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LEADING EDGE MOTORSPORTS OPENS 2021 WITH BACK-TO-BACK FLORIDA WEEKENDS

Veteran operation set for SKUSA Winter Series and Florida Winter Tour openers

LODI, CALIFORNIA (January 7, 2021) – The 2021 North American karting season is set to get underway this weekend as the first major events of the calendar year will be hosted in Florida. Leading Edge Motorsports began its 2020 campaign with a hot streak of wins on the west coast, and the squad is gearing up for a repeat as the California-based operation heads east for back-to-back weekends in the Sunshine State. Leading Edge opens the season at the Superkarts! USA Winter Series this weekend (January 8-10) at the AMR Homestead-Miami Motorplex Presented by MG Tires. The following weekend, LEM travels north to the Isle Casino in Pompano Beach for the ROK Cup USA Florida Winter Tour opener.

Leading Edge Motorsports' SKUSA Winter Series roster features three drivers. A new addition to the team is young superstar Brent Crews. A Rotax Grand Finals and two-time IAME International Final champion, Crews is set to make his official shifterkart debut at a major karting event. Crews will compete in the Pro Shifter category aboard a Formula K. The North Carolina driver is coming off a strong showing at the Tulsa Shootout, placing third in the Non-Wing Outlaw division on the tight indoor dirt oval. Joining Crews in the Pro Shifter class is Pierce Baldus, also piloting a Formula K. The Kansas driver is making his first start in the category at the SKUSA Winter Series after competing at the 2020 SKUSA Pro Tour. Completing the roster is Jackson Baldus, who made his SKUSA Pro Tour debut in 2020 and will be competing in the Micro Swift division aboard a Formula K.

"It's great to be back racing as we start the 2021 season," stated Leading Edge Motorsports owner Greg Bell. "Adding a new driver is very exciting, especially one as talented as Brent Crews. The raw talent he has will be fun to work as he dives into the shifterkart ranks. Pierce and Jackson are looking to improve on their initial debuts into SKUSA competition at the Pro Tour last year. This weekend at the SKUSA Winter Series will help us gain a better relationship so that we'll understand where we need to improve and in what areas we need to focus on for the remainder of the season."

A weekend later, the roster doubles as six drivers will compete under the LEM banner at the Florida Winter Tour. Crews and Baldus will make the transition to the Shifter ROK category, joined by 2019 ROK the RIO champion Danny Formal. Working with ANSA Motorsports, Formal and LEM will be working together for a bid at the FWT championship aboard a Formula K. Making the trek from California, Challenge of the Americas champion Oliver Calvo is set to compete in the Senior ROK division. Another new driver to the LEM stable is Derek Morton. The Californian

finished eighth in the 2020 ProKart Challenge KA100 Senior championship chase, and is gearing up for his FWT debut in Senior 100cc. Jackson Baldus rounds out the driver lineup, competing in Micro ROK.

“Our partnership with ANSA Motorsports is very exciting for the 2021 season,” added Bell. “Their headquarters in Florida gives both Leading Edge Motorsports and Formula K an opportunity to establish a foothold on the east coast. Adding Danny Formal into the mix makes it a great equation, and provides for a strong driver development program and race team. I’m excited for the next two weekends as I believe LEM will start the 2021 season strong.”

New Formula K and Praga chassis are available today from Leading Edge Motorsports along with their in-house Mega Power engine service center. Contact them by calling 866-585-5278 or visit leadingedgemotorsports.com, and be sure to follow them on [Facebook](#).

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About Leading Edge Motorsports:

For the last 25 years, Greg Bell and Leading Edge Motorsports have been at the forefront of the karting industry, supporting his local scene from his Lodi, California shop while also winning national races and championships with his traveling race and driver support team. In November of 2019, Leading Edge Motorsports won two of the biggest shifter kart races of the year at the ROK the Rio and SKUSA SuperNationals events in Las Vegas. As the official factory racing team for Formula K and Praga karts in the United States, Leading Edge Motorsports will compete in the Challenge of the Americas, KPX Championships and ROK Sonoma series in addition to assorted ROK Cup USA and Superkarts! USA events.