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SMITHS LOOKING TO DOMINATE IN ROUNDS 5 & 6 OF THE PATRÓN GT3 CHALLENGE BY YOKOHAMA

MILLVILLE, NJ June 25 - The Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama continues its 2010 season with Rounds 5 and 6 of the series at the Mazda Motorsports Festival presented by VisitFlorida.com at New Jersey Motorsports Park the weekend of June 26th – 27th.

With a full day of Promoter Testing yesterday, and another full day of Practice today, teams of both the Platinum and Gold Cup Classes should have plenty confidence by the time Qualifying arrives on Saturday morning at 10:45am EST. And the leaders of each class will surely be looking to defend their respective positions.

Ross Smith of Maxwell Paper Racing has looked flawless this season in his 2010 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Car, claiming each Qualifying Pole and Race victory possible for the Platinum Cup Class, as well as setting two new Qualifying track records, and a new Race track record at Sebring International Raceway. Smith's engine was taken and inspected by Porsche Motorsport North America to ensure its consistency and specification, and was returned by officials with no changes required, further commenting on Smith's incredible driving.

The Gold Cup Class has another Smith, Ross's brother Kendall, seeking to pass the current leader, Carlos Eduardo, from NGT Motorsport. But Eduardo has had an incredible season thus far, and has no plans of relinquishing control. Eduardo has claimed two starting pole positions in Qualifying, including a new Qualifying track record, as well as three First Place podium finishes and two new Race track records. If Smith wants to get past Eduardo, he's going to have to make a move soon.

The Mazda Motorsports Festival presented by VisitFlorida.com will begin Friday morning. The weekend will feature the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama, the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Championship, the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, as well as the F2000 Championship Series and the Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup. For more information on the track events, visit the official site of the New Jersey Motorsports Park at www.njmp.com.

The Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama is a developmental series designed to prepare drivers and teams for professional careers in sports car racing. The series features semi-professional drivers racing head to head in one of the world's most successful race cars, the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car. The multi-class structure of the series teaches drivers essential skills for improving maneuvering abilities and driving techniques – all necessary proficiencies for an eventual career in the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón.

The 2010 season of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama features eight events with a total of Fourteen Rounds. Please visit www.imsachallenge.com for more information and a complete schedule.

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