

Team G.FRO scores Two Top-Tens at Star Mazda Event in Houston

April 23, 2007 – San Clemente, California-based Team G.FRO rebounded from a difficult Star Mazda Championship debut at Sebring last month to score two top-ten finishes in spectacular fashion at the Houston Grand Prix this past weekend.

Team G.FRO drivers, Ron White and Tyson Sy, both started the 30 lap street-course event held in front of a packed ALMS and Champcar crowd in what were positions not necessarily reflective of their respective speeds in the race event's earlier practice sessions. White, initially qualified his #69 Team G.FRO/RC-20 Pro Star Mazda in 6th position but a miscommunication on the radio resulted in a disqualification for not reporting directly to impound.

Sy, 19, meanwhile, was held up in traffic during his two fastest laps in a red-flag abbreviated qualifying session, which resulted in him starting his #68 Team G.FRO/Popsy/Petron Pro Star Mazda in a disappointing 18th position.

Both Team G.FRO pilots knew they should improve throughout the 45-minute event, but few expected them to improve the way they did. On the start, Sy passed six cars in Turn One to capture 12th position while White began to move up through the field immediately. Sy continued to push, passing his way up to ninth spot by the checkered and set a fast lap time only a half of a second off the leader's pace.

Meanwhile, White put on a show, weeding his way through the field, the 25 year-old from Santa Clara, California passed 23 cars to climb all the way up to 4th place before the final full course caution came out with three laps to go. Even though the race ended under yellow, White was still satisfied with the result considering the circumstances as he set the fastest lap of the race by almost two tenths of a second and captured the track record with his fast time of 1:08.375.

"I feel terrible for the mix-up after qualifying, but it felt great to do what we did in the race," said White, who was reeling in third-place finisher Jonathan Goring before the final yellow came out. "I know if it stayed green until the checkered we could have got a podium but all in all, this was a great result for us."

Sy, who is racing in North America for the first time, was equally satisfied with his first top-ten result in the Star Mazda Championship.

"I'm very happy to have completed my first full race and score a top-ten," explained Sy, from Manila, Philippines. "It's been such a big learning experience racing in the United States, both in culture and in the way race events and races are run. I'm beginning to feel more at home, so I'm really looking forward to our next race at Virginia."

The Team G.FRO squad now travels to Alton, Virginia for Round Three of the Star Mazda Championship at Virginia International Raceway held this weekend in conjunction with the Grand-Am Series. Check up on Team G.FRO on the Star Mazda series website at www.starmazda.com or soon at the newly re-built Team G.FRO website at www.teamgfro.com. For inquiries, contact Geoff Fickling at 949-498-7271