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Andersen Racing's Dempsey Posts Third Star Mazda Victory in a Row Saturday at Mosport

BOWANVILLE, Ontario, Canada, Aug. 23 — Andersen Racing's Peter Dempsey posted his third consecutive victory in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear by winning Round 8 Saturday at Mosport International Raceway, while one of his teammates, Tom Gladdis, placed third.

Dempsey, of Ashbourne, County Meath, Ireland, started third in the 22-car field in his No. 21, which is sponsored by LotusWorks, Center Jewellers.ie, Quayside.ie, Motorsport Ireland, Allied Interior Products and Trojan Complete IT Solutions. He took the lead from polesitter John Edwards on lap seven, right after he set the fastest lap of the race on lap six with a 1:16.942 (115.053 miles per hour).

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At that point a full-course yellow waved, with Dempsey leading over Edwards, Joel Miller, and two more Andersen Racing drivers: point leader Charles Hall of Sheffield, England and Gladdis, of the Isle of Wight and Gibraltar. Gladdis had started fourth, while Hall took the green in fifth place.

Hall was involved in a scuffle shortly after the restart that forced him to make a pitstop with his car, which is sponsored by Blimpie, AccentBanking.com, Pardoes Solicitors and Allied Interior Products. He lost a lap but returned to the fray to place 19th, slipping to fourth in the point standings.

Gladdis, whose No. 5 touts Marrache & Co., persevered to finish third behind Dempsey and Miller and give Andersen Racing the majority of the podium positions. A full-course yellow for a car off course on lap 12 complicated by oil on the track caused the event to end under yellow after 20 laps were completed within its 45-minute allotted time span.

Andersen Racing's Natalia Kowalska of Biesiekierz, West Pomeranian Voivodeship, Poland came from the rear to finish tenth with her car, which is sponsored by Natan Developers. A fifth Andersen Racing driver entered in the event, Richard Kent of Olney, England, didn't start the race due to engine problems.

According to the series, the Mosport Star Mazda race is scheduled to be broadcast on SPEED at 1 p.m. Eastern time on Sunday, Oct. 12. More information can be found on the series' Web site at starmazda.com.

Unofficially Joel Miller now has the overall point lead by a single point over Dempsey. Alex Ardoin, Charles Hall, John Edwards and Tom Gladdis follow. Each driver's best 11 finishes count for the championship, however. With drops, Dempsey is on top by two points over Miller, followed by Edwards, Gladdis and Hall. Andersen Racing leads the team point standings with 256 points to JDC Motorsports' 187.

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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 are next on 2008 schedule.

Andersen Racing is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp. It is the official development team of Rahal Letterman Racing. For more information see andersenracingteam.com, andersenracepark.com and starmazda.com.

Some post-race quotes follow:

Peter Dempsey: "Three in a row! I want to thank Andersen Racing, my sponsors, and the companies that make the series happen, Mazda and Goodyear.

"Edwards made a slight mistake in Turn 5 that allowed me to get close, and then I got him in Turn 8. Then when we got back to the start/finish line there was a full-course yellow.

"On the restart I was able to keep ahead of him. I extended my lead and then another full-course yellow came out, and it ended under yellow.

"I wasn't expecting to win today; I thought I'd probably get fourth. I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped."

Natalia Kowalska: "I actually had to start 23rd because I crashed in qualifying, and had to change more than one tire. I overtook three or four cars on the first lap. If it wasn't for the long full-course yellow, I think we had a top-six car at least.

"It's my first top-10 finish in the series, and it was a good race for me. We did a good job. I had a new engineer this weekend, Reme Lanteigne, and we worked together well. I want to give a big thank you to the whole team. They are awesome."

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Charles Hall: "We got up to third. On the restart we were fourth, and then I'm not sure exactly what happened. I was running close with Joel Miller and John Edwards. My car had a bad understeer, and I went straight off. It hurt the suspension. I pitted and got back out, but that dropped us to fourth in the championship. One podium will put us back into second though, so it's not over yet."

The weekend's stats:

First Test Session (Thursday, 9:20 a.m. to 10 a.m.):

1. Charles Hall, 1:15.751
4. Tom Gladdis, 1:16.553
5. Peter Dempsey, 1:16.557
15. Natalia Kowalska, 1:18.728
21. Richard Kent, 1:21.599

Second Test Session (Thursday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.):

1. Tom Gladdis, 1:16.104
3. Charles Hall, 1:16.752
5. Peter Dempsey, 1:16.810
8. Natalia Kowalska, 1:17.673
21. Richard Kent, 1:20.015

First Practice Session (Friday, 9:10 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.):

1. John Edwards, 1:15.842
3. Peter Dempsey, 1:16.301
4. Tom Gladdis, 1:16.483
6. Charles Hall, 1:16.791
20. Natalia Kowalska, 1:20.256
21. Richard Kent, 1:21.224

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Second Practice Session (Friday, 1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.):

1. John Edwards, 1:16.247
3. Charles Hall, 1:16.807
4. Tom Gladdis, 1:16.865
7. Peter Dempsey, 1:17.185
11. Natalia Kowalska, 1:17.868
20. Richard Kent, 1:21.400

Qualifying (Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.):

1. John Edwards 1:15.890, 116.648 mph
 3. Peter Dempsey, 1:16.077, 116.361 mph
 4. Tom Gladdis, 1:16.186, 116.195 mph
 5. Charles Hall, 1:16.197, 116.178 mph
 14. Natalia Kowalska, 1:17.613, 114.058 mph
- No time: Richard Kent

Round 8 (Saturday, 3:50 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.):

1. Peter Dempsey
 3. Tom Gladdis
 10. Natalia Kowalska
 19. Charles Hall
- DNS: Richard Kent

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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.