



Ostella Storms To Ninth At Mosport

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The Mobil 1 Grand Prix of Mosport turned into the wildest ride of David Ostella's young formula car career as the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear contested round eleven last weekend. From being upside down exiting turn one on Thursday to a charge into the top ten on Saturday, the seventeen-year-old produced a thrill ride for family and friends.

"I went into turn one flat-out and the rear of the car just snapped out on me," Ostella said of his massive crash Thursday afternoon. "When I corrected I was already in the grass and I was thinking, 'this is going to hurt!' I just held on to the steering wheel for dear life. Once the left rear hit it ripped right off and the front snapped around and hit. I thought that was it, but then it started to spin. The rear dug into the ground, causing me to roll, and I landed right side up facing the track saying to myself, 'what the hell just happened!' It all just happened so fast."

The biggest crash of his career came after he had posted the second quickest time of the session and had just bolted on fresh rubber to lower the clock even further. It was a near perfect start of a race weekend to that point, and showing the fortitude of a champion, the teenager from Maple, Ontario, was right back at it Friday morning and went a half-second quicker still. "I just focussed on what I needed to do and tried not to dwell on what happened Thursday," Ostella said of day two. "The AIM Autosport guys were up all night working hard to get the car back together and it was great, even better than the day before."

A pair of sessions Friday saw him time inside the top ten, and Ostella was looking forward to Saturday morning qualifying despite the day dawning wet. "I was just thinking that I needed to get a time in as quick as possible in case of a red flag scenario," he said, unaware that he was about to be it when he took a trip into the tire barriers in turn two. It meant he failed to post a time and was headed to the back of the grid in a race just hours away. "I didn't know how wet the track was and went off on my first hot lap," he continued. "It was obviously disappointing, but there are so many things that could have happened, so I just take it as it comes and keep everything positive."

All told he lined up Saturday afternoon in P17 for the Mazda standing start in front of his largest support group of the season, a throng of family and friends that he didn't want to disappoint.

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“I just wanted to get as many spots as possible and try to work toward the front,” he said of his goal heading into the 45 minute race. “The start was good, taking two spots, but I had too much wheel spin and then got held up in the opening laps.” Still, he was on form and after passing into fourteenth and reaching P12 when others were forced to pit, Ostella closed a large gap before making his way into the top ten, culminating with ninth at the checker.

“The drive was great and I really need to thank the team again,” he said afterward. “If it wasn’t for them I wouldn’t have been up there at all. The same goes for my driver coach Lee Bentham. His assistance was crucial over the weekend.” David raced at Mosport with the support of Global Precast Intercontinental, Alpinestars and RAW Integrated Ltd. For more information, please visit www.davidostella.com