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NASCAR WHELEN EURO DRIVER MIGUEL GOMES MAKING ARCA MENARDS SERIES DEBUT AT DAYTONA

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.: The 2023 racing season has dawned and the ARCA Menards Series will make the annual trek to Daytona Beach to open their 71st season of competition. While many familiar faces and newcomers are entered, this year's event will carry a competitive international flavor and some Hollywood limelight.

Among the international contingent stands NASCAR Whelen Euro Series driver Miguel Gomes who will be making his ARCA Menards Series debut in the No. 02 Chevrolet.

Gomes became the first Portuguese born driver to compete full-time in the NASCAR Whelen Euro Series, as well as will become the second competitor to compete in ARCA.

The entry for Gomes will be a collaborative effort between longtime ARCA Menards Series team Empire Racing Group and Young's Motorsports to field the No. 02 in select events during the 2023 season.

Gomes will have support from [SimThunder](#), a longtime NASCAR Euro supporter of his, serving as his primary marketing partner in his Daytona ARCA debut.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime to come over to the United States and compete on the hallowed grounds of Daytona International Speedway," said Gomes. "Many drivers from different disciplines around the world have graced these high banks, and I cannot thank everyone at Empire Racing and Young's Motorsports for allowing me the opportunity to add my name to that list."

"I want to reward their hard work and preparation with a solid finish while learning as much as I can in the process."

The BRANDT 200 Supporting Florida FFA (80 laps | 200 miles) is the first of 20 races on the 2023 ARCA Menards Series schedule. Practice begins Thurs., Feb. 16 with a fifty-minute session from 4:05 p.m. – 4:55 p.m. Group qualifying is set for Fri., Feb. 17 at 1:30 p.m. The season-opener for the 71st consecutive ARCA season is set the following afternoon on Feb. 18 to take the green flag shortly after 1:30 p.m. The event will be televised live on FOX Sports 1 (FS1) with the Motor Racing Network (MRN) and SiriusXM Satellite Radio (XM channel 391 | online channel 981) handling the radio waves. ARCARacing.com will also stream live timing and scoring throughout the entire weekend festivities.

About Young's Motorsports:

[Young's Motorsports](#) is a NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series team headquartered in Mooresville, N.C. fielding three Truck Series entries (No. 02, No. 12, & No. 20) and one ARCA Menards Series entry (#02).

About Empire Racing Group:

[Empire Racing Group](#) is an ARCA Menards Series team based in Mooresville, N.C. that fields the No. 8 entry in the ARCA Menards Series and ARCA Menards Series East respectively.

For more information, visit miguel-gomes.com/en.