

# Herrington Claims Fast Race Lap and Retains Series Lead Despite Electrical Problems

Winston-Salem, NC – May 25, 2006 - Daniel Herrington, Star Mazda Championship rookie, continues to lead the series with his third top ten finish this weekend despite a mysterious fuel pump issue that left him with only a few qualifying laps and a race car down on power during the race. Starting from 15<sup>th</sup>, Herrington steadily fought his way back towards the front of the field only to have his car begin to loose power again halfway into the race, leaving him with a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish. "This has been a difficult weekend for the whole team as we struggled to solve this electrical problem with fuel delivery. Still, when the car was working properly, we were quite quick, setting fast race lap early on; and we managed to finish in the top ten, which helped me to retain the lead in the series championship", said Herrington.

The Championship leader continues to develop the *Bluetooth wireless technology* enabled helmet that allows him to speak with his crew without having to use the cumbersome wires that normally connect a driver's helmet to the in-car radio. "The standard hard- wired solution picks up lots of RF interference and makes it more difficult to get in and out of the car", explained Herrington.

On Wednesday before the race Herrington also paid a visit to children hospitalized at the Akron Children's Hospital as part of the *Racing For Kids* program. Herrington will be working with *Racing For Kids* throughout the season to raise funding and increase awareness to the health care needs of children.

# About the Star Mazda Series

The Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear has become the most competitive open-wheel development series in North America, averaging 38 cars per race throughout 2005. Featuring the Pro Formula Mazda, which features a carbon-fiber chassis, six-speed sequential gearbox, and a 240-horsepower Mazda rotary powerplant, the series has helped propel the careers of drivers such as 2004 Champion Michael McDowell, now driving in ChampCar and a race-winner in the GrandAm Series; 2002 Champion Guy Cosmo, who along with fellow Star Mazda graduate Jamie Bach was named 2005 Rookie-of-the-Year in the American LeMans Series, and 2002 race winner Scott Speed, the first American in a decade to compete in Formula One.

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Racing For Kids® representatives have visited with more than 12,000 young patients in over 180 hospitals in the United States, Canada, and Australia. In addition, over \$2.5 million has been raised through donations and specific fund raising events for children's hospitals across the country.

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