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MINI JCW Team Owner Luis Perocarpi to Drive #52 for Final Street Tuner Race in Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge Series

Team Driver Colin Mullan to miss final race after winning prestigious Team USA Scholarship; Perocarpi to fill the void in battle for Manufacturers' Championship

Woodcliff Lake, NJ – October 4, 2018 – [MINI USA](#) and the [MINI JCW Team](#) today announced that MINI JCW Team owner Luis Perocarpi will drive the #52 MINI JCW at the season finale race of the [Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge Series](#) on Friday, October 12, at [Road Atlanta](#). The Fox Factory 120 marks the final race for MINI with the [International Motor Sports Association](#) (ISMA) and the series finale for the [Street Tuner](#) (ST) class, which will end its 16-year tenure with the series next week. Perocarpi and the team are currently in second place in the Manufacturers' Championship standings behind BMW and ahead of Porsche and Mazda.

“It’s an incredible feeling to have the opportunity to drive one of the MINI JCW race cars that I built and represent the brand in the last ST race, the last race for MINI with IMSA and the last race with Continental Tires,” said Luis Perocarpi, team owner, LAP Motorsports. “I could not be happier for Colin and his future in racing. He brought amazing talent to this team. I have big shoes to fill but anyone who knows me knows that I’m always up for a challenge.”

Perocarpi, who is no stranger to the driver’s seat, will take the wheel of the #52 to fill in for rookie sensation [Colin Mullan](#), who was awarded the prestigious [Team USA Scholarship](#). As part of the scholarship program, Mullan will be heading to Europe to compete in the [Avon Tyres FF1600 Championship](#), the [BRSCC Formula Ford Festival](#), and the [Walter Hayes Trophy](#) at Silverstone. He will then qualify for the chance to win a scholarship for the world renowned [Mazda Road to Indy](#) driver development program. Mullan was a driving force in the success of the MINI JCW Team this season,

qualifying the #52 in the front row in all but one race since [joining the team at Mid-Ohio in May](#).

“My time with MINI USA and the MINI JCW Team is something I will never forget,” said Colin Mullan. “From the day we first met Luis and the team at Daytona we were treated like family. As MINI owners, my family was so happy to see this amazing MINI culture within the company, the team and the other owners.”

Perocarpi has raced professionally for years and won the [Trophy Truck Spec class](#) of the [Score International BAJA 1000](#) in 2014, however, this will be his first professional road race in an LAP Motorsports-built MINI John Cooper Works racecar. Perocarpi will join co-driver and Atlanta-native [Mark Pombo](#) piloting the #52 at the 2.54-mile, 12-turn road course northeast of Atlanta. Pombo is currently in a tight battle for third place with the #21 Porsche Cayman.

Pombo and Perocarpi will be joined by Mark’s brother [Mat Pombo](#) and 2013 ST Driver Champion [Mike LaMarra](#) in the #73 MINI JCW. Pombo and LaMarra are currently in second place in the Drivers’ Championship standings behind the #81 BMW. The #37 MINI JCW will be driven by [Nate Norenberg](#) and [Derek Jones](#).

Throughout the entire season, technicians from MINI dealerships all over the country help support the team as part of the MINI Service Technicians Education Program (STEP). This weekend at Road Atlanta the team is supported by seven MINI technicians, two from [Global Imports MINI](#) in Chamblee, two from [Mall of Georgia MINI](#) in Buford, two from [Tom Bush MINI](#) in Jacksonville, Fla. and one from [Cincinnati MINI](#) in Ohio. The team will also be supported at Road Atlanta by active U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Katrina Williams as part of [Operation Motorsport](#). Williams, who is originally from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has 14 years of service with the U.S. Army and currently resides in Cameron, N.C. This will be Katrina’s second race supporting the MINI team this year.

The Indianapolis-based MINI JCW Team competes with a fleet of production-derived MINI John Cooper Works Hardtop race cars closely related to the [John Cooper Works Hardtops](#) that are currently on sale at MINI dealerships across the U.S. For information about the MINI JCW Team visit [MINIJCWTeam.com](#).

About MINI in the US

MINI is an independent brand of the BMW Group. In the United States, MINI USA operates as a business unit of BMW of North America, LLC, located in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey and includes the marketing and sales organizations for the MINI brand. The MINI USA sales organization is represented in the U.S. through a network of 128 MINI passenger car dealers in 39 states. MINI USA began selling vehicles in the U.S. in 2002

with the introduction of the MINI Cooper and MINI Cooper S Hardtops. Since then, the MINI Brand in the U.S. has grown to encompass a model range of four unique vehicles.

About the MINI JCW Team

The MINI JCW Team, operated by LAP Motorsports ([@lapmotorsports](#)), drives MINI's most powerful Hardtop ever in the two-door John Cooper Works. The team competes in the fiercely competitive IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge. For additional information please visit [minijcwteam.com](#) or email luis@minijcwteam.com

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