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STAR MAZDA VICTORY FOR JDC MOTORSPORTS IN TROIS-RIVIERES

Ardoin scored his first win of the season on the famed Quebec street circuit and was joined on the podium by newly crowned Masters Series champion Guasch

TROIS-RIVIERES, QUE. (August 18, 2009) – JDC MotorSports resumed its winning ways in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear over the weekend (August 15-16), scoring the victory in Round 10 at the 40th Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres. American Alex Ardoin led the multi-car effort by the Minnesota-based team with the win, and was joined on the podium by Michael Guasch who scored the Masters Series victory and clinched the class title. Current championship runner-up Adam Christodoulou finished a strong fifth, while Ciao Lara was classified 20th.

Like all the Star Mazda competitors, the JDC MotorSports drivers got their first chance to take to the often treacherous Trois-Rivieres street circuit on Friday via a pair of practice sessions. Christodoulou, despite having never seen the tight and twisty track, was immediately up to speed, turning the fastest time in the opening run and second quickest time in the second session. Showcasing the depth of talent under the JDC awning, both Ardoin and Lara were among the top-10 in the first practice session as well, with the eventual race winner advancing to P3 in the afternoon run. Not to be outdone, Guasch was the quickest Masters driver in both sessions, bettering several regular competitors in the process.

Returning to their cockpits one day later, the lone session of the day was qualifying for Round 10. Both Ardoin in the No. 51 Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry and Christodoulou behind the wheel of the No. 11 Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car were in contention for the pole position until the final moments of the session, eventually earning row two starting positions with the third and fourth fastest time respectively. Guasch also enjoyed a strong run in the No. 91 Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, earning the Masters pole (13th fastest overall), while Lara struggled to find the right balance in his No. 19 MLD/ATW/Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry and a clear track, placing him 11th on the grid.

In front of a large and boisterous crowd, Round 10 of the Star Mazda season commenced with the traditional launch from the standing start on Sunday morning (August 16). Both Ardoin and Christodoulou got away cleanly, with the duo maintaining their spots among the lead back. Things went less smoothly for Lara unfortunately, as he was almost immediately involved in an incident with another series front-runner, ending both drivers race prematurely. Guasch, having avoided his teammate's stricken car, retained the Masters lead through the opening set of turns.

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Lap after lap, Ardoin and Christodoulou were part of a multi-car fight for second through fifth place, with the order routinely changing. Just as it appeared the JDC MotorSports duo would have to settle for a potential podium finish rather than the win, a full-course caution bunched the field back together for a last lap sprint to the checkered flag. Ardoin, using his two plus years of series experience to full advantage, capitalized on the opportunity, passing for the lead in turn one on the ensuing re-start. Holding the position for the remainder of the lap, the Louisiana native scored his first win of 2009. Christodoulou just missed out on a podium finish, crossing the stripe in fifth. Guasch earned his sixth class victory of the season in 11th place overall, clinching the Masters Series title.

In addition to the success in Trois-Rivieres, JDC MotorSports won the F2000 Championship Series season-final and championship on Sunday (August 16) at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Ohio.

The JDC MotorSports Star Mazda drivers and crew now have a quick one-week break, before returning "North of the Border" for Round 11 of the Star Mazda Championship at Mosport International Raceway. Entering the high-speed road course in Ontario, Christodoulou lies second in the championship chase (10 points back of the leader), Ardoin is fifth and Lara seventh. Guasch, as mentioned is the Masters Series champion, with team co-owner Gerry Kraut currently second in class.

Additional information on JDC MotorSports can be obtained from the team's website @ www.jdcmotorsports.com For direct contact, please contact John Church @ 952-233-3075

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About JDC MotorSports:

Involved in formula car racing since its inception in 1994, JDC MotorSports has established itself as one of the leading junior open-wheel teams in North America. Initially making its mark in the F2000 class of club racing competition, JDC MotorSports was soon a team worth watching in the pro ranks. Competing in the Formula Ford 2000 Zetec Championship, the team not only won races, but also helped develop multiple young drivers. In 2005, JDC MotorSports expanded its efforts, entering the Star Mazda Championship. Quickly becoming one of the top teams in the series, JDC captured both the driver and team titles in 2007, as well as Rookie of the Year honors, with Dane Cameron scoring a series-high three wins. This past season, JDC MotorSports was the runner-up in the Star Mazda Championship and finished fourth in its inaugural season F2000 Championship Series competition.

Attachments:

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Possible Caption: JDC MotorSports celebrated a Star Mazda win and class title in Trois-Rivieres. (Photo: Star Mazda Championship)

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