
IKF COMPETITOR BOBBY KELLEY WINS SCOUTING COMBINE

"Kelley will see action in a pair of USF2000 events thanks to the Mazda Road to Indy program"



IKF karter Bobby Kelley will take part in the USF2000 doubleheader in St. Petersburg (Photo: USF2000 National Championship - Tamy Valkosky)

December 1, 2011 - After a pair of on track days, mock interviews, media appearances and business training, International Kart Federation standout Bobby Kelley has been selected as the inaugural winner of the Mazda Road to Indy Scouting Combine. For his deserving efforts, Kelley will have the opportunity to compete in the Cooper Tires presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda races at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg in March of 2012.

"I am at a loss for words," Kelley said. "This is an amazing program to win, and I can't wait to get on the track and show what I can do. This is the first step to my formula car career so we will use this opportunity and try to move up the ladder. I was very surprised to win with all of the great talent here this week. I am very thankful to have won the first Mazda Road to Indy Scouting Combine."

Over the pair of days, ten competitors were asked to complete mock qualifying runs, a mock race where they were to keep fast, consistent race laps as well as mock interviews in pit lane as soon as their sessions were complete. Trying to provide the best and most realistic experience possible, a panel of four judges including motorsports writer and commentator Jeremy Shaw, Director of Mazda Motorsports-Mazda North America Operations John Doonan, Firestone Indy Lights driver Anders Krohn and Director of Business Development for Firestone Indy Lights Tony George, Jr., put all the drivers through their paces where Kelley managed to rise to the top.

Most noted for his experience and outstanding results on the western half of the United States, Bobby Kelley has been a front-runner at in the International Kart Federation program. As a multi-time race winner and series champion, Kelley will now take his skills to the open-wheel community as he looks to make his name known in St. Petersburg.

Kelley, who has claimed four regional and two national titles in IKF competition added, "I believe that the IKF series is probably one of the best series going in North America. It is a series that I have used to hone my skills and it definitely helped me get to where I am today."

"Everyone at the IKF is very happy for Bobby," expressed IKF President Bill Hilger. "Bobby is a bright young talent and this is the break he needed. Anyone that has seen him drive a kart knows that he has a lot of talent. He is a well-spoken young man who should perform very well. I hope he goes to St. Pete and is able to make his friends, families, sponsors, peers as well as everyone involved in the International Kart Federation proud."

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