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## **VEACH TO COMPETE IN 2011 USF2000 SERIES WITH ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT**

**INDIANAPOLIS (Dec. 9, 2010)** – Andretti Autosport announced today it has re-signed Zach Veach to drive in the 2011 USF2000 National Championship series. Veach will pilot the #7 Team Zakosi Data Backup car for the 12 USF2000 events.

The 2011 season begins March 17 in Sebring, Fla. and continues in St. Petersburg, Fla., Indianapolis, Ind., Milwaukee, Wis., Lexington, Ohio, Elkhart Lake, Wis., and Baltimore Md. Throughout the season, the series will support the IZOD IndyCar Series, USAC Midgets, and American Le Mans Series.

As preparation for the 2011 season, Veach will also return to the track with Andretti Autosport in January to compete in the Cooper Tires Winterfest, a special five-race series in Florida organized by the USF2000 series.

Veach finished fifth in the overall 2010 USF2000 driver championship points, despite starting the season two races behind the rest of the field. Veach's highest finish of the 2010 season came during his first race at Road Atlanta, where he finished second. He secured eight top-five finishes throughout the season, helping Andretti Autosport clinch the team championship title.

Winterfest kicks off with a two-day, two-race event at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Fla. on Jan. 3 and 4. The series continues with three races at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Jan. 12 and 13 in Homestead, Fla.

Away from the track, Veach heads up a teen safe driving campaign and plans to release a book, "99 Things Teens Wish They knew Before Turning 16," in early 2011.

Zakosi Data Backup, sponsor for the #7 car, offers fast, affordable, secure, managed and unmanaged online data backup to small to medium-sized businesses. In addition to Zakosi, Retail Pro, ArtRotondo.com, ADS IT Solutions, Arai Helmets and OMP Racing are also partners on the #7 effort.

Sanctioned by INDYCAR, the USF2000 National Championship, presented by Cooper Racing Tires and powered by Mazda, is one of two series part of both INDYCAR's Road to Indy ladder system and the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development driver program.

For more information, please visit [www.AndrettiAutosport.com](http://www.AndrettiAutosport.com) or [www.USF2000.com](http://www.USF2000.com).

**J-F THORMANN, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT:**

"I'm really happy to be working with Zach again in the USF2000 series. Since coming on board with the team earlier this year, he has shown a lot of maturity and growth in his driving skills. We look forward to working with him for another successful season."

### **ZACH VEACH, DRIVER**

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to work with this great team and be a part of the 'Road to Indy' program again next year. I can't describe what an honor it is to be calling Andretti Autosport home again in 2011. The team did an outstanding job in USF2000 this past year and it was a great learning platform for me. I plan to maximize what I've gained from 2010 during the Winterfest, and hopefully carry that momentum into the 2011 season. I want to thank Michael Andretti for giving me an opportunity of a lifetime again."

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### **About Zach Veach**

Zach "Ziggy" Veach is a 16-year-old autoracing driver who competes in INDYCAR's 'Road to Indy' USF2000 National Championship Series for Andretti Autosport. In 2010, Veach was signed by Andretti Autosport, named one of CNN's "Intriguing People" and was a semi-finalist for *Sports Illustrated* "Sports Kid of the Year" award. Veach began his racing career at age 12 in go-karts. It was in 2007, where Veach caught the eye of Dave Fisher, father of IZOD IndyCar Series team owner, Sarah Fisher. For the next two years Fisher [Dave] coached and developed Veach's talent, as he progressed through karting and then to Formula BMW. In addition to his racing, Veach is an advocate for safer driving in conjunction with Oprah Winfrey's "No Phone Zone" and is the national spokesperson for *FocusDriven*, an advocacy group for victims of motor vehicle crashes involving drivers using their cell phones. In 2010, Veach released his first published Droid application, urTXT, in the Marketplace for Droid, to help consumers avoid dangerous text messaging while driving. Veach has been a guest or profiled on a variety of national platforms such as, CNN's *Headline News*, Oprah Radio's *The Gayle King Show*, *The Los Angeles Times* and AOL, to name a few. The son of a national truck and tractor-pulling champion, Veach entered his sophomore year of high school this past fall. For more information, please visit [www.ZachVeach.com](http://www.ZachVeach.com).

### **About Zakosi Data Backup**

Zakosi Data Backup is a national online backup company which offers fast, affordable, secure, managed and unmanaged online data backup to small to medium-sized businesses. Zakosi Online Backup restorations are three times faster than other solutions, according to independent testing laboratories. For more information, please visit [www.Zakosi.com](http://www.Zakosi.com).

### **About Andretti Autosport**

Based in Indianapolis and led by racing legend Michael Andretti, Andretti Autosport fields multiple entries in the IZOD IndyCar Series. Andretti Autosport also campaigns multiple cars in Firestone Indy Lights, the Star Mazda Championship and in the USF2000 National Championship. The company boasts three IZOD IndyCar Series championships (2004, 2005 and 2007), two Firestone Indy Lights titles (2008 and 2009), one USF2000 championship (2010) and has won the Indianapolis 500 twice (2005 and 2007). For more information, please visit [www.AndrettiAutosport.com](http://www.AndrettiAutosport.com).