

STELLAR CONVERGENCE – The Race

Dane Cameron hits auto racing's version of the 'trifecta' – fastest in every practice session, qualified on the pole and led every lap to win the Star Mazda race at the Grand Prix of Houston

Houston, TX (April 21, 2007) – Auto racing is an extremely complicated endeavor, and the rarest thing in all of racing is for a weekend to go entirely 'according to plan.'

When it does, it invariably marks that unique combination of a great team and driver operating together in 'the zone'... and that's how it was with Dane Cameron and the JDC Motorsports team today in Houston's 1.69-mile Reliant Park street circuit.

Starting from the pole, Cameron led every lap, building up a lead of as much as seven seconds, before having it all taken away by numerous full-course yellows during the race. He crosses the finish line 0.786 sec. ahead of 2nd-place finisher Daniel Di Leo in a 55-minute event that ended under yellow.

"We knew there were going to be a lot of yellow flags, so we set the car up to be good on cold tires and during re-starts," says Cameron, who also started from the pole at the Star Mazda season-opener in Sebring only to have yellow flags relegate him to a 4th-place finish. "It all worked out according to plan, which shows just how good the JDC team really is. We're clicking very well, which is exciting because I can feel that there is still lots of time in the car and we're just going to keep getting better every race."

The series points standings have not yet been posted, but Cameron is certainly leading the "Rookie of the Year" battle, and is in the top two in the championship battle.

The next event on the schedule is April 27-28 at Virginia International Raceway with the Grand American series. It's a track that will be new to Cameron, but he and the JDC team plan no changes in strategy; "Aggressive setups, go for the fast lap in every session, attack the track during qualifying and the race. "

Houston was the second round of the 12-race 2007 Star Mazda Championship schedule. Star Mazda races are broadcast tape-delayed on SPEED TV. The Houston round will be broadcast at 3:00 pm EDT on Saturday, April 28, with a re-broadcast at the same time on Monday, April 30.

Cameron, currently keeping his skills sharp between races as an instructor at the Jim Russell Racing School at Infineon Raceway, arrived 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.

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