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Cruz Pedregon and Snap-on Funny Car Ready for 2013 NHRA Season

KENOSHA, Wis. – February 11, 2013 – The testing is complete; the new team members are ready; and the new paint scheme for the Snap-on Funny Car is in place. All that is left for Cruz Pedregon and the Snap-on Funny Car team is to get racing, starting with the NHRA Winternationals Feb. 14-17 in Pomona, California.

“Our Snap-on team is definitely ready,” said Pedregon. “We made a few changes with the team this off-season that we are really excited about. We feel these additions to our team will put us in great shape as we look for our third Funny Car world championship.”

Two primary changes to the team are the additions of a new car chief, Chris “Warrior” Kullberg and the promotion of Todd Haas to assistant car chief. In addition, the Snap-on Funny Car will feature a new paint scheme in 2013.

“Chris brings a lot of experience to our team and we’re excited to have him on board,” said Pedregon. “He’s a Funny Car guy through and through. We also promoted Todd Haas, who has been with me for a couple years now, and I’m very happy for him. A lot of people have asked me about a crew chief, but we’ve structured the team so there is no crew chief title. I’m the tuner of the Snap-on Funny Car, which I have been for the last four years, and that’s not going to change. We’ve finished top five the last two years so we’re headed in the right direction.”

“With regard to how the car looks, Snap-on and their creative department spent time this offseason creating a new paint scheme for our team,” said Pedregon. “They changed the entire look to have a more consistent feel throughout all of their racing programs. We now have a really distinctive look.”

Pedregon enters the 2013 season as the only Funny Car driver on a winning streak, having captured the 2012 season finale at Pomona. However, Pedregon and the Snap-on Funny Car team still did some pre-season testing in West Palm Beach, Florida in January which went well, according to Pedregon.

“We went to West Palm Beach, Florida for testing and made five runs,” said Pedregon. “It was very necessary and gave us a chance to iron out some wrinkles with the team and the car. They were all good learning runs and overall we’re in good shape heading into the Winternationals. The Snap-on Funny Car is consistently one of the best performers; we just have to work on consistency on race day.”

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