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Will Owen Returns to Juncos Racing for the 2019 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship

For Immediate Release:

Indianapolis, Indiana (November 27, 2018) – Juncos Racing announced today that Will Owen will return to the team for the 2019 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. Owen is the first driver announced to the Juncos Racing line-up and will pilot the No. 50 Cadillac DPi-V.R entry for the full season.



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Will Owen (Denver, Colorado) rejoins Juncos Racing after two successful seasons running in the European Le Mans Series and the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. Owen recorded two victories and finished second in the overall ELMS class Championship in 2017, he also scored a fourth-place finish at the 24 Hours of Le Mans that year. The young American continued his string of strong sportscar results in 2018 scoring a fourth-place finish at the Rolex 24 at Daytona and a podium finish at the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Owen first joined Juncos Racing for the 2015 Pro Mazda Championship Presented by Cooper Tires. He returned to Juncos Racing for the 2016 Pro Mazda season, finishing fourth in the championship by collecting eight podium finishes.

“I am so happy to announce that I will be returning to Juncos Racing in 2019 to compete in the IMSA series,” said Owen. “I have been dreaming of getting into a DPi car since I first saw them hit the track. The Cadillac DPi-V.R is one of the strongest racecars ever built, so it is an honor to have the opportunity to race it with Juncos against the best teams in the world. This year we will be head to head with some seriously talented drivers. In the past the thought of that was intimidating, but thanks to the experience and coaching I have received in Europe I feel prepared to take on this challenge. I’m sure this year will push me to the limits, but that is absolutely necessary on the journey to becoming a professional.”

Owen explained, “Around this time four years ago I was also visiting the Juncos shop, but much has changed since then. It is amazing to see how Ricky (Juncos) has grown the team so quickly and how we are now working together on a proper down-force car. I owe thanks to everyone who has worked hard to get this program up and running and helped me be in a position to give my all to our 2019 campaign.”

Ricardo Juncos announced in August the team would expand into the IMSA

WeatherTech SportsCar Championship running a Cadillac DPi-V.R entry. The team received delivery of the Cadillac DPi-V.R car in November and will begin testing in early December.

“We are thrilled to have Will Owen back with us for our maiden season in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship,” said Ricardo Juncos. “Will brings valuable experience having run in the ELMS Championship the past two years and finishing fourth and third in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. We built a great relationship with him during his time with us in the Pro Mazda Championship, so we are looking forward to continuing our work with him for the 2019 season. I would like to thank Will, his family, Speed Group, and his sponsors for making this opportunity possible.”

ABOUT *JUNCOS RACING*



Juncos Racing is a championship-winning team currently fielding multiple cars in the Pro Mazda Championship, the Indy Lights Series, and the Verizon IndyCar Series.

In the fall of 2018 Juncos Racing announced their expansion to the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and will field one Cadillac DPi-V.R entry in the 2019 season.

Ricardo Juncos established Juncos Racing in 1997 as a small formula car race program based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. After times became financially tough, Juncos

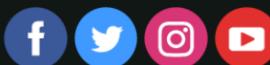
relocated to the United States in 2002 where he worked as a mechanic for a small karting team based in Florida. Juncos was then able to open the doors to his own shop and run in karting series throughout the United States.

In 2009, Juncos Racing entered in the former Star Mazda Championship (now the Pro Mazda Championship presented by Cooper Tires), where the team had great success in its maiden season, finishing second in the driver's championship and third in the team championship. The following year, the team captured its first championship in the series with Indiana native Conor Daly. Fast forward to 2015, where Juncos Racing had its most successful season capturing the Indy Lights presented by Cooper Tires driver's championship with current Verizon Indy Car Series driver Spencer Pigot and also claimed the Pro Mazda team championship.

In 2017, Juncos Racing announced they would enter the Verizon IndyCar Series and compete in the 101st Running of the Indianapolis 500. The rookie team would go on to finish a respected 15th with Sebastian Saavedra and 18th with Spencer Pigot. Juncos Racing also captured the Pro Mazda Championship and Indy Lights Championship, as the only team to win both series in the same year in the Mazda Road to Indy history.

Most recently the team finished off the 2018 season winning the Pro Mazda Driver and Team Championship with rookie driver Rinus VeeKay. The team also competed in 12 of the 19 Verizon IndyCar Series events with three drivers sharing the No. 32 entry including the 2017 Indy Lights Champion Kyle Kaiser, Rene Binder, and Alfonso Celis Jr.

The mission of Juncos Racing is to develop young drivers from around the world into the next level of their racing careers through the Juncos Racing Driver Development Program. Through this program, the team not only works with drivers on track to improve their skills behind the wheel, but also gives them the tools needed to understand the engineering and mechanics of the race car. Drivers who have participated in the program and have gone on to compete in the next level include Connor de Phillippi, Nicolas Dapero, Tatiana Calderon, Peter Dempsey, Conor Daly, Spencer Pigot, Will Owen, Victor Franzoni, Kyle Kaiser and Rinus VeeKay.



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