally well over 110 mph, resulting in Lap times equally as fast or faster than ALMS GT2 cars and Star Mazda.

supported by



representative for



distributors of



racing in

