



mazda **ROAD** **TO INDY**



2012 Mazda Road to Indy Open Test Recap



About the Test



The Chris Griffis Memorial Mazda Road to Indy test was started in October 2011 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway as a way for drivers and teams throughout the Mazda Road to Indy to audition for the following season.

This year's test was conducted October 10-11 at IMS and featured all three Mazda Road to Indy series: USF2000, Star Mazda and Firestone Indy Lights, each conducting four sessions over the two days.





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This year's Chris Griffis Memorial Mazda Road to Indy Open Test saw new partnerships formed with championship series around the world, a dramatic increase in car count, introduced a record number of new drivers to the program and saw former champions giving back to INDYCAR's future stars:

Partnerships – The Mazda Road to Indy welcomed top drivers from British Formula Ford, Skip Barber Series, LATAM Challenge Series and Canadian F1600 (Ontario and Quebec) as part of new partnerships formed with each group this season

Car Count – This year's test saw nearly 100% growth in participation over last year with 28 USF2000 entrants, 14 Star Mazda entrants and 13 Firestone Indy Lights entrants

New Faces – Over 30 new drivers registered for participation in this year's test across USF2000, Star Mazda and Firestone Indy Lights

Driver Coaches – 2011 Firestone Indy Lights champion Josef Newgarden and reigning Firestone Indy Lights champion Tristan Vautier were both on hand serving as driver coaches for the two-day test





Media Results



Print

[Chris Griffis Memorial Mazda Road to Indy Test gives young talents ...](#)

Racer

Last year's inaugural Chris Griffis Memorial Mazda Road to Indy Test previewed what was to be two eventual series champions, and a large crop of other ...

[Fashion designer Luca Luca tests at Indy](#)

ESPN

Fashion designer Luca Luca, who has created a high-end Italian women's line of clothing, spent the past two days at the Indianapolis Motor ...

[Toronto Sun - Trackside, Canadian Content](#)

Toronto Sun

Motorsports breakout

[Norris McDonald's Auto Racing Blog](#)

Toronto Star

Five Ontario drivers will be at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway this Wednesday and Thursday to participate in the annual Mazda Road to Indy ...

[Paralyzed driver aims for Indy 500 - 13 WTHR Indianapolis](#)

WTHR (Indianapolis)

The Indy 500 is all about pushing the boundaries with technology and driving talent. Thursday at the Indianapolis Motor ...



Television

WRTV (ABC) 10/10/12 preview:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/MediaDownload.asp?MDID=1239116&MDS=2669>

WRTV (ABC) 10/10/12 full clip:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/MediaDownload.asp?MDID=1240947&MDS=2664>

WXIN (FOX) 10/11/12:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/MediaDownload.asp?MDID=1241895&MDS=1802>

WTHR-IN (NBC) 10/11/2012 preview:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/MediaDownload.asp?MDID=1241869&MDS=6236>

WTHR-IN (NBC) 10/11/2012 full clip:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/MediaDownload.asp?MDID=1241863&MDS=442>

Radio

[Trackside with Curt Cavin/Kevin Lee – Josef Newgarden](#)

Start at 22 minutes in



Note: We anticipate an Autosport Magazine story about British Formula Ford champion Antti Buri's participation in the test in the coming weeks