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## **DISAPPOINTMENT FOR JDC MOTORSPORTS ON STREETS OF TROIS-RIVIERES**

### **Lara leads Minnesota team charge in Round 10 with a 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive top-10 finish**

TROIS-RIVIERES, QUE. (August 18, 2010) – JDC MotorSports' continued pursuit of top honors in the *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear* did not go exactly as planned this past weekend (August 14-15), during Round 10 on the streets of Trois-Rivieres, Que. The combination of close wheel-to-wheel action on the tight street circuit with a mechanical failure meant the Minnesota-based squad was unable to repeat as race winners at the historic event. 2010 race-winner Caio Lara, in the end, led the way with a seventh place result, while series rookies Chris Miller and Connor De Phillippi finished 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

One year after a dramatic late race pass for the win, JDC MotorSports returned to the famed Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres with high expectations. With the goal of adding to the team's total of three series street circuit wins, all three JDC racers utilized the early evening practice run on Friday (August 13) to become acclimated to the challenging track, and begin working on qualifying and race setups. This was particularly important, as Lara was the lone racer among the trio to have previously raced in Trois-Rivieres. Showing good pace right off the trailer, both Lara and Miller ended the session inside the top-10.

Day two in 'La Belle Province' featured a second practice outing in the morning, prior to the lone qualifying run around the 1.49-mile course. While both De Phillippi (10<sup>th</sup>) and Miller (16<sup>th</sup>) were unable to get the desired times out their Star Mazda steeds in the morning session, Lara positioned himself for a strong qualifying run with the second best time.

Lara promptly maintained that momentum in qualifying for Round 10, posting the third best time in his No. 19 MLD/ATW/Molecule/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, earning the inside row two starting position for the Sunday race. As part of the leading trio of rookies in the session, De Phillippi turned the eighth best time, securing a place on row four, while Miller ended the session with the 15<sup>th</sup> best time.

After a brief morning warm-up run, which the JDC racers used to just shake down their cars and determine if the track conditions had changed dramatically, it was time to go racing in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd. Initially it appeared the JDC trio were poised for a good day of racing, with Lara among the lead pack, and De Phillippi and Miller not too far behind. It was not to last unfortunately, as two cautions and the subsequent restarts resulted in Lara and Miller's No. 85 Miller Milling/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car losing valuable positions. De Phillippi meanwhile suffered a steering linkage failure on his No. 11 MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development/Justice Brothers/Sparco/Rock View Farms/Oakley/Power Balance/Reline

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Athletic/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry which sent him to pit lane. While Lara was able to continue his top-10 streak – 10 for 10 in 2010 and 21 in the last 23 races – via a seventh place result, it was not the sort of result the Brazilian or JDC deserved. Miller crossed the stripe in 14<sup>th</sup>, while De Phillippi was classified 17<sup>th</sup> in the final results.

The JDC MotorSports team will quickly regroup however, as the drivers and crew immediately travel to Road America in Wisconsin for the second of the three consecutive races on back-to-back-to-back weekends. The Minnesota team has enjoyed good success at the high-speed 4.0-mile road course over the years, including placing two drivers on the podium during its 2007 championship-winning campaign. Entering Round 11, Lara is third in the 2010 *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear* title chase, De Phillippi is third in the Rookie of the Year fight, and JDC MotorSports is fourth in the team standings. On-track action at Road America begins on Thursday (August 19), with a pair of promoter's test sessions. After two practice runs one day later, qualifying and the race will take place on Saturday (August 21).

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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