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## Brad Rogers to compete in Southern Division

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Longs, SC--Younger brothers usually look up to their older brothers, and that's certainly the case with Brad Rogers, younger brother of Clay Rogers. But when the green flag drops in the Lucas Oil 250 at USA International Speedway on Feb. 28, Brad will be looking to make a name for himself in the Hooters ProCup Series.

Brad recently announced his plans to compete in the Southern Division of the Hooters ProCup Series and the \$75,000 Miller Lite Rookie of the Year program. Based on his track record, he may do more than compete.

Brad won five times at Concord Motorsports Park in 2002 and eight times in 21 starts last season in the Coca-Cola Cup Late Model Stock Series. Rogers averaged a fourth-place finish at CMP last season and finished third in points. In addition, he won the only UARA event he entered, holding off a talented group of drivers at Myrtle Beach Speedway.

The jump from a Late Model to a ProCup chassis is a big step, but it is one that Rogers feels comfortable making.

"I think I came into this whole deal at the right time," said Rogers. "I won't have to adjust to the horsepower quite as much as I would have if I was on the bias-ply tire because these radials have so much more grip. It's still a world of difference from a Late Model." But Rogers seems to be making the transition well.

At a recent test at Myrtle Beach Speedway, Brad was turning laps within a tenth of Clay and faster than the pole speed for the October race at MBS, bringing a smile to the face of veteran crew chief Bill Boger, who was splitting time between the siblings at the test. "He's going to be good," said Boger. "I think he's got a lot of talent. He's cool behind the wheel and good at relaying information about the car back to the team.

"He's the kind of guy we need in the Series," added Boger. "He's a tiger in the car, and his goal is to win races. He's also not afraid to work on the car." With the help of big brother and Boger, Rogers believes he should be in the thick of the rookie race.

"Without a doubt, I feel like I should be right up there in the rookie standings," said Rogers. "I'm looking forward to it. I've got the best people I could ask for helping me. If I've got a question, I can always ask them, and that's everything. I'm lucky to have as many sources to help me out."

Rogers not only believes he can win the ROTY title, but he feels winning

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aces during his rookie season isn't out of the question. "It may sound kind of crazy, but I got high expectations," said Rogers. "If our team gets to gelling during the season, I think we can be right up in there in the [overall] points. I come to win."

If he does, the words "Rogerswins" may become commonplace in the Southern Division in 2004.

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