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## **Andersen Racing Duo Finishes Fourth and Seventh In Star Mazda Action Saturday at Mosport**

BOWMANVILLE, Ontario, Canada, Aug. 25 — A sudden downpour during Round 10 of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear affected the course of the race Saturday at Mosport International Raceway, but both of the Andersen Racing drivers in it still finished in the top 10 in the 28-lap/46-minute contest.

Being British, Jonny Baker takes rain in stride. Baker, from Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, England, recorded his best finish in this series to date by finishing fourth after starting tenth. He drove a steady race and stayed out of trouble, but couldn't quite nab a podium finish because the field got too spread out at the end.

His teammate, Jonathan Goring of Norfolk, Conn., started second, led at the start, finished seventh, and set the fastest race lap with his No. 14. It advertises the Skip Barber Racing School, Alfas Unlimited, NPA Graphics and Performance Drink. Goring's fastest lap of the race was recorded at an impressive average speed of 110.158 miles per hour. That was far faster than the next-fastest driver in the race, Dane Cameron, whose best race lap was done at 108.697 mph.

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Goring dove into the pits for rain tires early under green in an effort to maintain his lead. Unfortunately a full-course yellow was then called for rain and Goring was also nailed with a stop-and-go penalty for violating the pit lane speed limit, which dropping him back in the standings.

Despite those obstacles plus the fact he was still on rain tires and the track dried quickly, Goring blazed back through the field on the restart with his powerful Andersen Racing entry. He had rebounded to seventh when the checkered waved, impressing all the railbirds and making his fans wonder how easily he could have won without the rain and the penalty.

Saturday's race is scheduled to air at noon Eastern time on Saturday, Sept. 11 on SPEED.

No Star Mazda races are scheduled for September, but here are two in October: Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga., on Oct. 4-5 and the season finale at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif., on Oct. 19-20. Unofficially Goring is fifth in points with the two races remaining.

Andersen Racing is committed to offering a program that gives up-and-coming drivers the proper training to reach open-wheel racing's major leagues. It fields multiple cars in the F2000 Championship Series, the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear and the Indy Pro Series. It is the official development team of Rahal Letterman Racing for the latter series. More information on the team is available on its Web site at [andersenracingteam.com](http://andersenracingteam.com). The Star Mazda Web site is at [starmazda.com](http://starmazda.com).

Post-race quotes follow:

**Jonathan Goring:** "I feel like we all did a really good job. The green came out and I had a 2- or 3-second lead over Cameron on the first lap. Then there was a sudden downpour, so we pitted on that lap to go to rain tires. I came into the pits under green, and then there was a full-course yellow and everyone else pitted. That put me way back for the restart.

"I moved my way back up to seventh. At one point I was 3 seconds faster than the rest of the field. We definitely had the speed. If we would have had a different pitstop strategy the results would have been better, but that's just luck.

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"The track dried out at the end. I had to look for puddles at the end to cool my tires."

**Jonny Baker:** "I came fourth. I had a strong drive from tenth. Conditions suited me; there was rain in the air. It started raining, and we were on slicks. Everyone pitted, and I got in the pits and came from 10<sup>th</sup> to seventh. Then Dane Cameron and I started moving through the field. Then Lorenzo Mandarino came through; he was very strong when the track was drying. I had a bit of a battle with Dane and Marco DiLeo. I got past Marco, but Dane was already too far ahead. Then I had to fight off Tony Rivera at the end.

"It's a good finish; we're going in the right direction now. Everyone on the team did a great job.

"I made a bad judgment in qualifying. I wanted to save the tires so I didn't do all the laps in qualifying. That didn't work out, but the finish was still good.

"The whole team was flawless."

The weekend stats:

First Test Session (Thursday):

1. Russell Walker, 1:29.570, 98.832 mph
9. Jonny Baker, 1:31.968, 96.255 mph
10. Jonathan Goring, 1:33.053, 95.133 mph

Second Test Session (Thursday):

1. Dane Cameron, 1:17.137, 114.762 mph
4. Jonathan Goring, 1:17.916, 113.615 mph
14. Jonny Baker, 1:19.109, 111.901 mph

First Practice Session (Friday, 8:40 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.):

1. Alex Ardoin, 1:17.093, 114.828 mph
2. Jonathan Goring, 1:17.135, 114.765 mph
9. Jonny Baker, 1:17.910, 113.623 mph

Second Practice Session (Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.):

1. James Davison, 1:16.384, 115.893 mph
8. Jonathan Goring, 1:17.262, 114.576 mph
11. Jonny Baker, 1:17.603, 114.073 mph

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Qualifications (Saturday, 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.):

1. Dane Cameron, 1:15.745, 116.871 mph
2. Jonathan Goring, 1:16.047, 116.407 mph
10. Jonny Baker, 1:16.827, 115.225 mph

Race (Saturday, 3:50 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.):

1. James Davison
4. Jonny Baker
7. Jonathan Goring