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TWO TOP-10s FOR JDC MOTORSPORTS IN STAR MAZDA OVAL OUTING

Rookie standout De Phillippi and returning star Lara added to championship tallies with seventh and ninth place results at ORP

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (May 31, 2010) – JDC MotorSports' first oval run of 2010 ultimately proved to be a success, as the Minnesota-based squad placed two drivers inside the top-10 on Saturday night (May 29) during Round Four of the *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear* at O'Reilly Raceway Park. Rookie Connor De Phillippi finished seventh in his formula car oval debut, just ahead of Caio Lara in ninth place. Chris Miller was classified 13th, after a mechanical failure ended his race prematurely.

The Minnesota-based squad, having achieved good success in the opening three rounds – one podium finish, three top-fives, one Expert Series win and two Masters Series wins – entered the first of two oval races on the Star Mazda calendar confident its drivers could challenge for top honors. That belief proved justified in the opening day, which featured three hour-long practice runs, as De Phillippi twice cracked the top-three on the speed charts.

Come the Night Before the 500 race day, De Phillippi continued to make his presence felt in the No. 11 MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development/Justice Brothers/Sparco/Rock View Farms/Oakley/Power Balance/Reline Athletic/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, turning the second and fifth best times in the two morning practice sessions. The MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development driver was not the lone JDC driver near the top of the timecharts however, as Miller placed his No. 85 Miller Milling/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car third on the timing monitors during the first morning run.

De Phillippi continued to lead the JDC charge in two-lap single-car qualifying after the lunch break, earning a row two starting position with the fourth best combined time. Lara, having battled to find a rhythm on the banked oval, secured a row five grid spot with the ninth best time in the No. 19 MLD/ATW/Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports racer, while Miller qualified 12th.

Returning to the cockpits of their JDC steeds a few hours later under the lights, the trio enjoyed mixed results when the green flag waved for Round Four. De Phillippi got a good launch, immediately fighting for a top-three position. Lara likewise kept his nose clean, maintaining a place among the top-10. Miller was not as fortunate, as a broken alternator belt caused his engine to stop running, ending his race after just one lap.

Initially it appeared that JDC MotorSports was headed towards another potential podium finish, with De Phillippi remaining part of the multi-car fight for third place. Unfortunately as the planned

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125-lap race progressed, the handling of De Phillippi's car steadily deteriorated, with the talented American fighting oversteer conditions. Brief brushes with the outside retaining wall further hampered the handling of his Star Mazda entry. De Phillippi refused to give up however, battling all the way to the checkered flag. The end result was a fourth consecutive top-10 finish via a seventh place result. Lara made it two JDC cars inside the top-10, retaining his ninth place starting position all the way to the checkered flag, his fourth consecutive top-10 as well.

The JDC MotorSports drivers and crew now have a brief break, before Round Five of the *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear* on June 19th at Iowa Speedway

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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 won the Star Mazda Championship Series title with Rookie of the Year Adam Christodoulou, and the F2000 Championship Series title with Chris Miller in 2009.