



Rusty Mitchell Heads to Iowa For Juncos Racing Debut

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(Indianapolis, IN) 15 June 2010—Rusty Mitchell will look to make a fast first impression as he makes his debut race start with new team Juncos Racing when the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear heads to Iowa Speedway this weekend.

Mitchell was signed by Juncos Racing for the remainder of the 2010 Star Mazda Championship season after the Texan scored fourth at O'Reilly Raceway Park for the "Night Before the 500" event as part of the massive IndyCar Memorial Day weekend festivities.

The Iowa outing will once again see the "Road to Indy" in clear view for race fans, as the Star Mazda machines will be part of the IndyCar Iowa Corn 250 race event.

Mitchell and his fellow Star Mazda competitors were involved with autograph sessions and planning meetings at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway ahead of the Indianapolis 500 on Memorial Day weekend, and the Iowa race will give the young guns another shot at making an impression with the Indy Lights owners on hand as they race to move up the "Road to Indy" ladder.

Mitchell, who will for the first time enjoy the feedback and extra data available with two competitive teammates, will target an oval podium on Saturday as he packs some top-five momentum in his bags for the trip to Newton, Iowa.

The Night Before the 500 race, which saw his now-teammate Connor Daly dominate with a flag to flag run up front, was yet another oval outing for Mitchell as he took fourth after 125 lightning-quick laps and moved to eighth in the overall championship standings with nine rounds of racing yet to go.

"I'm really looking forward to the Iowa race-probably more than any race in a long time," said Mitchell. "I'm very excited about the opportunity that I have now with Juncos Racing and I can't wait to get to Iowa and get going. For me to have two strong teammates is going to be a big help. We've had weekends where we were right on the pace, and others where we just couldn't find the sweet spot with the set up so having teammates is going to be great. Obviously as they showed at ORP, Juncos has some very fast cars so that is another thing for me to be excited about!"



Mitchell, who took a debut pole position and podium run last August at Trois Rivieres, was also impressive on the ovals in 2009. After his first-ever run on a paved oval netted him sixth at Milwaukee, he improved yet again last year at Iowa as he took fourth at the finish.

“ORP was a solid race but with just one restart, it was hard for anyone to make a pass,” said Mitchell. “But I finished fourth at Iowa last year and I know it can be a good track to race on so hopefully we can have a good first weekend with Juncos. I like the fast two-day format we had at ORP and again here at Iowa--I just want to get up there and get to work. Hopefully we can put on a good show for the IndyCar guys and come out with a good finish for the points and get some more momentum going with the new team.”

2010 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, Iowa Speedway Schedule:

Friday June 18:

10:15-11:15 Star Mazda Test

12:45-1:45 Star Mazda Test

6:30-7:15 Star Mazda Practice

Saturday, June 19

12:10-12:55 Star Mazda Quals.

7:15-8:15 Star Mazda Race

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<u>Track</u>	<u>Finish/Date</u>
Sebring:	11
St. Petersburg:	10
Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca:	8
O'Reilly Raceway Park:	4
Iowa Speedway:	June 19
New Jersey Motorsports Park:	June 26
New Jersey Motorsports Park:	June 27
Autobahn:	July 31
Autobahn:	August 1
Trois-Riveres:	August 15
Road America:	August 21
Mosport:	August 28
Road Atlanta:	October 1

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