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SUPERTUNE USA PRIMED AND READY FOR SECOND ROUNDS OF FLORIDA WINTER TOUR

"Fantastic weekend in Orlando looks to be springboard for 2011 season"

February 14, 2011 – The 2011 Formula Kart Productions Florida Winter Tour (FWT) kicked off nearly a month ago but the results still remain fresh for Supertune USA and Ben Cruttenden. After garnering wins and podiums in the first weekend of action, Supertune USA entered the Rotax weekend with goals set high and succeeded in attaining them by the time the final checkered flag had flown.

"We had a great weekend in Orlando and will look to carry that success to the Palm Beach round," expressed Supertune USA's Ben Cruttenden. "I have a feeling that with our success so far this season, we will have a lot of people gunning for us in South Florida."

With the second round at Palm Beach International Raceway (PBIR) in Jupiter, Florida now upon us, Supertune USA and their host of competitive drivers will enter the round looking to carry the momentum gained in Orlando. With only three drivers in competition in the Formula Kart weekend, the stress of race wins will lie in the hands of TaG Junior pilot Dore Chaponick and Vortex Mini-Rok standout Devlin DeFrancesco and his younger brother Lachlan.

While Chaponick struggled the first weekend in Orlando, DeFrancesco rolled through the results scoring a win on Saturday and a solid second place result on Sunday. The up and coming talent currently leads the TaG Cadet title chase and will look to increase his points lead this coming weekend.

Chaponick more than made up for his TaG Junior woes as the very next weekend he was the driver to beat in the 68 competitor Rotax Junior field. After scoring the main event win on Saturday, the DFR pilot had a championship drive through the field on Sunday to take the top step of the podium yet again. Like DeFrancesco, Chaponick leads the Rotax Junior point's battle and will look to increase his lead at the fast PBIR circuit.

Joining Chaponick in the Rotax Junior class will be Supertune USA drivers Tristan DeGrand, Alex Guenette, Gustavo Lima and Sebastian Coulson. While all four drivers showed speed at the Orlando Kart Center, DeGrand proved to have the best result of the quartet claiming the fifth position on Saturday.

Reigning Rotax DD2 World Champion Daniel Morad will be back behind the wheel of a Supertune USA powered machine as he will join Nicholas Latifi in the ultra competitive DD2 category. Both pilots were at the front of the field in Orlando claiming top five results and a solid start in 2011. While the two Canadians are more accustomed to being on the top step of the podium, they will look to improve at PBIR.

After racing his Vortex Mini-Rok in the first weekend of competition, DeFrancesco will trade it in for a Rotax Mini Max the following weekend. DeFrancesco will join Patricio O'Ward and Cole Glasson in the hunt for Florida Winter Tour glory. With a second place finish on Saturday, O'Ward currently sits third in the point standings while DeFrancesco is fifth after a solid fifth place result on Sunday.

The younger of the DeFrancesco pilots will be joined by Rasmus Lindh in the Rotax Micro Max division in Palm Beach. While the very young DeFrancesco continues to gain experience during the 2011 season of racing, Lindh looks to battle for the overall series championship and after a pair of podium results in Orlando, currently sits third in the series championship, a mere 35 points from the top spot.

Not to be outdone, a trio of senior competitors will enter the Rotax Senior category. 2010 Team USA driver and Rotax World Finals competitor Andrew Palmer will be joined by Nicola Morales and Kara Gunette.

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 317.491.5306 or via e-mail at Ben@SupertuneUSA.com.