

## STELLAR CONVERGENCE – Friday Practice Results

Dane Cameron posts the fastest time in both Friday practice session for this week's Star Formula Mazda race at the Grand Prix of Houston

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Sonoma, CA (April 20, 2007) – Rising star Dane Cameron was fastest in both practice sessions today for tomorrow's Star Formula Mazda race at the Champ Car Grand Prix of Houston.

Cameron wheeled his #19 JDC Motorsports Pro Formula Mazda to a lap of 1:09.028 (88.138 mph average) around Houston's 1.69-mile Reliant Park street circuit. Ron White posted the 2<sup>nd</sup>-fastest lap of 1:09.103 (88.042 mph average).

"We were the first ones out in the morning and got to clean the track for all the other cars, but it was still useful track time," said Cameron. "It wasn't as bumpy as I thought, but it was almost impossible to get a clear lap with more than thirty cars on track all at the same time."

In the second session, on Friday afternoon, Cameron was again fastest with a 1:08.4411 (88.933 mph average), and increased his margin over the second-place runner, Jonathan Goring, by 3/10ths of a second (1:08:817 / 88.408 mph average).

"It got very hot in the afternoon, and we had some difficulty matching our time from the morning," said Cameron. "But we changed the setup on the car, put on some new tires and were able to go much quicker. We qualify on Saturday morning, and then race later that afternoon, so it's an advantage to have a good 'afternoon' setup for the car. There will be two keys to this race; qualifying well, which I can do something about, and caution flags, which I can't. So my strategy for tomorrow will involve standing on the gas with my fingers crossed."

The 55-minute Star Mazda race is scheduled to take the green flag at 3:20 pm on Saturday, April 21.

Houston is the second 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). 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).

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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.

Cameron's participation in the 2007 Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear is made possible by a variety of sponsors; including: Mockett.com, Ocean Tomo, Rett.org, Nearburg Exploration, O'Neill Construction, Red Line Oil and Sparco USA and JDC Motorsports. Cameron, with the assistance of fellow racer Rob Finlay, also continues as a driver in the Finlay Motorsports Driver Development Program.

The next event on the schedule is April 27-28 at Virginia International Raceway with the Grand American series.

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