



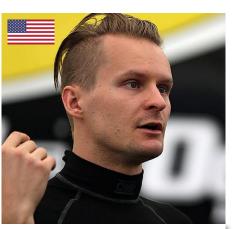


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Czabok-Simpson Motorsport No 67 car for Sebastian Carazo, Nikita Lastochkin and Gordon Scully in their debut 2024 IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge campaign.







Nikita Lastochkin



Gordon Scully

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Czabok-Simpson Motorsport are pleased to announce that Sebastian Carazo, Nikita Lastochkin and Gordon Scully will join the team's 2024 IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge program. The trio builds the line-up for the new teams' full season entry in the No 67 Czabok-Simpson Motorsport Porsche Cayman RS GT4 Clubsport in the main GS class.

The 10 race 2024 Michelin Pilot Challenge championship schedule kicks off on January 25th – 28th, with a four-hour race at Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL, following the official three day "ROAR BEFORE THE ROLEX 24" test season the week before on January 19th – 21st.

Sebastian Carazo, 24. The Puerto Rican already has an impressive track record under his belt. The 2019 Gold class champion in the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA and 2022 ProAm class champion (with co-driver Bryan Ortiz) in the Lamborghini Super Trofeo Grand Finals, finished an impressive second in the 2023 VP Racing SportsCar Challenge Championship GSX class, featuring several race wins and podiums which kept him in contention for the GSX championship all the way to the final race at Road Atlanta.

"I can't wait to get the season started", said Sebastian, "I am looking forward to being able work alongside Stephen, Matthias and the entire team at CSM for their first season in the Michelin Pilot Challenge, I am confident in what we can accomplish this year".

Nikita Lastochkin, 33, moved to the United States at the age of 16 and now calls Los Angeles, California home. With a background mainly in US open wheel racing, 2024 will be Nikita's transition into IMSA sportscar racing. He began racing in 2013 with the Skip Barber Racing School, placing 2nd in the Winter Championship followed by the 2014 Summer Racing Series, where he placed 3rd in the Championship. In 2014, Nikita went on to compete in the Pacific Region F1600 Championship Series, claiming 2 wins. He made the move into the Road to Indy in 2015 competing in the U.S. F2000 championship, the Pro Mazda Championship, the Indy Pro 2000 Championship and finally in 2021, in the Indy Lights (now called IndyNXT) Championship, the final step to the Verizon IndyCar series.

"I am thrilled to join CSM and begin a new chapter in my career. I am looking forward to building on my experience and learning from the team", said Nikita

"Having Stephen as one of the team owners is an amazing opportunity. Being an accomplished racer himself, he can help with my transition from open-wheel world to GT style racing. I look forward to learning all the new things and challenges that come with racing sportscars.

The Michelin Pilot paddock seems like the absolute right place to be. The field is stacked with so many fast and experienced drivers that at any point in the race there is close racing all the way through the grid.

The team will be running the Porsche GT4 RS Clubsport, which is a brand I have a lot of history with. Although I have yet to race in a Porsche, I have been working as a driver coach at the Porsche Experience Center Los Angeles for over 5 years. Having plenty of seat time in every model the brand makes, I always appreciated how nimble and confidence-inspiring the mid-engine 718 platform is. I can't wait to see what the car is capable of in a proper "race" trim."

Gordon Scully, 24, from Chicago Illinois, is also making his transition into sportscar racing in 2024 from single-seater, US open wheel racing. A graduate of the Lucas Oil School of Racing and the Formula Race Promotions F1600 programs, Gordon recently competed in the 2023 USF2000 Championship, finishing 15th in the highly competitive 34 car field but sees his future now in the IMSA series' which go from strength to strength.

"I am extremely pleased to announce I will be racing for Czabok-Simpson Motorsport for the 2024 Michelin Pilot Challenge Championship season", said Gordon. "I believe this to be the best next move for my future and success in racing. Czabok-Simpson Motorsport will provide the best opportunity to fight for the championship in 2024 and I am supremely confident in the team's ability to succeed in the coming year. My recent partnership with the Les Turner ALS Foundation (lesturnerals.org) will make this exciting season fulfilling off the track as we raise money and awareness to find a cure for ALS. I am excited to step into a new car, help Czabok-Simpson Motorsport to win in their first year of competition, and fight to find a cure for ALS".

IMSA Prototype winner and Czabok-Simpson Motorsport team co-owner, Stephen Simpson says, "Very excited to have Sebastian, Nikita and Gordon join us in our debut 2024 IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge campaign and without question this line-up represents some good experience and offers plenty of potential for our maiden season in the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge Championship. We welcome Sebastian, Nikita and Gordon and their sponsors to our program."

Czabok-Simpson Motorsport team co-owner and managing partner Matthias Czabok confirmed that the team have taken delivery of their second car last week and it is now being prepped for the start of the season at the CSM shop in Brownsburg, IN. "Prior to Christmas, we announced that Indianapolis native Jackson Lee will be the teams' driver for the 2024 IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge program and we also have further plans to enter a second Porsche Cayman RS GT4 Clubsport at selected events of the 2024 IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge, which will be announced at a later date."

For more information, visit the team's website at:

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