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SUPERTUNE USA POWERED DRIVERS ROLL AT FLORIDA WINTER TOUR

"Supertune USA scores multiple podium results and race wins at opening rounds"

January 26, 2011 – Looking to get a great jump on the 2011 racing season, Supertune USA provided powerplants to some of North America's top pilots during the opening rounds of the 2011 Florida Winter Tour. After the two weeks were complete, Supertune USA scored three main event victories and was represented on the podium on eight different occasions.

"It was a great start to the season," expressed Supertune USA's Ben Cruttenden. "Supertune USA drivers performed very well and big congratulations must go out to all of them."

In the first weekend of action, it was TaG Cadet driver Devlin DeFrancesco who carried the Supertune USA flag. Scoring a dominating victory in Saturday's racing action, DeFrancesco backed up his result with a second place finish on Sunday and now leads the overall series championship heading into the second round of the program.

DeFrancesco would also see action in the second weekend of competition as he would do battle in the Rotax Mini Max class with fellow Supertune USA pilot Patricio O'Ward. While De Francesco would rebound on Sunday to score a fifth place result after a disappointing result on Saturday, it was O'Ward who would stand on the podium with a second place result on Sunday. Looking to repeat his success from the previous day, O'Ward narrowly missed the top five scoring a sixth place finish and valuable championship points towards the series championship.

Supertune USA's strongest results came from Rotax Junior pilot Dore Chaponick. The talented Miami resident was on a tear throughout the race weekend and managed to score a pair of victories in Orlando. After a dominating performance on Saturday to take the checkers, Chaponick had to come from deep in the field on Sunday to stand atop the podium. Driving like a seasoned veteran, Chaponick sliced and diced his way through the field passing competitors at will. In the main event, Chaponick stalked the leader for the entire main event before making a bid for the lead two laps from the end. Taking the top spot, Chaponick pulled away from his closest rival to take his second victory of the weekend.

Fellow Supertune USA Rotax Junior pilot Tristan DeGrand added to the engine builder's success with a top five result on Sunday. After having to start from the tail of the field with Chaponick, DeGrand worked his way forward to score a solid fifth place finish.

In the youngest age division of the weekend, Rotax Micro Max, Supertune USA powered pilot Rasmus Lindh left the Orlando Kart Center with a pair of podium results. After claiming a third place finish on Saturday, Lindh improved one position on Sunday to take the second step of the podium. Lindh will be back in action at the next round at the Palm Beach International Raceway where he will look to fight for the win.

In the senior divisions, Supertune USA had three drivers scoring top ten results. Leading the way in the Rotax DD2 division was 2010 DD2 World Champion Daniel Morad. After making the switch to Supertune USA power, Morad claimed a fourth place result on Saturday and backed it up with a third place finish on Sunday. Fellow Supertune USA driver and DD2 rookie Nicholas Latifi would also stand on the podium on the weekend. After battling with the leaders all weekend long, Latifi scored a third place result on Saturday followed by a sixth place result on Sunday.

With a host of rookies being powered by Supertune USA, Rotax Senior pilot Alessandra Madrigal would look to fight with some of North America's best at the front of the field. After having a poor result on Saturday due to an on track incident, the young female rebounded on Sunday to claim a sixth place finish.

For more information on Supertune USA or to book one of their national level engines for testing or event weekend use, please visit them online at www.SupertuneUSA.com or contact Supertune USA's engine builder Ben Cruttenden at 317.489.7004 or via e-mail at Ben@SupertuneUSA.com.