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### **Team 3G Kester Racing Looking for Speed in Qualifying**

**SEBRING, FL (March 19, 2009)** – The Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear began its 2009 race season at Sebring International Raceway in Florida earlier this week. After two days of testing and two promising practice sessions, the drivers of Team 3G Kester Racing found themselves struggling to demonstrate their capabilities again in today's qualifying session.

#### **Taylor Hacquard, #15**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Best Lap Time</b>
Qualifying	18 <sup>th</sup>	2:02.790

**Taylor on qualifying:** "We've been thrashing all week and really had trouble getting the car to click today. We were dealing with a shifting problem earlier and were able to get that fixed, which was a big positive, but we just weren't able to get it all together in qualifying yet. We are going to make some more changes for tomorrow and hope for the best in the race."

#### **Chris Cumming, #16**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Best Lap Time</b>
Qualifying	19 <sup>th</sup>	2:02.860

**Chris on qualifying:** "We had a few issues dealing with traffic on our flier laps, but the car felt good. We had some good lap times in early on and tried to push for more in the session later, but it just wasn't quite there. I felt that I overdrove the car a little and wasn't able to improve, which was frustrating. I do think we have a car that has stayed constant, so I feel like we'll have a good car for the race tomorrow."

#### **J.C. Kester, #24**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Best Lap Time</b>
Qualifying	20 <sup>th</sup>	2:02.928

**J.C. on qualifying:** "The track was different in qualifying today than it was in the past couple of sessions. It was hard for me to find a good rhythm. We have some work to do on the car, but I'm thankful we didn't have any mechanical problems, so I know it's something we can work on for tomorrow's race."

#### **Kristy Kester, #48**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Best Lap Time</b>
Qualifying	15 <sup>th</sup>	2:02.412

**Kristy on qualifying:** "We had to keep coming into the pits due to issues with the transponder this session. The car wasn't handling very well, and we definitely had some issues. It's a little frustrating because I know we are capable of doing a better job. We will make some changes on the car, though, and come back ready for the race tomorrow."

Round 1 of the Star Mazda Championship 2009 race season starts tomorrow, March 20, at 3:55pm EST.

**About Team 3G Kester Racing:** Based in College Station, Texas, home of Texas World Speedway and Texas A&M University, Kester Racing has the advantages of a Speedway that is in operation year round and a University that provides talented young engineers and students with the opportunity to be involved in professional motorsports. Kester Racing operates in conjunction with Team 3G, an exciting relationship that establishes a ladder system involving the Star Mazda Championship Series, Indy Lights Series, and the IndyCar Series. Kester Racing also features some of the most unique and talented drivers for the 2009 Star Mazda Championship Series including the talent of a young Canadian driver, an Expert's Series Champion, and the only brother-sister team in professional motorsports. For more information, go to [www.kesterracing.com](http://www.kesterracing.com).



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