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#### JDC MOTORSPORTS CONTINUES QUEST FOR STAR MAZDA GLORY AT AUTOBAHN

# Minnesota-based squad travels to Illinois with multiple drivers in contention for series titles

JOLIET, ILL. (July 30, 2010) – The pursuit of a third *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear* title continues for JDC MotorSports this weekend (July 24-25), when the renowned junior formula car squad travels to the Autobahn Country Club circuit in Illinois for Rounds Eight and Nine. The Minnesota-based team enters the doubleheader not only as a continued threat for several series honors – thanks to Connor De Phillippi, Gerry Kraut, Caio Lara and Chris Miller getting behind the wheels – but also as one of the hottest teams in series competition, following a race win in Round Six.

Lara travels to the technical Autobahn circuit riding a wave of momentum. The Brazilian, having been perhaps the most consistent front-runner over the past year and a half – finishing among the top-10 in 18 of 20 races – recently took the next step via a superb win in race one on the New Jersey Motorsports Park doubleheader. Given this result, the No. 19 MLD/ATW/Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports racer has his eyes set on another trip to victory lane and a second half charge for the series title.

One place behind his teammate in the current title fight, De Phillippi has already enjoyed a strong debut run in the highly competitive Star Mazda Championship. While most drivers would be pleased to have earned seven consecutive top-10 finishes, and be lying second in the Rookie of the Year chase, the reigning Skip Barber National champion has lofty expectations. De Phillippi therefore is firmly focused on not only earning his first podium finish during the Illinois doubleheader, but also piloting the No. No. 11 MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development/Justice Brothers/Sparco/Rock View Farms/Oakley/Power Balance/Reline Athletic/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry into the winner's circle.

For Miller, the 2010 season to date has been an up-and-down affair. Just as it appears he is headed towards a good string of results and beginning to challenge for a place among the lead pack, his luck goes the other way. The reigning F2000 Championship Series champion hopes to change that at Autobahn, looking to build on another top-10 result at the recent NJMP event in his No. 85 Miller Milling/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car.

As the current Masters Series championship leader, Kraut enters the Autobahn doubleheader with one thing on his mind...win. The team co-owner has been a leading force in the class when he gets behind the wheel of the No. 55 Dougherty and Co./Doughtery Funding LLC/Red line Oil/JDC MotorSports car, winning three of the four races he has contested to date. Given this





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performance, many expect Kraut to exit the weekend with more trophies for JDC MotorSports shop.

The JDC MotorSports racers will get their first chance to sample the Autobahn Country Club circuit on Thursday (July 29) via two track test sessions. Day two in Illinois will consist of two 45-minute practice sessions. Qualifying for Round Eight will take place on Saturday morning (July 31), followed by the 45-minute race later in the day. The same format will take place on Sunday (August 1), with Round Nine slated to launch after the lunch break.

Both races at the Autobahn Country Club will be broadcast live on HDNet as part of the Road to Indy program, with coverage commencing at 12:30 p.m. ET.

Additional information on JDC MotorSports can be obtained from the team's website @ <a href="https://www.jdcmotorsports.com">www.jdcmotorsports.com</a> 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.