

# CONOR DALY



## STAR MAZDA CHAMPION CONOR DALY WINS IN INDIA



Amidst a grueling travel schedule and a nap on a hospitality couch before qualifying, Conor Daly, the 2012 Star Mazda champion, dominated round one of the newly launched MRF Challenge 2012 championship at the Buddh International Circuit in Delhi this morning. Daly got a great start from his outside front row starting position and took the lead at the first corner from pole sitter, Jordan King. From there he was able to control the race and notch up his first win. The reigning FIA Formula 2 champion Luciano Bacheta took third place after a close race long battle between the top three.

"Maybe little sleep is a good recipe for success for me," said Daly. "I just tried to time the start properly and right at the launch I knew I was in good shape on the run to the first corner. It feels good to come half way around the world and be able to win."

Mr. Arun Mammen, Managing Director of MRF Limited presented the trophies on the podium. Race two of the MRF Challenge 2012 will be held Sunday morning at the Buddh International Circuit prior to the Indian Grand Prix. Jordan King will once again start the race from pole position, ahead of Jon Lancaster, Matthew Mason, Luciano Bacheta and Alice Powell. Race 1 winner Conor Daly will start in 6th place.



## **DALY ON PODIUM AGAIN IN INDIA**

American Conor Daly finished on the podium again this morning with a third place finish in round two of the MRF Challenge 2012 at the Buddh International Circuit in Delhi. Daly got a good start from his sixth starting position and was in fourth place by turn four.

The four car train for the lead was then broken up when Jon Lancaster crashed and the ensuing avoiding actions separated Daly and the FIA Formula 2 champion, Luciano Bacheta, from eventual winner Jordan King. Daly left Delhi second in the points battle after two podium finishes including his flag to flag win in race one on Saturday. Both races were support events for this weekends Formula One Indian Grand Prix.

"In races this short everything has to go well and when Lancaster crashed I had to avoid him which gave King the break he needed," said Daly. "From there it was a good battle with Bacheta and I could not quite get him."



The MRF Challenge 2012, is a new racing series that will be held between October and February. The opening round of this series will be held on October 27th - 28th as the support race for Formula One India Grand Prix.

The all new Dallara/Renault powered cars will take to the Buddh International Circuit for the first time on Friday morning, October 26th. To learn more about this series, please go to [www.mrfacing.in](http://www.mrfacing.in). Unfortunately, Live Timing and Scoring is not available for these events.

Daly finished 6th in this years GP3 championship with five podium finishes including a win in Barcelona in May.

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### ***A Dash of Daly***

- \* 2012 MRF Formula Challenge - Wins Race 1 in Dehli, India
- \* 2012 GP3 Series - Lotus GP
- \* Finished 6th in 2012 GP3 Season with 106 points
- \* Total of five podium finishes in 2012 GP3 Season
- \* Podium finish at Spa, Belgium, Race 2
- \* Double Podium finish at Hockenheimring, Germany
- \* Podium finish at Silverstone, Race 2
  - \* Scored 1st GP3 win in Barcelona, Spain, Race 2
  - \* Participated in two F1 data aero mapping tests with Sahara Force India
- \* 2011 GP3 Series - Carlin Racing
- \* Indy Lights - Sam Schmidt Motorsports
- \* Led Indy Light championship after three rounds after winning at Long Beach, CA before heading to Europe
- \* 2010 Formula Star Mazda Champion
  - \* Record setting year - 9 Poles, 11 Podiums, 7 Wins, most laps led and largest points winning margin in history of series
  - \* 2009 Formula Star Mazda - Finished 3rd in Championship - 1 Win, 1 Pole
- \* 2008 Won Walter Hayes Trophy (FF1600), Silverstone, England
  - First American and youngest ever winner at that time
  - Part of Team USA Scholarship
    - \* 2008 Won Skip Barber National Championship - 5 Wins
    - \* 2008 Won Canadian Formula Ford 1600 Rookie of the Year
    - 5 consecutive wins
    - \* 2006 Three time World Karting Association Champion
    - \* 2005 Kart Racers of America Junior Driver of the Year

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