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Andersen Racing's Dempsey Rules Star Mazda Action Sunday At Trois-Rivières

TROIS-RIVIÈRES, Que., Canada, Aug. 17 — Trois-Rivières is the "National Poetry Capital of Quebec," and Andersen Racing's Peter Dempsey was poetry in motion Sunday as he led every lap to win Round 7 of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear on that town's 1.506-mile, 10-turn street course.

It's not known if Mayor Yves Lévesque has any plans to give Dempsey the keys to the city, but the 22-year-old from Ashbourne, County Meath, Ireland had things firmly locked up here this weekend. In addition to dominating Sunday's 40-lap race, he set a new track record in winning the pole on Saturday with his No. 21, which is sponsored by LotusWorks, Center Jewellers.ie, Quayside.ie, Motorsport Ireland, Allied Interior Products and Trojan Complete IT Solutions. He also set the fastest lap of Sunday's race with a 1:02.363 for an average speed of 87.802 miles per hour.

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Dempsey had a 1.465-second advantage over John Edwards at the checkered flag on Sunday. Alex Ardoin and Joel Miller came across the line next.

Andersen Racing's Charles Hall of Sheffield, England, advanced seven positions to finish fifth after starting 12th. He got by several of his rivals on the first lap, and then methodically picked off some others for another strong performance in his No. 77 sponsored by Blimpie, AccentBanking.com, Pardoes Solicitors and Allied Interior Products.

Two other cars fielded by the Palmetto, Fla.-based team finished eighth and 13th in the 20-car field.

Tom Gladdis of the Isle of Wight and Gibraltar took eighth with his Marrache & Co. No. 5. The event was his first street-course race ever, and he concentrated on not making any mistakes on the tight circuit and staying out of trouble so he could earn as many points as possible.

Natalia Kowalska of Biesiekierz, West Pomeranian Voivodeship, Poland, had a better showing than her 13th place finish in the Natan Developers car would suggest. She qualified ninth and ran in the top 10, on pace with the drivers in sixth and seventh place, until she spun mid-race. She quickly regrouped and finished the event, but the spin turned her top 10 into a 13th at the end.

Hall continues to lead the series' point standings anyway one looks at it, with or without dropping one race. Each driver's best 11 of 12 finishes will count towards the 2008 championship.

Dempsey is now fourth in the overall point standings and Gladdis is sixth. With the drops considered Dempsey is fifth and Gladdis is sixth. With the drops only seven points separate the drivers holding positions two through six with five races remaining.

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Andersen Racing leads the team standings with 222 points to JDC Motorsports' 166.

The action now moves to Mosport International Raceway in Bowmanville, Ontario next Saturday, Aug. 23. A doubleheader at the brand-new New Jersey Motorsports Park Sept. 13-14, a race at Road Atlanta Oct. 3 and the season finale at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on Oct. 18 round out the 2008 schedule.

Sunday's race is scheduled to be broadcast on SPEED at noon Eastern on Saturday, Aug. 30. The latest TV schedules are posted on starmazda.com and speedtv.com.

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Sunday's results:

1. Peter Dempsey
5. Charles Hall
8. Tom Gladdis
13. Natalia Kowalska

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Allied Building Products Corp., headquartered in East Rutherford, N.J., is one of the largest roofing and siding distributors in the United States. Founded in 1950 with five employees and two trucks, today it is a \$1.8 billion building material distribution company with over 3,500 employees, more than 200 branches in 30 states, well over one million square feet of office and warehouse space, and an inventory of approximately 85,000 products, from residential roofing and siding to doors, windows, waterproofing, manufactured stone, interior products and commercial roofing systems. For more information see alliedbuilding.com.

About Andersen Racing:

Andersen Racing strives to provide the best and most comprehensive training possible for future open-wheel superstars while giving its marketing partners media exposure and hospitality opportunities at some of the most prestigious events in North America. It provides a unique, three-step program utilizing multiple entries in three different series: the F2000 Championship (webcast), Star Mazda (televised on SPEED) and Firestone Indy Lights (televised on ESPN2). In 2008 it will field multiple entries in 42 races in 19 states and provinces at some of the best facilities on the continent, including the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Andersen Racing's principals, brother Dan and John Andersen, have extensive experience in series administration as well as team management. They've worked with many of today's top open-wheel stars, including several Indy 500 winners.

Andersen Racing is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp. It is the official development team of Rahal Letterman Racing, which competes in the IndyCar Series. In addition, its F2000 team is also the official factory team of Van Diemen. The team is headquartered at Andersen RacePark, an 18-acre facility in Palmetto, Fla. that includes a 1-mile test track. For more information see andersenracingteam.com and andersenracepark.com.