

James Davison

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Davison closes in on Championship

Portland, Oregon. Australian Racing Driver James Davison closed in on championship point score leader Dane Cameron when he survived a first corner accident at Round 5 of the Star Mazda Championship held at Portland International Raceway.

The race which was seriously effected by rain saw Davison well positioned entering into turn 1 on the opening lap. However another competitor lost control under brakes and slide into Davison's car. Davison was able to limp back to the pits where his Velocity team effected repairs enabling James to finish 22nd, 14 laps down. Dane Cameron who is leading the championship was also involved in an unrelated first corner melee, failed to finish.

Davison said "This weekend was one that just didn't work out for me, being caught out by the weather in qualifying and then being innocently taken out at the start. It is very disappointing as driving in the wet is one of my strengths. We ran in the wet at both Sebring and Virginia and on both occasions I was quickest, so it was a huge let down to be taken out of contention. On the upside I did gain points in the championship so I am really looking forward to winning at Cleveland."

The team was pleased with Davison who showed a combination of judgment and presence of mind, to limp back to the pits, encourage the team to effect repairs and re-enter the race and gain extra points in the championship.

The Championship standings are Dane Cameron 177 points, James Davison 165 points and Marco Di Leo 164 points.

Round 6 of the Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear will be held on Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland, Ohio on June 24th. The event will be run in conjunction with the Champ Car World Series.

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