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Professional Drivers and Karters Team Up for 200 Lap Endurance Race

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On October 14th New Castle Motorsports Park will host the 2007 Mazda RoboPong 200 Presented by Bridgestone where seventy kart teams will square off for a purse in excess of \$25,000. With past winners including Indy 500 and IRL Champion Dan Wheldon and Brickyard 400 winner Ricky Rudd, the race has grown in stature and prestige in just 4 short years. Each team is comprised of two to four drivers on 125cc water-cooled racing karts capable of speeds of 80 mph on the 1.1 mile New Castle road course. The race will feature a minimum of 3 pit stops per team for fuel and driver changes.

With the help of Mazda, Robopong and Bridgestone Tires, the 2007 race will be taped and edited for a one-hour show on SpeedTV later in the year. Last years event was also played on SpeedTV with a half hour show being shown on the cable network. Last years event also saw over 3,000 spectators descend on NCMP to see their favorite IRL, NASCAR and USAC drivers square off for the nearly 4 hour race. The 2007 entry list already includes IRL drivers Dan Wheldon, Scott Dixon, AJ Foyt IV, Vitor Meira, Infiniti Pro Series drivers Jay Howard, Robbie Pecorari, Travis Gregg and USAC drivers Michael Lewis, Brian Gerster, Chuck Gurney Jr. and Linsey Tilton. Ricky Rudd is currently questionable due to his injured shoulder from his crash in the NASCAR Nextel Cup car earlier this season. Many of these professional drivers are teamed up with some of karting's top drivers and future racing stars.

The race weekend starts on Saturday October 13th with four hours of morning practice followed by qualifying which will see the top 50 teams make the race on time, the pole winning team will receive a \$500 bonus from RACERSITES.COM. The last 20 karts will have to race into the field in a 75 lap last chance race which will see at least one pit stop and driver change per kart to complete the 70 kart field. Sunday October 14th will see vintage racing karts from the 60's and 70's on track in an exhibition race with former NASCAR driver and Daytona 500 runner up Lake Speed on track. The MOTOSTRANO Supermoto Exhibition will also compete before the start of the Mazda RoboPong 200 Presented by Bridgestone with National Pro and Regional Riders on track with their race bikes. Finally the 2007 endurance race will take the green flag for their 200 lap race at 12:30 pm on October 14th. The event will run rain or shine.

New Castle Motorsports Park is owned by former IRL driver Mark Dismore Sr. NCMP is located 40 minutes east of Indianapolis at I-70 and SR-3, take exit 123 and go south ¼ mile to the NCMP sign. All media is welcome to attend the event. Free admission for all spectators.