

CAMERON FINISHES SECOND AT TROIS RIVIERES, KEEPS COMMANDING LEAD IN STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS BATTLE

(August 19, 2007 / Trois Rivières, Quebec) -- The back-to-back Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear races at Road America and Trois Rivières took place in different countries and on completely different kinds of tracks – a natural terrain road course vs. an urban street circuit – and while the details of the two races were different, the results were exactly the same.

Dane Cameron, the fast-rising open-wheel star from Sonoma, California, scored his second consecutive 2nd-place finish in the #19 JDC Motorsports/Finlay Motorsports Mazda to maintain a commanding lead in the championship points battle for the 2007 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear.

In fact, the results of the Trois Rivières race were identical to the previous race at Road America; Ron White won his second in a row; points leader Dane Cameron kept his championship hopes healthy with a 2nd-place finish; and Cameron's JDC Motorsports teammate Nick Hays scored his second-straight podium with a 3rd-place finish.

The race started predictably enough with the 24-car field attempting to enter the first turn all at the same time, with the result that three cars were immediately knocked out of the race, several more were severely damaged, and some with damage more subtle, like damage to Cameron's front wing.

"We struggled a bit during practice but were right on the pace in qualifying and I thought we had the car to win the race but with the damage to my front wing during the first turn accident, we'll never know just how good a car was," said Cameron, the series points leader and winner of three races and four pole positions so far this season. "After the contact, I thought the car was OK, but then the shock cover flew off down the back straight, so I was a bit concerned but just stayed out there and drove as hard as I could to get as many points as possible."

Post-race points totals are still pending and will be announced in the next day or two.

The GP3R was Round 9 of the 12-race 2007 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear and is scheduled to air on the SPEED Channel on Monday, August 27 at 3:00 pm. To confirm the time and find out when future Star Mazda races will air, log on to www.speedtv.com/programs.

The next event on the schedule is Round Ten, the Mobil 1 Presents Grand Prix of Mosport, August 24 – 27. On-track action at Mosport begins with a pair of practice sessions on Thursday, August 24, followed by one more practice session on Friday the 25th. Qualifying to set the starting grid takes place from 9:15 am to 10:00 am, Saturday, August 26. The 45-hour Star Mazda Championship race is scheduled to take the green flag at 3:50 pm Saturday afternoon.

"I'm really looking forward to the Mosport race because we tested very well there and the track is really interesting with lots of elevation changes and sweeping, high-speed turns," says Cameron. "The joker in the pack will be that we all tested on one kind of tire, but it turned out to have some problems, so we'll be racing on a different tire. But the JDC team always gives me a good car, and my goal now is to win Mosport from the pole and wrap up the championship in the next race at Road Atlanta in October."

For more information on the Star Mazda Championship and its drivers, as well as the Mazda Motorsports ladder system that reaches all the way from karting to Champ Car, please visit www.starmazda.com and www.mazdausa.com.

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