

Pitt Race and Steel City Karting Welcome Pro Kart Racer, Luca Mars, to the Pittsburgh International Auto Show

Wampum/Monroeville, Pennsylvania – February 15, 2017- Pittsburgh International Race Complex and Steel City Indoor Karting will be welcoming a special guest to their karting experience at the Pittsburgh International Auto Show 2017. Professional Karter, Luca Mars, will be on site throughout the show to talk racing, development, and experiences with show visitors.

Luca Mars Bio:

Luca Mars started driving karts at the age of 5 at Pittsburgh International Race Complex. He spent the first year practicing after school at the track with his grandpap Bill Weber, learning the basics and having fun. The following year, the Franklin Park native started his first season racing and earned his first victories and the Championship in the Pitt Race Kid Kart class. Luca then made the early jump to the bigger, faster Rookie karts as soon as he turned 7, scoring a multitude of wins and the season championship at Pitt Race.

2014 was Luca's breakout year as he won an astounding 21 out of 26 Regional and National races while earning Championships in the Pitt Race Karting Series (PRKS), Great Lakes Sprint Series (GLSS), United States Pro Kart Series (USPKS) and World Karting Association (WKA)! At the age of 8 the North Allegheny student again jumped early to the next level competing in the Yamaha Sportsman and Pro TAG Sportsman divisions becoming one of the youngest ever National winners at the level scoring wins at WKA races and the renowned Dan Wheldon Memorial RoboPong 200 event. Luca closed out the year competing internationally for the first time at the Rok Cup World Finals in South Garda, Italy as a 9 year old competing against drivers up to 13 years old!

Another quantum leap forward came in 2016 where the Piloti Driving Shoes sponsored driver started the season by becoming one of the youngest winners ever in the prestigious Florida Winter Tour which features the very best of International competition. This set the stage for an amazing season where Luca earned wins and a third place overall in Rok Cup USA competition, wins and a Championship in the WKA Pro TAG Sportsman class and a WKA win at the world famous Daytona Motor Speedway. During the season Luca also made a few starts in the bigger, faster Rotax MiniMax class and at the US Grand Finals earned a ticket to the Rotax Max Challenge Grand Finals in Sarno, Italy - the Olympics of the karting world featuring 360 racers from more than 50 countries! As if that wasn't enough of a season, upon returning home Luca led the 20th Annual SKUSA SuperNats at the White Flag, eventually scoring a 3rd place Podium Finish.

With the 2017 season now in full swing, Luca has shown no signs of letting up scoring a win and a second place finish in the first two rounds of the Florida Winter Tour while building a commanding lead in the Championship standings. As the lead North American driver for the world renowned Energy Kart brand in 2017, Luca looks to continue his current success in FWT,

SKUSA and Rok Cup USA competition before making the move to the highly competitive Junior ranks.

The Event:

Luca and his sponsors Driving Gear and Piloti shoes will be giving away prizes to random winners at the end of the show. They will give away a pair of casual shoes for first place, T shirt for second place and a hat for third place. They will announce the winner on their web page (Driving-Gear.com) and Pitt Race's Social Media after the event. So be sure to stop down at the karting track, meet one of the top kart racers in the country and get a chance to win some great shoes!

Patrons of the show will be able to race a time trial race in real electric karts provided by Steel City Indoor Karting! We will be setting up a small oval slick track for folks to take a crack at their drifting skills. Pitt Race Karting will also be onsite with various karts including their full race karts for patrons to sit in and experience.

The cost for each race will be \$5 which will be one kart on the track at a time for a total of 10 laps. We will be set up on the first floor of the show with an experience the Auto Show has never seen!

Hope to see you at the car show!

For more information, please contact Pitt Race at 724.535.1000 or log on to www.PittRace.com/Karting OR Steel City Indoor Karting at 412-380-1314 or log on to www.SteelCityIndoorKarting.com . You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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