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JDC MotorSports commits to LMP3 platform for newly introduced 2017 IMSA Prototype Challenge presented by Mazda Championship.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (Aug 10, 2016) Minneapolis, MN based JDC MotorSports, the winningest team in the current Mazda Prototype Lites Presented by Cooper Tires championship, together with partner and customer Gerry Kraut has placed an order for a an Onroak-built Ligier JS P3.



The decision came quickly after IMSA's announcement on Friday August 5th to add LMP3 cars to the newly renamed 2017 IMSA Prototype Challenge powered by Mazda series in the new PC1 class.

LMP3 machinery will remain with the ACO's global-spec Nissan-based V8 engine, although unbranded, with Mazda's MZR engine continuing to power the current Elan DP02 cars, which will compete in the PC2 class category beginning next year.

JDC MotorSports currently holds a remarkable streak in North American sports car racing, as the team has won 25 consecutive Prototype Lites races dating back to August 2014 with JDC MotorSports drivers finishing 1-2-3 in the 2015 IMSA Prototype Lites championship.

Earlier this year JDC-Miller MotorSports also found victory lane with their IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship program, winning the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona as well as the Long Beach Grand Prix in the PC class.



Onroak's Ethan Bregman (pictured above, left) Pierre Nicolet (middle) and Gerry Kraut (right)

“The LMP3 platform I believe will fit well with our business model and future plans”, team owner John Church explained. “It fills the gap between the current IMSA Lites cars and prototypes running in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and provides drivers like Gerry with the opportunity to race a state of the art closed cockpit prototype in a sprint race format. I also think it’s a good step for the young guys who want to progress into the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, ELMS or WEC.”

The team is scheduled to receive the first Ligier JS P3 car in early October. Plans are to run the current Elan DP02 cars in the PC2 category as well.

“The LMP3 platform has been a huge success in Europe as well as in Asia with the Ligier JS P3 being the dominate car right now, so the decision to partner with Onroak and purchase their cars was fairly easy. The support they will be able to offer here in the IMSA series as well as worldwide was another big factor,” Church explained.

Outside the announced new 2017 LMP3 program and continuing the current Elan DP02 cars in the PC2 category of the 2017 IMSA Prototype Challenge powered by Mazda series, JDC Miller MotorSports will continue to run its current ORECA FLM09 PC car in a full season entry for the 2017 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.



JDC MotorSports races with associate sponsorship from [Hi-Tide Boat Lifts](#), [RedLineOil.com](#), [HR Sportswear](#), [Justice Brothers, Inc.](#) and [Showdown Displays](#).

Additional information on JDC MotorSports can be obtained from the team's website @ www.jdcmotorsports.com For direct contact, please contact John Church @ 612-963-3352

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About JDC MotorSports / JDC Miller MotorSports:

Involved in formula car racing since its inception in 1994, JDC MotorSports has established itself as one of the leading junior open-wheel teams in North America. Initially making its mark in the F2000 class of club racing competition, JDC MotorSports was soon a team worth watching in the pro ranks. Expanding into the Pro Mazda in 2005, the Minnesota-based team remained focused on not only challenging for top honors, but also helping develop young drivers. Over the years, JDC MotorSports has won numerous races and championships. JDC captured both the driver and team titles in the 2007 Star Mazda Championship, with Rookie of the Year Dane Cameron scoring a series-high three wins. The Minnesota-based team followed that up with a second Star Mazda Championship title with Rookie of the Year Adam Christodoulou, and the F2000 Championship Series title with Chris Miller in 2009. JDC continued its winning ways one year later, earning the Rookie of the Year award in the Star Mazda Championship with Connor De Phillippi, and scoring a non-points win in the USF2000 National Championship with Mikhail Goikhberg. The junior formula car standout secured its third Star Mazda Championship title in 2011 with Tristan Vautier, in addition to scoring a win in the USF2000 National Championship with Luke Ellery, as well as making its Prototype Lites Championship debut, earning five podium finishes. JDC MotorSports added to its Star Mazda Championship win tally, USF2000 Championship podium total in 2012, and finished as the Prototype Lites Championship runner-up in 2012. In 2014 JDC MotorSports captured the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites driver and team champion with drivers Mikhail Goikhberg (2014 overall driver champion), Matt McMurry and Gerry Kraut. 2014 was also the first year JDC MotorSports entered under JDC-Miller MotorSports a program in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge class, finishing 4th at its maiden race the 12 hours of Sebring and scored its first podium finishing 3rd at Road America. JDC Motorsports added to the tally in 2015 with another team and driver championship in Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda. But there was more to celebrate along the way than the championship. In the 2015 Prototype Lites season, JDC Motorsports won every race and pole. In their second season competing in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge fulltime driver Mikhail Goikhberg finished 4th overall in 2015 prototype challenge class driver championship including three podiums and the team's first pole position at LimeRock Park. In the current 2016 season JDC-Miller MotorSports WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge already scored two victories in the season opening three races including winning the legendary Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona and is currently leading the drivers and team championship.

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