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Debut Team, Juncos Racing, Sweeps the Autobahn doubleheader

Juncos Racing and its “Steamrolling” driver, Irishman, Peter Dempsey, set the fastest times during official testing, took the poles and never looked back at Star Mazda championship Rounds Eight and Nine.

American teammate Sean Burstyn ran third fastest in official testing, as he also did his at the Iowa Speedway, and came away with a season best 5th place finish on the first of the event’s two races.

Canadian teammate Michael Furfari, also enjoyed season bests; qualifying 5th place and finishing in 6th place on day two. He was challenged from the start of the race to the finish, skillfully running with the top pack the whole time.

Impressive for a rookie team. After a rich history of racing championships in North and South America, Juncos Racing entered the Star Mazda championship as a rookie team this year with rookie drivers and high expectations. The team did not disappoint.

By mid-season of its first year of competition, Juncos Racing has now set a record for consecutive victories by a rookie team. Three.

At the Milwaukee Mile, Michael Furfari, at 16-years-old, the youngest driver in the series led the pack with the fastest official IMSA test time which he also did during testing at the New Jersey Motorsports Park. The Milwaukee Mile test was the first ever oval outing for Mikey and the team. Sean Burstyn’s third best time at the Iowa Speedway was also his first oval experience.

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During a Star Mazda Audio Interview, Burstyn responded to questions about his third place test times at Autobahn: “The team really made the job easy for me. With the team owner, Ricardo [Juncos], we isolated a few areas on the track where I needed to improve and the time came out.” Burstyn also commented that his pace has been particularly satisfying in this season which features an abundance of veteran champion drivers.

Team owner Ricardo Juncos said “we have worked very hard to integrate our drivers and give them each the best support possible. We have found a way to harness each driver’s unique abilities and apply them to make all of the drivers a little faster.”

The team’s mid-season collaboration with Dempsey has been seamless. In fact, since joining Juncos Racing, Dempsey has led the last 135 of 135 laps, outdoing the second place finisher by an average of over 5 seconds per race. He is now in first place, 19 points ahead of the closest competition.

“I just had to try and be consistent...the Juncos team gave me a great car and the Goodyear tires were just perfect. Yesterday in qualifying it was a lot cooler, so we did change the car just a bit for today's race in the heat of the afternoon, but the changes worked just perfectly,” said Dempsey, commenting on the team strategy.

Before joining Juncos Racing, Dempsey had one win in the first half of the season. Since then, he and his co-drivers have been red hot. Furfari and Burstyn started with the team in their go-kart days and, with the guidance of team owner Ricardo Juncos, have successfully transitioned into open-wheel racing. Walter Bowlin is just 10 points behind third place in the Masters Series for drivers 45 and older.

“The team, Juncos Racing, had the car setup perfectly. I went out for a few laps, put on new tires, and the car was just perfect,” said Michael Furfari after posting his best qualifying performance to date.

When asked about what is to come during the rest of the championship, Dempsey said “We have a good bit of momentum going, and the next race on the schedule, Trois Rivieres, was a race I won last year, so we should be able to keep it going.”

Assimilation of drivers from different parts of the world has been both challenging and highly rewarding. Ricardo Juncos commented: “We will work with any driver from anywhere in the world as long as he or she comes prepared to do what is necessary to push the limits.”

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About Juncos Racing

Juncos Racing is located in Fort Pierce, Florida, U.S.A. Centrally located in Florida to offer diverse levels of racing year round. We operate out of a state of the art facility which houses vehicles suitable for all levels of racing, from go-karts to open wheel Formula race cars. We are one of the few teams in the United States which offers a development program starting from racing go-karts to racing professional open wheel race cars. Our goal is to provide young and older drivers alike with a foundation upon which they can build a career in motorsports. We offer 2 and 3 day racing schools which cover theoretical and hands on driving techniques. With your dedication and our expertise and advanced training techniques we are confident that you will achieve and master the fundamentals of Racing.



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