

RIOT IN THE ROSES

With Wet Weather On The Horizon, Star Mazda Championship Leader Dane Cameron Is Ready For A Wild Weekend At PIR

Sonoma, CA (June 4, 2007) – With wet weather a possibility as the city of Portland concludes its 10-day celebration of the centennial Rose Festival this coming weekend, the Mazda Champ Car Grand Prix of Portland Presented by G.I. Joe's promises some slippery high-speed entertainment.

And with a field of more than thirty cars entered in Saturday's Star Mazda Championship race, series points leader Dane Cameron is expecting the race to be a 'riot in the roses.'

"PIR is a great track to drive, but it's very slippery under the best of conditions, it's narrow and there are only about two places to pass," says Cameron. "And, particularly if it rains, it all adds up to a race with the potential to look like a movie brawl. Add in the fact that we have a very limited amount of track time before the race, and the keys to winning the race are going to be rolling off the trailer with a good car, making the best use of every available practice lap and qualifying up front."

Heading into the fifth round of the 12-race 2007 Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear, the 18 year-old series rookie from Sonoma, California who drives the # 19 Lynx Racing Ocean Tomo 300 mockett.com JDC Motorsports Pro Formula Mazda has scored two poles, two wins and two 4th-place finishes. He leads the championship by 16 points with a total of 158 over James Davison (142) and Marco DiLeo (131).

PIR is the fifth round of the 12-race 2007 Star Mazda Championship schedule. Live timing and scoring will be available online at www.starmazda.com. Practice for the Star Mazda Championship race begins on Friday, June 8 with a 30-minute session starting at 11:45 am. The one-hour afternoon practice begins at 4:10 pm. A 45-minute qualifying to set the starting grid begins at 9:05 am Saturday morning with the one-hour race scheduled to take the green flag at 5:00 pm Saturday afternoon.

Star Mazda races are broadcast tape-delayed on SPEED TV. Date and time (all times stated are Eastern) for the one-hour broadcast is available at www.speedtv.com/programs. The PIR event is scheduled to air on Sunday, July 1 at 2:00 pm (ET), with a re-broadcast on Thursday, July 5 at 4:00 am (ET).

The next event on the schedule, also on a Champ Car weekend, is at Cleveland on June 22-24. The Star Mazda series will also be racing with Champ Car at Toronto July 6-7.

“Racing on Champ Car weekends is the ideal for me because that is my ultimate goal,” says Cameron. “The winner of the Star Mazda series gets a fully-paid ride in the Atlantic series, and the winner of the Atlantic series gets \$2 million toward a Champ Car ride. Mazda has created a ‘motorsports ladder’ that reaches all the way from karting to Champ Car, and with all that on the line every weekend, I’m really fortunate to be racing with a team the caliber of JDC Motorsports.”

Cameron, currently keeping his skills sharp between races as an instructor at the Jim Russell Racing School at Infineon Raceway, arrives 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 Grand-Am prototype racer Rob Finlay and the Finlay Motorsports Driver Development Program. Lynx Racing, instrumental in the early careers of many of today’s top drivers, is also providing support, as are Mockett.com, Ocean Tomo, Rett.org, Nearburg Exploration, O’Neill Construction, Red Line Oil and Sparco USA and JDC Motorsports.

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