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Andersen Racing's Kent and Daly Finish First and Second In Star Mazda Action at Mosport

BOWMANVILLE, Ontario, Canada, Aug. 29 — After Andersen Racing's Richard Kent and Conor Daly qualified first and second, respectively, they finished in those same positions and in that same order in Round 11 of the Star Mazda championship presented by Goodyear Saturday at Mosport International Raceway.

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Although Kent had a whopping 6.063-second lead over Daly after 35 laps of competition around the 10-turn, 2.459-mile road course, his teammate certainly didn't hand the victory to him. Daly actually led part of the race but he spun while battling Kent, got airborne, and fell to third behind Kent and Adam Christodoulou. Daly regrouped and regained second from Christodoulou later, but with no full-course yellows Kent had already built up an insurmountable advantage by then with his No. 33, which is sponsored by Traka and Allied Interior Products.

It was the second victory of the year for Kent, who hails from Clifton Reynes, England. Earlier in the day he won his fourth pole of the season too, running more than a second faster than Daly, a MAZDASPEED Motorsports driver development pilot from Noblesville, Ind. Daly's No. 22 is sponsored by Indeck, Cytomax, College Network and Merchant Services.

Another Andersen Racing driver, Denis Navarro of Sao Paulo, Brazil, finished tenth in the 17-car field. That is the same position in which he started with his No. 21, which promotes Navarro Medicines Distribution and Allied Interior Products.

The fourth Andersen Racing driver in the race, Joel Miller of Hesperia, Calif., started seventh and finished 12th after a minor off-track excursion in his No. 2, which advertises Fader Higher Productions, eSoles Custom Footbeds, Doug Mockett & Co., Burns Truck & Trailer and Brazos Bend Energy Services.

Kent's pole came on a damp but drying track when he was timed in 1:24.186 for an average speed of 105.153 miles per hour. The qualifying session started under light rain and fog, but conditions improved during the 45-minute session. Making the set-up equation even more challenging was the fact that the race was run under sunny conditions later Saturday afternoon.

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Unofficially, after this race Peter Dempsey leads the point standings with 399 points to Christodoulou's 392. Daly is third with 342 points while Miller is fourth with 336. Alex Ardoin is fifth with 329 and Kent is sixth with 317 points. Navarro is 11th in the standings with 263 points.

Andersen Racing is still second in the team standings, and now has 283 points to JDC Motorsports' 305.

Only two more races remain: Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga. Sept. 25 and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif. on Oct. 10.

Allied Building Products Corp. and Lafarge North America sponsor Andersen Racing, the development team of Rahal Letterman Racing. The team's Web site is located at andersenracingteam.com. Information on the team's 1-mile road course test track at its headquarters in Palmetto, Fla. can be found online at andersenracepark.com. Information on its karting program can be found at andersenkarting.com.

The series' Web site is at starmazda.com.

Post-race quotes follow:

Richard Kent: "I led about the first five laps, and then Conor got past me. I repassed him, and was able to build up a good advantage because there were no yellows; we went green the whole way.

"I didn't have any problems. The car was pretty hard to manage because the track changed a lot between qualifying and the race. It rained before qualifying, but it was sunny for our race.

"I just have to thank everybody at Andersen Racing and my sponsors for all their help."

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Conor Daly: “I led most of the first half of the race. Then Richard caught me and we were running side-by-side in the middle of Turn 8. I got in the marbles, and came on and off the track. When I came back on I hit a curb and got airborne and spun. I guess I got the award for airtime.

“I fell back to third behind Adam Christodoulou. I caught him pretty quickly, but the car changed quite a bit due to the off. I figured that out, and then I passed him in Turn 8 for second. By then Richard had too big of a gap though, so I finished second.”

Denis Navarro: “I struggled in the first half of the race. I did better in the second half, and came back to finish in the top 10. It was the best I could do with the conditions. We learned a few things here, and got more good experience.”

Joel Miller: “I started seventh, but I was doing OK. I got by Alex Ardoin to get into the top five. Then I was running right behind Peter Dempsey, and I got caught in his car’s aero wash. I went off in Turn 2 and got grass in the radiator, and fell back to 12th. Without the off, I think we would have been in the top five.”

The weekend’s stats:

Test Session 1 (Thursday, 9:20 a.m. to 10 a.m.):

1. Conor Daly, 1:15.607, 117.084 mph, lap 17
4. Richard Kent, 1:16.234, 116.121 mph, lap 11
6. Joel Miller, 1:16.516, 115.693 mph, lap 15
10. Denis Navarro, 1:17.235, 114.616 mph, lap 18

Test Session 2 (Thursday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.):

1. Richard Kent, 1:16.293, 116.032 mph, lap 9
4. Conor Daly, 1:16.707, 115.405 mph, lap 10
8. Joel Miller, 1:16.997, 114.971 mph, lap 7
11. Denis Navarro, 1:17.375, 114.409 mph, lap 8

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Practice Session 1 (Friday, 8:40 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.):

1. Conor Daly, 1:14.914, 118.167 mph, lap 14
2. Richard Kent, 1:15.258, 117.627 mph, lap 14
3. Joel Miller, 1:15.678, 116.975 mph, lap 13
9. Denis Navarro, 1:16.195, 116.181 mph, lap 14

Practice Session 2 (Friday, 12:40 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.):

1. Peter Dempsey, 1:15.406, 117.396 mph, lap 8
3. Richard Kent, 1:15.514, 117.229 mph, lap 15
4. Conor Daly, 1:15.571, 117.140 mph, lap 9
6. Denis Navarro, 1:15.857, 116.699 mph, lap 7
8. Joel Miller, 1:15.938, 116.574 mph, lap 6

Qualifying (Saturday, 9:20 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.):

1. Richard Kent, 1:24.186, 105.153 mph, lap 15
2. Conor Daly, 1:25.199, 103.903 mph, lap 11
7. Joel Miller, 1:26.570, 102.257 mph, lap 13
10. Denis Navarro, 1:26.874, 101.899 mph, lap 11

Round 11 (Saturday, 5:35 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.):

1. Richard Kent
2. Conor Daly
10. Denis Navarro
12. Joel Miller

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In 2009 and for the fifth year in a row, the Lafarge Group was listed in the "Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World." With the world's leading building materials research facility, the Lafarge Group places innovation at the heart of its priorities, working for sustainable construction and architectural creativity.

For more information about Lafarge North America, go to lafarge-na.com or contact Louise Muth, director of external communications, at (703) 480-3707.

About Andersen Racing:

Andersen Racing strives to provide the best and most comprehensive training possible for future open-wheel superstars while giving its marketing partners media exposure and hospitality opportunities at some of the most prestigious events in North America. It provides a unique program utilizing multiple entries in three different platforms: karting, Star Mazda and Firestone Indy Lights (televised on VERSUS). In 2008 it fielded multiple entries in 42 races in 18 states and provinces at some of the best facilities on the continent, including the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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Andersen Racing won the team championship for 2008 for both the F2000 Championship Series presented by Hoosier Racing Tire and the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. Two of its drivers finished first and second in the F2000 driver point standings, while another was sixth. Three of its Star Mazda drivers placed third, fifth and sixth in that series' driver standings. RLR/Andersen Racing finished sixth in the 2008 Firestone Indy Lights team standings, while one of its drivers placed fifth in that series' driver point standings.

Andersen Racing's principals, brothers Dan and John Andersen, have extensive experience in series administration as well as team management. They've worked with many of today's top open-wheel stars, including several Indy 500 winners.

Andersen Racing is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp. and Lafarge North America. It is the official development team of Rahal Letterman Racing. The team is headquartered at Andersen RacePark, an 18-acre facility in Palmetto, Fla. that includes a 1-mile road course test track. For more information see andersenracingteam.com, andersenracepark.com and andersenkarting.com.