

# James Davison

## 2007 Star Mazda Championship USA

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### **Davison second in Star Mazda Championship**

**Miller Motorsports Park - Salt Lake City, Utah.** Australian Racing Driver James Davison, confirmed his outright speed by claiming his second consecutive pole position at Round 4 of the Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear held at Miller Motorsports Park in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The unique 7.3km (4.5mile), 24 corner circuit is regarded as the most physically demanding in North America. The competitive status of the championship was further confirmed when 10 cars qualified within one second of Davison's pole time 2:38.170.

The waiving of the green flag saw Davison lead into turn 1 side by side with Jonathan Goring, however Davison was placed on the outside for turn 2. Slotting into 2<sup>nd</sup> position Davison made a slight mistake and dropped back to 4<sup>th</sup> place. The race then developed into a three way battle with Davison closing a 6 second gap on Lorenzo Mandarino and Jonathan Goring.

After closing the gap it became difficult to pass due to the design of the circuit and the effects on the aerodynamics of the cars. On the last lap Davison seized the opportunity and passed Jonathan Goring for 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Davison said "I am very happy with my performance under pressure this weekend, claiming pole position in the dying moments of qualifying and recovering from my mistake early on to claim 2<sup>nd</sup> on the last lap. It was a fantastic race at a great track." The race was won by Lorenzo Mandarino, James Davison 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jonathan Goring 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Championship Standings are Dane Cameron 1<sup>st</sup>, James Davison 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marco Di Leo 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Round 5 of the Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear will be held in conjunction with the Champ Car World Series at Portland International Raceway on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

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