

## **NEWTON'S FIRST LAW OF RACING - Practice**

Dane Cameron is fastest in practice sessions leading up to Friday's qualifying for Saturday's Star Formula Mazda race at Virginia International Raceway

Sonoma, CA (April 26, 2007) – Dane Cameron maintained his status as the 'body in motion,' setting the fastest time in two of the four Star Mazda Championship practice sessions held today at Virginia International Raceway.

Particularly telling was the final one-hour session in the late afternoon where Cameron's time in his #19 JDC Motorsports Pro Formula Mazda was more than half a second faster than second-place driver Lorenzo Mandarin (1:47.635 vs. 1:48.179).

"I think we found some things the car likes for this track and we're definitely headed in the right direction for qualifying tomorrow," says the 18 year-old native of Sonoma, California. "We're one of the only teams that didn't have the opportunity to test here, which put us behind in the first session. And we ran most of the day on old tires while we were trying out different directions for the setup. This is a very technical track, but I'm a quick study and the difficulty actually works to the advantage of a really professional team like JDC Motorsports."

Cameron, a rookie in the Star Mazda series, arrives at VIR in a two-way tie for first place at 81 points in the championship battle with Daniel DiLeo.

On-track Star Mazda action resumes tomorrow morning with an 8:50 am practice session, followed by a 55-minute qualifying session that begins at 11:00 am.

"The weather looks a bit 'iffy' for qualifying tomorrow, but I've been fortunate to have several chances to test under wet conditions, including that motorboat race we all participated in at Sebring," says Cameron. "We have good setups for both wet and dry, so come what may I think we're in good shape for a run at the pole."

VIR is the third round of the 12-race 2007 Star Mazda Championship schedule. Live timing and scoring will be available online at [www.starmazda.com](http://www.starmazda.com). The 45-minute race is scheduled to take the green flag at 3:15 pm Saturday, April 28.

Star Mazda races are broadcast tape-delayed on SPEED TV. Date and time (all times stated are Eastern) for the one-hour broadcast is available at [www.speedtv.com/programs](http://www.speedtv.com/programs).

The next event on the schedule is May 18 – 19 at Miller Motorsports Park with the American Le Mans series.

Cameron, currently keeping his skills sharp between races as an instructor at the Jim Russell Racing School at Infineon Raceway, arrives in the Star Mazda series via an accomplished climb up the open-wheel ladder. He was the 2006 F2000 Rookie of the Year and finished second in the championship. As a Team USA Scholarship driver, he won the 2006 Palmer Audi Winter Championship in Europe. In 2005 Cameron was the SCCA Formula Jim Russell Series champion and Rookie of the Year. His karting career, beginning in 2000, was similarly successful, including the 2003 Jim Russell Karting 80cc Junior Shifter Championship and a 2004 finalist in the Red Bull Driver Search.

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