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**STRONG SHOWING FOR ANDERSON IN INDIANAPOLIS**

*“Excellent results for Anderson at his first oval track race as the Colorado driver runs in support of the OtterCares Foundation.”*

Fort Collins, Colorado – Scott Anderson, the 2011 Skip Barber National Champion and MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development Scholarship recipient, completed his best run of the 2012 Cooper Tires USF2000 campaign with a solid fourth place finish at the ‘Night Before the 500’. The 2012 Cooper Tires USF2000 presented by Mazda series made their only oval run of the season at Lucas Oil Raceway as part of the weeklong Indianapolis 500 festivities. Making the weekend special for Anderson was having the OtterCares® Foundation of Fort Collins, Colorado on the car livery as part of the special ‘Road to Indy’ event that leads into the Indy 500.

“I am very happy with my performance in my first oval race,” comments Anderson. “This was the best race car I have had all year. I really liked running the oval and I had a blast racing wheel to wheel. The entire Belardi crew did a great job and I am looking forward to the rest of the season.”

In the two practice sessions held on Friday, Anderson ran in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> positions respectively as he and the team worked on set up. Up next was qualifying on Saturday afternoon and Anderson improved his position on the time sheets to 10<sup>th</sup> place in the 21-car field. At the drop of the green for the scheduled 70-lap feature race, Anderson moved forward quickly taking places in the opening lap. On lap two an eight-car wreck brought out the red flag as the extensive damage took a long time to clean up which shortened the race distance considerably. When the race resumed, Anderson immediately went into attack mode and didn’t waste time taking over the fifth spot. That was followed by a spirited battle for fourth place with fellow Skip Barber alumni Trent Hindman. With the pass completed, Anderson had third place in his sights but picked up a slight understeer and cruised home to a solid finish.

“One of the best parts of my weekend was getting to discuss oval racing with Mario Andretti just before the Indy 500. I’ve always admired Mario and to have a discussion with him was pretty cool,” stated Anderson. “Race morning at Indy had an unbelievable feel to it due to the amount of people in attendance. It was also very cool to meet Fuzzy Zoeller who is a huge sponsor in the Indycar series.”

Up next for Anderson and the Belardi Auto Racing crew is the Mid-Ohio Sport Car Complex on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> where they will race with the IZOD IndyCar Series.

An expert skier, the Fort Collins, Colorado resident joins the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development ladder after winning the 2011 BFGoodrich/Skip Barber National Championship Presented by Mazda and is racing in the 2012 Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship powered by Mazda with Belardi Auto Racing. Anderson would like to thank MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development, Skip Barber Racing School, Laser Nail Centers of Colorado and Neuropathy Testing Centers for their support. Anderson is also a member of the Derek Daly Academy led by former Formula One driver Derek Daly.

Away from the track, Anderson resides and attends college in Fort Collins, Colo. Learn more about Scott Anderson at [www.scottandersonracing.com](http://www.scottandersonracing.com). For more information on Scott and his racing program please contact Jeff Grist at the Derek Daly Academy by email at [jeff@derekdalyacademy.com](mailto:jeff@derekdalyacademy.com) or by phone at 905.327.7458.

Please be sure to check out Scott's website for several television interviews he did over Indy 500 weekend.