James Davison 2007 Star Mazda Championship USA

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Davison robbed of certain podium

Cleveland, Ohio. Australian Racing Driver James Davison was robbed of a certain podium at Round 6 of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, held on Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland, when he was impacted from the rear by Canadian Driver Lorenzo Mandarino.

Davison who was third on the grid, was strongly positioned to challenge for the lead on lap 22 of 28, when the race was restarted after the safety car was withdrawn due to a full course yellow.

"I cannot express how angry I am that another driver's mistake has cost me a certain podium, second in the points score, accident damage, unnecessary expense and the resulting frustration. All the drivers were informed at the briefing about the dangers of Turn 1 at Cleveland, particularly when the field is bunched up at the start or restart, yet as soon as the pressure is applied, some drivers forget the basic fundamentals of motor racing and try an impossible move under brakes. When you consider that this also happened at Portland and cost me valuable championship points, you can understand how annoyed the team is."

"I don't begrudge Jonathan Goring or Dane Cameron standing on the podium, but the facts are that I have been one of the quickest drivers in the series and to be robbed of what we have worked so hard to achieve makes my blood boil. The challenge is to now turn this weekend's disappointment into a podium at Toronto."

Round 7 of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will be staged in conjunction with the Champ Car World Series on July 7th at Toronto, Canada.

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