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## **STAR MAZDA WIN FOR JDC MOTORSPORTS IN NEW JERSEY**

**Lara scored his first series win in race one of the doubleheader, while O'Neill and Kraut added Expert Series and Masters Series wins in the Garden state**

MILLVILLE, N.J. (June 29, 2010) – JDC MotorSports returned to victory lane in the *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear* over the weekend (June 26-27), capturing the Round Six win at New Jersey Motorsports Park. Series standout Caio Lara scored his inaugural win in race one of the doubleheader, while rookie sensation Connor De Phillippi just missed joining him on the podium with a fourth place finish. Chris Miller made it three JDC racers in the top-10 with an eighth place result, ahead of Masters Series winner Gerry Kraut in 13<sup>th</sup> and Patrick O'Neill in 21<sup>st</sup>. Lara and De Phillippi added two more top-10s in race two, finishing sixth and eighth, ahead of Miller in 14<sup>th</sup>. O'Neill won the Expert Series in race two via a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish, while Kraut was 20<sup>th</sup>.

As part of the Mazda Motorsports Festival event, the five JDC MotorSports racers got their first chance to sample the Thunderbolt Circuit at New Jersey Motorsports Park via two Thursday test sessions and two Friday practice runs. In extremely hot and humid conditions on both days, the goal for the JDC clan in all four sessions was to work on car setups ahead of the vital morning qualifying outings, as the nature of the track makes it difficult to overtake.

Entering qualifying for Round Six on Saturday morning, the JDC drivers appeared poised to enjoy a solid outing. Lara had ended the final practice session P3, and was closely followed by De Phillippi and Miller on the timecharts, the duo finishing fifth and 10<sup>th</sup> respectively. O'Neill and Kraut likewise looked set to go quick, having led the Expert Series and Masters Series contingent in the last practice session.

Lara lived up to expectations during the morning qualifying run, earning an inside row two starting position with the third best time. De Phillippi and Miller unfortunately weren't quite able to match their teammate's pace, running into traffic multiple times, the end result was the seventh and 12<sup>th</sup> fastest times. O'Neill's No. 64 O'Neill Construction/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry was 15<sup>th</sup> quickest, tops among the Expert Series drivers, while Kraut's No. 55 Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC/Red line Oil/JDC MotorSports car was the fastest Masters Series entry in 16<sup>th</sup>.

A short time later it was time to go racing, with all the action being broadcast live on HDNet. The traditional standing start proved to be the turning point of the race, as both front-row starters were judged to have jumped the start. Lara, getting away cleanly, as a result became the race leader when they entered pitlane to serve their penalty. While a subsequent re-start, due to a multi-car

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incident that included O'Neill, briefly allowed the second place driver to take the lead, Lara was not to be denied. Regaining the top-spot within a few corners of initially relinquishing the position, the Brazil steered his No. 19 MLD/ATW/Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports to a first-ever series win. De Phillippi, making the most of every opportunity in the 29-lap race just missed joining in the podium celebrations, taking the checkered flag in fourth place. Miller likewise was able to work his way forward in the race, fighting his way up to eighth place at the stripe. Kraut made it two JDC drivers in the post race celebrations, taking home his third Masters Series win of 2010 with an 13<sup>th</sup> place result. O'Neill, having only completed three laps, was classified 21<sup>st</sup>.

Returning to the track one day later, the JDC drivers looked set to build on the success of the opening race at NJMP during Round Seven qualifying. Things did not go quite according to plan however, as the combination of traffic and slicker than expected conditions due to the heat and rubber from other series competing on the weekend resulted in times just off what was desired. Lara once again led the way with the fifth best time, while De Phillippi's No. 11 MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development/Justice Brothers/Sparco/Rock View Farms/Oakley/Power Balance/Reline Athletic/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car was seventh quickest, ahead of Miller's No. 85 Miller Milling/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry in 13<sup>th</sup>. Kraut and O'Neill once again led the Masters and Experts Series racers with the 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> fastest times.

Race two of the NJMP doubleheader proved to be a rather anti-climatic affair. With limited passing opportunities due to the conditions and layout of the track, virtually the entire 22-car field finished within one position of where they started. That certainly was the case for the JDC drivers, as Lara and De Phillippi extended their top-10 streaks to seven in 2010 by finishing sixth and eighth respectively. Miller crossed the stripe in 14<sup>th</sup>, one place ahead of O'Neill, giving the Californian a second Expert Series win on the season. Kraut added a Masters Series top-three to his resume with a 20<sup>th</sup> place result.

The JDC MotorSports Star Mazda Championship drivers will now have a little over a month off, before contesting Rounds Eight and Nine on July 31-August 1 at the Autobahn Country Club in Illinois. Entering the doubleheader, JDC MotorSports lies fourth in the team standings, with Lara leading the squad's driver charge in fifth place overall.

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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