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Molecule Racing Driver Michael Guasch Clinches Master Championship at Trois-Rivieres

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As Trois-Rivieres celebrated its 375th Anniversary, and the 40th anniversary of the Grand Prix du Trois-Rivieres, Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear Masters Championship driver Michael Guasch had a personal reason to celebrate as he locked up the Master Class Championship, for drivers aged 45 and older, with a stellar drive on the famed street circuit. In recording his sixth class victory of the season Guasch has built an insurmountable championship lead with three races remaining on the schedule.

"This has been an awesome weekend as the atmosphere here in Trois-Rivieres is amazing, and the circuit, while intimidating at first with all the walls, is excellent as well. It took a bit of time to learn the track and get up to speed but the JDC Motorsports crew gave me an excellent car and I was able to match my career best finish," Guasch explained. "I came into the weekend really hoping to wrap things up and provide the team with their second consecutive Master Class championship and everything went according to plan."

Driving the #91 Molecule Labs JDC Motorsports Mazda, Guasch, who hails from Walnut Creek, California, matched his best qualifying run of the season with a time of 1:02.761 around the 1.521 Mile street circuit to line up thirteenth on the grid. Driving a controlled race he smartly avoided several on track incidents and a hectic one lap green flag dash to the checker to gain two positions and finish just outside of the top ten overall.

"I was really hoping to get that first top-ten finish but realized that the championship was bigger than the single race finish," Guasch revealed. "I dropped a couple of positions on the start as I moved wide when I looked in my mirrors and saw a car behind me locking up his brakes entering the corner but was able to work back by him when he made a mistake later. The last lap single green flag lap made things interesting but I was able to finish without a mark on the car and make the podium trip as a reward!"

Guasch follows in the footsteps of last year's Master Class champion Chuck Hulse, who also scored the championship driving for JDC Motorsports. "Chuck and I have raced each other on the west coast based Molecule Formula Mazda Challenge and it is a thrill to be following up his championship with one of my own. Wrapping it up early is also a bonus as I can now start planning a party for friends and family when the series comes out to California for the finale in October at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca."

With three races remaining, and with drivers dropping their lowest three finishes, Guasch leads the class with 148 points while fellow JDC Motorsports driver Gerry Kraut sits in second place with 82 points overall. The series now heads from Quebec to Ontario to Mosport International Raceway in the Toronto suburbs for Round Eleven of the championship on August 27-29.

About Molecule Labs

Molecule Labs has its roots in both specialty chemical manufacturing and motor sports. Over the years, its creator, Michael Guasch, has often worn a lab coat one day and a racing suit the next. His unique understanding of these two distinct professions brought Molecule™ Technical Fabric Care System into being. Guasch's expertise developing innovative protective chemicals led to the sale of one of his national brands to a Fortune 500 company in 2005. But instead of retiring, he decided to devote more time to racing.

With his increased time on the racetrack, Guasch realized that his Nomex® racing suits required special care that dry cleaning and ordinary laundry products could not provide. So he returned to the lab to



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develop a new line of protective chemicals and care products specifically formulated for Nomex® and other technical fabrics.

After two years of development and testing, in the lab and on the track, Guasch and his new company have created the four-step Molecule™ Technical Fabric Care System.

Additional information on Molecule Labs can be obtained from the corporate website @ <http://www.moleculelabs.com>



Photo: Michael Guasch apexes turn five of the Trois-Rivieres street circuit on his way to clinching the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear Master Class Championship on August 16th.