

16 Year-Old Race Car Driver to Make History at Sebring

Young North American Race Car Driver has driven more than 20,000 mile at over 170 MPH before he ever got his drivers licence. He will make history next week as the youngest Pro Mazda to ever start a race.

Houston, TX (PRWEB) March 14, 2004 --Less than three weeks after his 16th birthday, young racing star, Brad Coleman, will make history as the youngest driver to ever race in the Star Mazda Pro Formula Series on Friday, March 19th at Sebring International Raceway, in Sebring Florida.

The young driver was the first 14 year-old in the U.S. to ever earn a professional racing license, and will now take the reins of a 170 MPH open-wheel race car at the famed Florida circuit. But Coleman $didn\hat{A} \Box t$ get here without the practice, as the teenage Texan logged over 20,000 test miles in race cars before he was old enough to get his driver $\hat{A} \Box s$ license a few weeks ago.

 $\hat{A} \square My$ total focus is to race in the Indianapolis 500 one day, and then follow that with a NASCAR Cup race $\hat{A} \square$, claims Brad. Along with his open-wheel racing circuit endeavors, he is also training in Stock Cars to be equally prepared for any opportunities that may arise on the American racing scene.

At the age of 12, Brad was discovered at an indoor karting center in Houston, Texas by racing legend Price Cobb, who immediately recommended he join the ranks of the worldÂ\u00eds best young drivers in the sport of high-speed karting. He did so and won three karting series season championships in his Rookie season. From there, Coleman went on to race in the Formula Fran-Am Pro Series last year where he finished fourth for the season and garnered the second Rookie of the Year Award.

 $\hat{A}\Box$ The first time I saw him drive I was stunned. This kid is one gifted talent. $\hat{A}\Box$ noted Cobb; Le Mans Champion, Team Owner and now Brad $\hat{A}\Box$ s Driving Coach. $\hat{A}\Box$ The only thing I could credit it to is his God given talent and the wealth of time he spent practicing on racing simulator games as a kid. $\hat{A}\Box$

Coleman now lives with the Cobb family and trains daily at Virginia International Raceway in Alton, VA. VIR is also the home of his new race team, G&W Motorsports, the prolific Grand American Road Racing organization.

When his visor is up, Brad Coleman is the All-American kid. Polite, mature, courteous, and respectful are words people most often use to describe him. However, when he puts his visor down, he is a man on a mission. Fast, focused, precise, and calculated are better descriptors when this young professional driver is behind the wheel of a race car

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