

Comprent Motor Sports' Rayhall Ready to Add to Impressive Resume

There is a youth movement sweeping the IMSA racing paddock in 2013 with the return of driving phenom Sean Rayhall who enters the exciting and fiercely competitive Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda Series, in the 61st Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida on March 14-15.

Driving for Athens, Georgia-based Comprent Motor Sports, Rayhall enters the series with a string of impressive stats, designed to make any seasoned veteran stop and take a second look. As the youngest driver ever to win an open-wheel race at the age of 12, Rayhall seems destined for stardom.

A self-proclaimed "born racer," Rayhall first became hooked on the sport when his dad, an amateur racer himself, bought him a kart. From there the accolades began piling up. He was the youngest to win at the Skip Barber Nationals at 12 years old, and has run over 159 races, with 65 wins, 104 podiums, 43 pole awards, and 62 fastest laps.

Not bad for a kid who will be turning 18 in just a few days.

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Paired up with returning veteran team-



mates Lamont Harris and Darryl Shoff, the Comprent line-up promises to add to the team's successes amassed since its inception in 1987. They have won multiple SCCA National Championships, featured strong entries in the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona, as well as the 12 Hours of Sebring, and more importantly for Rayhall, won the IMSA Lites Championship in 2008.

Team owner Kevin Kloepfer has been an avid participant in the series since its inception.

"I thought it was a great concept for the cost, and great spec series with a good car," said Kloepfer. "There was never a good prototype feeder series until the creation of IMSA Lites, and it's a great fit for us."

Operations like Kloepfer's act as 'prep shops' for racers around the country, providing preparation, setup, training and assistance. The concept has always been a vital thread in the fabric of auto racing, giving hobbyists and professionals an easier path of entry into the sport by having a team of experts handle management of the car.

It was this path that led young Rayhall to Kloepfer in the first place. While being guided by driver coach Andrew Davis,

Rayhall went testing with Comprent during his SCCA Pro Racing days, and the rest is history.

A self-professed gym rat, Rayhall would have taken the path of a fitness trainer had he not had the "drive" for motorsports.

"You can never be overly physically prepared," he said.

And he takes his training very seriously, working out with pedigreed fellow racer Anthony Lazzaro, who assists him with a program of exercises and extensive cardio work to get him prepared for the rigors of on-track performance.

MASON MASSEY TO GO SUPER LATE MODEL AND ARCA RACING IN 2013

16-year-old Mason Massey will make his Super Late Model debut in the 37th Annual Rattler 250 at South Alabama Speedway (AL) on Sunday, March 17th.. The Georgia-native will be racing out of the AROB Performance Group's shop with former NASCAR Crew Chief Gene Roberts. Roberts has worked with drivers including Bill Elliott, Joey Logano, David Ragan, and Beau Slocumb.

"I am extremely excited for this next step in my racing career," said Massey. "Running a Super Late Model is incredible enough, but being able to work with Gene Roberts is an awesome opportunity. We have been working hard during the off season and we are ready to really show what we can do this year both in Supers and a in few ARCA starts."

The Rattler will be a test for the young driver. Not only is the race long compared to what he is used to, but a live pit stop will also be required, and the competition is always fierce.

For the rest of 2013, Massey will be running for the Rookie of the Year title in the new 16-race, five-track, Southern Super Series. He has also received an invitation for the nationally televised, star-studded Denny Hamlin Short Track

Showdown invitational race at Richmond International Raceway (VA) on April 25th. In addition, the team plans to run the historic Snowball Derby at Five Flags Speedway (FL) in December and a limited ARCA schedule throughout the year.

"I'm truly excited about working with Mason this season," said Crew Chief Roberts. "I've watched Mason develop as a driver from his early Bandos and Legends series efforts. I am confident with Mason's success, up to this point, he will continue to be consistent now that he has progressed to Late Models. Mason's future looks very bright."

Last year, Massey ran a Pro Late Model and earned his first two wins, both coming at Montgomery Motor Speedway (AL); the first of which came in only his sixth career start and the second was in the famous 48th Annual Alabama 200 where he is now the youngest driver ever to win. He also competed in his Legends car and topped his season off by winning the Legends Pro Division National Championship race at Atlanta Motor Speedway (GA).

About Mason Massey

Mason Massey, is a 16 year old racecar driver from Douglasville, Georgia entering his 12th season of racing. For more information about Mason Massey, please visit his website at www.masonmassey.com/.



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