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## **Kester Last Woman Standing at Pizza Ranch 100**

NEWTON, Iowa, July 10, 2009 – Kristy Kester, 21, proved that consistency is the key to finishing in the top ten at tonight's Pizza Ranch 100 at the Iowa Speedway, this season's first and only night race event. Kester focused on executing strong restarts and recording solid lap times to ultimately improve eight positions from her qualifying position, finishing in tenth. Teammates Taylor Hacquard, 19, and brother, J.C. Kester, 23, did not find the Speedway to be as forgiving as it was to Kristy Kester. Both drivers were involved in collisions during the 100-lap race, ending their nights earlier than they had hoped.

Taylor Hacquard made a gutsy move early on in the race to overtake the #20 car of Gustavo Linares from JDC Motorsports. Unfortunately, Hacquard's tires were not yet up to speed and temperature, causing him to lose control of his car and collide with both the walls between turns three and four and the #72 AIM Autosport car of Jorge Goncalvez. J.C. Kester was running a respectable race until he was caught by faster traffic wanting to overtake him. He allowed Alex Ardoin in the #51 JDC Motorsports car to do just that, but the two cars got too close for comfort and took each other out of the race. With no prior testing at the Iowa Speedway, the drivers of Kester 3G Racing found the 7/8 mile banked oval to be challenging, difficult, and much different than last month's oval race at the Milwaukee Mile.

**Kristy Kester on the race:** "I started out this race at a disadvantage. We only turned about 60 laps before the race whereas other teams turned about 600 laps because of testing. With only about 40 minutes of track time today before the race, it was hard to get the car set up perfectly. I didn't qualify well, but I had a decent racecar for the race, considering the circumstances. We worked hard to put the laps together, and I'm very happy to have finished in 10<sup>th</sup> tonight."

**Taylor Hacquard on the race:** "I tried to come down and pass (Gustavo) Linares, but my tires weren't up to temperature yet, so I lost the rear of my car and hit the wall backwards, and then the AIM car of Jorge (Goncalvez) hit my front. My car was completely damaged. It's unfortunate because I know I had the speed to do well tonight."

**J.C. Kester on the race:** "It was an unfortunate event for all of us. We had a really long day, as did all the teams here, and we started at a disadvantage since we didn't test on this track prior to coming here. When I got caught by faster traffic, I moved to the inside to allow myself to be passed by Alex (Ardoin). I thought I gave him enough room, but we ended up hitting one another. The guys at Kester 3G put in a long day of work, so I'm disappointed it had to end like that."

Rounds eight and nine of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will continue at the Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, Illinois, on July 25 and 26. This will be the second doubleheader weekend of the year for the series and two important races for Kester 3G Racing's championship.

**Kristy Kester, #48**

Session	Started	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Race	18 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	22.913	

**Taylor Hacquard, #15**

Session	Started	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Race	11 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	35.439	

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

Session	Started	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Race	15 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	22.994	

**About Kester Racing with Team 3G:** 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).

