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STAR MAZDA CHAMPION DANE CAMERON DUPLICATES HIS 2007 OPEN-WHEEL POLE AT SEBRING, TURNING THE QUICKEST LMPC LAP FOR TOMORROW'S 12 HOURS OF SEBRING

Sebring, FL / March 18, 2011 – Dane Cameron, winner of the 2007 Star Mazda Championship presented by



Goodyear, took another big step up the career ladder with a qualifying lap of 1:55.232 (115.593 mph) in the Genoa Racing/MOLECULE ORECA FLM09 to win the LMPC pole for tomorrow's 12 Hours of Sebring.

Cameron, who normally races the Team Seattle, Dempsey Racing Mazda RX-8 in the Grand-Am GT class, will share the Sebring driving duties with Jens Petersen and Michael Guasch, the 2009 Star Mazda Master Series champion.

“Qualifying was extremely tight, but the Genoa team gave me a great car and I felt we had a good chance to put it on the pole,” Cameron said. “The only other time I’ve been at Sebring was in 2007 when I started from the pole in the Star Mazda Championship race. Coming from single seaters, and then GT cars, the biggest difference is the weight and downforce on this car but I was able to adapt and the car feels good for long runs. The traffic at the start of the race will be a challenge, but hopefully we can stay out of trouble and be there at the end to challenge for the win. I want to thank Genoa, MOLECULE and my co-drivers for this great opportunity.”

Although he just turned 22, Cameron brings extensive championship and race-winning experience to Dempsey Racing, including the 2005 Russell Series Championship, the 2006 Palmer Audi Winter Championship and 2007 Star Mazda Championship with JDC Motorsports. Moving up the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder he competed in the 2008 Atlantic Championship with Genoa Racing. He made his GRAND-AM debut with the powerhouse Chip Ganassi Racing Daytona Prototype team in 2007 and ran a full season of Rolex GT in 2009.

The 59th Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Fresh from Florida is set for 10:30 a.m. ET on Saturday, March 19. The race will be shown live and in its entirety on ESPN3.com starting at 10:15 a.m. ET. ABC will provide coverage from 12:30 to 2 p.m. ET on Sunday, March 20. Fans can follow the series on Twitter (almsnotes), on the ALMS Facebook page and official YouTube channel.



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