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JDC MOTORSPORTS PLACES TWO DRIVERS ON STAR MAZDA PODIUM AT MOSPORT

Rookie sensation Christodoulou finishes third in Round 11 and is joined by Masters Series winner Kraut

BOWMANVILLE, ONT. (September 1, 2009) – The Canadian leg of the 2009 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear ended on Saturday (August 29), with JDC MotorSports enjoying yet another multi-driver visit to the podium. Championship contender Adam Christodoulou finished third in Round 11 at Mosport International Raceway, while Gerry Kraut captured the Masters Series victory. Fellow JDC MotorSports race pilots Ciao Lara and Alex Ardoin added more team points via seventh and eighth place results, ahead of newly crowned Masters champion Michael Guasch in 16th.

The JDC MotorSports drivers got their first chance to sample the high-speed road course outside of Toronto on Thursday via a pair of promoter test sessions. The day proved to be one of ups and downs for the Minnesota-based squad. As they have all season long, Christodoulou, Ardoin and Lara were near the top of the charts in both sessions, while Guasch and Kraut led the way among the Masters contingent. Unfortunately, Christodoulou crashed his No. 11 Miller Milling/Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports in both sessions, resulting in the crew working throughout the day and night to make repairs.

Day two of the three-day event at Mosport featured two 45-minute practice sessions. With the goal of continually working on car setups and the drivers gaining the required confidence to go quick at the demanding track, the JDC MotorSports race pilots turned multiple fast laps. When the on-track action completed for the day, Christodoulou was once again among those battling for the fastest lap, just ahead of Ardoin and Lara. Kraut, in the No. 55 Dougherty & Co./Dougherty Funding LLC/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, and Guasch, piloting the No. 91 Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car, continued their personal duel for top honors in the Masters class, with each driver leading the way in one session.

Race day at Mosport commenced with a scheduled 45-minute qualifying session on a slick track, the result of overnight rain showers. Early on, Christodoulou and Ardoin, driving the No. 51 Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, were the drivers to beat, turning the fastest times. However, as the track dried in the closing stages, the duo was unable to match the pace of the eventual polesitter. When the checkered flag waved, Ardoin was third fastest, one better than his rookie teammate. Lara and Kraut, in a superb run, made it four JDC MotorSports drivers in the top-10, turning eighth and ninth fastest times, with Guasch not far back in 12th.

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While overcast skies remained a few hours later, the track was dry when the lights went out to start Round 11. As expected, both Christodoulou and Ardoin were part of the early battle for positions among the lead pack. Unfortunately, Ardoin's chances at a potential win or podium finish vanished when he spun and continued. From that point forward, the Louisiana driver was part of a highly-entertaining multi-car dice for position that also featured the No. 19 MLD/ATW/Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car of his teammate Lara.

Not too far behind, Kraut and Guasch battled for the Masters lead throughout the opening laps, before the reigning champion was forced to enter pitlane for a drive thru penalty, the result of jumping the standing start. Guasch suffered another set back later in the race, when following a brief off-course excursion he was forced to pit in order to clear the radiators of his car.

Out front, Christodoulou showed good speed and consistency lap after lap, briefly advancing up to second place, before relinquishing the position in the closing stages of the 35-lap race. When the checkered flag waved, Christodoulou had closed the gap to the championship leader via a third place finish. Lara and Ardoin earned valuable championship points with seventh and eighth place results, while Kraut scored the Masters Series victory, finishing 14th in his return to series competition. Guasch was classified 16th.

JDC MotorSports continues its pursuit of a second Star Mazda Championship team title and driver championship crown on September 24-25, with Round 12 at Road Atlanta. Entering the famed Petit Le Mans event, the Minnesota squad leads the team standings, while Christodoulou lies second in the title chase, a mere seven points adrift of the lead as the top rookie.

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. In 2008, JDC MotorSports was the runner-up in the Star Mazda Championship and finished fourth in its inaugural season F2000 Championship Series competition. The Minnesota-based team recently captured the 2009 F2000 Championship Series title with a series-high four wins.

Attachments:

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Possible Caption: JDC MotorSports' Adam Christodoulou scored his seventh podium finish of 2009 in Round 10 at Mosport. (Photo: Star Mazda Championship)

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