



## **Rusty Mitchell On Grand Prix du Trois-Rivieres Podium with Motorola Mazda**

*Leads every lap but the last one as results are under review*

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(Trois Rivieres, Que) 16 Aug, 2009—Rusty Mitchell posted a command performance behind the wheel of the No. 66 Motorola Mazda in the Grand Prix du Trois Rivieres on Sunday, leading every lap but the final one as he made a debut podium appearance in Star Mazda presented by Goodyear competition as he was provisionally classified as second at the finish.

Starting from the pole after breaking the track record in qualifying, Mitchell moved to the front as the lights went out to kick off the race. But the event was soon slowed for the first caution of the day. The Motorola machine was on point for the restart as Rusty and the race got into a rhythm, with the young Texan moving out to a comfortable lead. The field was slowed for caution 25 laps later, but Mitchell was once again stout on the restart as he fended off the advances of the twenty-car field to hold onto the point.

But with just minutes remaining in the race, a final caution period set the stage for a green-white checkered flag showdown. As Mitchell once again sped to the green flag, a yellow flag stood in turn one as he gave pause and was passed for the lead. The race was shown on local television and series officials will have the opportunity to review video evidence of the incident before posting the official results.

Mitchell was pleased with his performance, and is hoping that the results reflect his standing as the fastest car all weekend long.

“I hope they get it sorted out the way the results should be, but no matter what, I’m really happy with the race this weekend,” said Mitchell following the podium ceremonies and media activities. “This whole weekend is down to the team’s performance and the work they did on this Motorola Mazda. They had to change two engines and put in so much work. My engineer Steve had this car perfect for me all weekend long.”

Despite the disappointment of the apparent results, the Texan showed his cool and maturity in the post-race ceremonies, accepting the second place hardware with grace despite feeling as though he was getting the wrong trophy.

“I was just cruising there in the middle stages of the race, so I really didn’t want that last restart of course! On that restart, there was a yellow flag up in the corner, so he shouldn’t have passed me but we will just see what the series decides. But no matter what, this was a great weekend for me and for Mitchell Motorsports. It’s great to get up on the podium at a race that is cool as this one is. These fans are awesome and of course as a driver this track is a big challenge so this is really

satisfying. A big thanks again to my folks and to Mitchell Motorsports and to Motorola for the support to get to this point. Almost a perfect weekend!"

Mosport International Raceway will be the site of round 11 as the series joins the American Lemans Series for a second consecutive Canadian race date.

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