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Allmendinger Set For Indy Classic

9 December 2011--It isn't just the elves that are keeping busy these days. Even though the NASCAR Sprint Cup season wrapped a few weekends back, AJ Allmendinger didn't get the memo to slow down, and has not stopped finding new places to race.

Allmendinger got into the karting sprit last weekend by racing in the Red Bull Kart Fight at the Performance Racing Industry show in Orlando and will once again be up against a field of big names from across the sport.

This weekend, Allmendinger will return to the fray once again as the Richard Petty Motorsports driver is set to race in the Indy Karting Classic.

The Indy Karting Classic features a compact, full day of karting inside Conseco Fieldhouse – an arena located in downtown Indianapolis. Held in conjunction with the International Motorsports Industry Show, the Karting Classic is highlighted by the Pro Division category which will see Allmendinger compete against five other NASCAR drivers as well as six IZOD IndyCar Series drivers. The 12 Pro Racers will go head to head as they compete against one another in what many consider to be the purest form of motorsports.

The temporary indoor 10th-mile kart track is a combination of an oval and road course, with several sweeping left-hand turns featured on the ultra-quick track.

The Pro Racers will each use the same IAME Parilla Leopard X30 engine, but will utilize different brands of chassis with Allmendinger running a Arrows chassis provided by Walldinger Racing partner KartSport of Mooresville, NC

Always quick to return to his karting roots, Allmendinger last climbed behind the wheel of a TaG kart in March during one of NASCAR's few off-weekends. He competed against the nation's top TaG racers at the WKA Manufacturer's Cup Series Zoom Zoom Nationals held at Carolina Motorsports Park in Kershaw, South Carolina and finished second in both the TaG 1 and Parilla Leopard categories as well as sixth in the TaG 2 class among an elite field.

In addition to the Pro Division, five karter divisions will also run the event including Kid Kart, Yamaha Sportsman Heavy, Yamaha Junior Heavy, Yamaha SuperCan Heavy and TaG Senior. The Indy Karting Classic will see a full day of practice, qualifying, heat races, and main races on Sunday, December 11. In addition to the racing, the halls of Conseco Fieldhouse will be filled with karting industry displays and representatives from karting tracks, karting manufacturers and other suppliers.

"I'm looking forward to racing again this weekend and seeing what this track is like," said Allmendinger. "Karting helps to keep you sharp in the off-season so I've been trying to do as much as I can. We were in Orlando last weekend and now to Indy, and then it will be back down to Daytona for the WKA races in a few weeks. It's good to get into the rhythm of racing on a kart again. It's hard to just jump back on to a kart and expect to be competitive right away against guys who are on these things week in and week out. So the more I can do, the better!"

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