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## **JDC MOTORSPORTS TRAVEL TO IOWA FOR SECOND STAR MAZDA OVAL RACE**

### **De Phillippi, Lara and Miller enter Round Five set to build on Minnesota squad's run of top-10 finishes**

NEWTON, IOWA (June 16, 2010) – JDC MotorSports continues the oval portion of the 2010 *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear* this Saturday (June 19), when the Iowa Speedway plays host to Round Five. With two top-10 oval finishes already on the Minnesota-based squad's oval resume this season, the trio of Connor De Phillippi, Caio Lara and Chris Miller are poised to further make their mark in the highly-competitive development series race.

As most racing fans will tell you, a primary key to success on an oval is having the right car setup. Fortunately for De Phillippi, Lara and Miller they are driving for one of the premier junior formula car squads, and get the chance to work with some of the best engineers and mechanics in the business. With data from two top-five qualifying runs and a top-five in last year's edition of the Iowa race, combined with what they have learned in the Round Four oval race in Indiana, the JDC racers are poised to challenge for top honors when the green flag waves on Saturday night.

De Phillippi, having raced and won on ovals previously via Legends competition, enters his fifth-ever Star Mazda race as not only a leading rookie, but also as one of the top young drivers in the series. Piloting the No. 11 MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development/Justice Brothers/Sparco/Rock View Farms/Oakley/Power Balance/Reline Athletic/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, the Californian has finished inside the top-10 in all four previous races, and was battling for a position among the top-three in the early stages of the O'Reilly Raceway Park oval race.

The veteran of the JDC trio, Lara travels to Iowa as perhaps the most consistent series front-runner, and having enjoyed a superb race at the speedway in 2009. The No. 19 MLD/ATW/Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports race pilot has finished among the top-10 in 15 of 17 races over the past year and a bit, which includes a run from 17<sup>th</sup> to ninth in Iowa in 2009.

For Miller, the Iowa Speedway will be another opportunity to gain valuable Star Mazda and oval race experience, as the Minnesota rookie has only contested six races thus far and only has a handful of oval laps on his resume after a mechanical failure in Indiana. Given he is the reigning F2000 Championship series champion, it is only a matter of time before the No. 85 Miller Milling/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car is running near the front of the competitive field.

The two-day event at the Iowa Speedway gets underway on Friday (June 18), with the JDC Motorsports drivers taking part two hour-long test sessions and a lone 45-minute practice

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session. The grid for Round Five of the *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear* will be set via single-car qualifying on Saturday afternoon (June 19), with the green flag slated to wave in Iowa at 7:15 p.m. local time that night.

Additional information on JDC MotorSports can be obtained from the team's website @ [www.jdcmotorsports.com](http://www.jdcmotorsports.com) For direct contact, please contact John Church @ 952-233-3075

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

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