

James Davison

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Davison - Dominating performance at Road Atlanta

Braselton, Georgia. Australian Racing Driver James Davison dominated proceedings at Round 11 of the Star Mazda Championship when he was fastest in both testing and official practice, dominated qualifying with pole position being the only driver to break the 1m 19 barrier and led 22 of the 26 laps of the race. Unfortunately a small error of judgment at the second restart cost Davison victory.

Davison made an excellent start from pole position leading the field into turn 1 and built up a 1.5 second advantage prior to the first full course yellow. At the restart he again drew away and proceeded to dominate the race until another full course yellow occurred with only six laps to go. At the final restart Davison lost the lead to Lorenzo Mandarino who made a last minute move under brakes into turn 1, losing momentum Davison was relegated back to 5th position when passed by Devin Cunningham, Alex Ardoin and Jonathan Goring who were bunched together as a result of the restart. A serious accident then occurred when Russell Walker flipped his car resulting in the race finishing under caution, denying Davison the opportunity to regain any of the lost positions.

"It is a very difficult result for me to accept given that I dominated everything; testing, practice, qualifying and 90% of the race. To be honest I made the mistake of leaving the gate open at the second restart and Mandarino took advantage of the opportunity. I can only reflect on the race that got away however it has only made me more determined to win at Laguna Seca."

The Championship Standings are Dane Cameron 1st, James Davison 2nd, Ron White 3rd. The Final Round of the Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear will be run in conjunction with the American Le Mans Series at Laguna Seca Raceway in California on October 20th.

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