

STELLAR CONVERGENCE

Rising star Dane Cameron takes it to the streets of the Lone Star State in this weekend's Star Formula Mazda race at the Grand Prix of Houston

Sonoma, CA (April 17, 2007) – Hot off two days of testing at Miller Motorsports Park in Utah (where he was, as usual, fastest), rising open wheel star Dane Cameron is primed to put his #19 JDC Motorsports Pro Formula Mazda in the hunt for victory at this weekend's Star Mazda Championship support race during the Houston Grand Prix at Reliant Park. The 55-minute event is scheduled to take the green flag at 3:20 pm on Saturday, April 21.

"The testing at Miller Motorsports Park doesn't really have any value in getting the car set up for Houston because the tracks are so different," says Cameron, who started on the pole but finished 4th in a rain-and-crash-shortened Star Mazda season-opener in Sebring on March 15. "Miller is a high-grip billiard table and Houston is going to be slippery and bumpy, like all street circuits. But experience of the team working together is valuable and that cooperation and communication will help us be fast right off the trailer in Houston."

Although this will be Cameron's first race on the 1.69-mile Reliant Park street circuit, he's no stranger to success on tracks surrounded by concrete walls. In 2006, driving for Cape Motorsports, he finished second in both Cooper Tires F2000 races during the Champ Car Grand Prix of Toronto. And that performance was just part of a season that also included two wins, four pole positions, seven podium finishes, "Rookie of the Year" honors and a second-place finish in the championship.

"Although the lack of pre-event testing at street circuits tends to level the playing field among teams and drivers, there is an advantage to having raced and done well on a street circuit in the past," says the 18 year-old racer from Sonoma, California. "Running this close to the walls tends to make some drivers lift a little early and leave themselves a few extra inches at the apex and on the exit. But that's what makes you into a rolling chicane; you need to attack the course as hard as possible and pare those inches down to a hair... or maybe two... while still keeping it off the wall. That, and a front-row start, is what it will take to get to victory lane in Houston."

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.

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. 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.

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

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