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# A Two-Lap, Wet Qualifying Session Challenges Juncos Racing Drivers, Debut Driver Martin Scuncio Narrowly Misses Potential Pole Position



Braselton, Ga. (September 30, 2010) – Today's qualifying session was anticipated to be wet, but the shortened amount of qualifying laps was what ended up being unexpected for the whole field. After only two laps of green flag qualifying, a red flag came out which stopped the session for a good twenty minutes. By the time the session restarted, the rainfall was at its heaviest, causing most drivers to opt out of attempting to go out and obtain a quicker lap time. Despite the unfavorable circumstances, the four Juncos Racing drivers managed to solidify starting positions of second, fifth, ninth and 13<sup>th</sup> for tomorrow's race.

The biggest excitement-turned-disappointment for the team was debut driver Martin Scuncio's performance this afternoon. On his second lap, the Argentinean-born driver turned out a lap time that would have put his #60 Juncos Racing Mazda about sixtenths ahead of the rest of the field and on the pole position. Unfortunately for Scuncio, the red flag came out just seconds before he passed the start/finish line resulting in him losing the quick lap time. Though the 19-year-old was only able to clock in one official lap time, he will be starting his first ever race in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear in fifth position tomorrow.

"The car was great," said Scuncio. "We had a really fast second lap that would have put me on the pole, but then the red flag came out and we lost the lap time. We're definitely okay for tomorrow, though. The car is perfect, and I can't wait to race it in my first Star Mazda race."

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Starting in second position will be 2010 Champion Conor Daly in the #22 Juncos Racing/INDECK/The College Network/Merchant Services Ltd. Mazda. The 18-year-old approached this afternoon's qualifying session with a strategy that didn't quite have the chance to play out in its entirety. Nonetheless, the standout driver delivered another solid qualifying effort that will see him starting tomorrow's race on the front row.

"It was an interesting session for sure," said Daly. "We chose a bit of a different strategy that we were hoping was going to take advantage of everyone else who was preparing for the rain. We went out on used tires and put in a pretty good lap time, but unfortunately, the red flag came out pretty early in the session which meant we didn't get to try any sticker tires. Oh well, it was worth a try, and the team is still doing a great job as always. I'm looking forward to the race now. Hopefully it doesn't rain tomorrow, but if it does, I don't mind because I like the wet. Whatever happens happens, and I'm ready to go."

Teammate Rusty Mitchell was another driver whose lap time potential was affected by the faulty session. The 27-year-old's best lap out of the two he was able to get in will see him starting tomorrow's race in ninth position.

"I was trying to warm up the tires at the start of qualifying, so we only got one clean lap in and weren't really pushing," said Mitchell. "It's unfortunate that there was a red flag followed by heavy rain, but hopefully I can get a good start tomorrow. We've got a really good car, so I think the race will be interesting."

Rookie Tatiana Calderon will join teammate Rusty Mitchell tomorrow in his quest to gain track positions during the race. Like Scuncio, Calderon was only able to produce one official lap time before being cut off by the early red flag. The 17-year-old from Bogota, Colombia will start tomorrow's race in 13<sup>th</sup> position.

"We only had one lap to qualify, so it was really difficult to have the feel of track and the car," said Calderon. "I feel good about the race tomorrow because I think we had a good first practice session yesterday. We had a tire problem in the second practice, but that has been fixed now and feels much better, so I definitely think the car is going to be good for the race tomorrow."

The season finale will take place on the 2.54-mile road course of Road Atlanta tomorrow at 11:55 a.m. EST. The 45-minute event will be broadcast live on HDNet thanks to the series' partnership with Visit Florida, the state's official tourism and marketing organization.

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Though Daly has already claimed the 2010 driver's championship, he remains in serious contention for the first annual Visit Florida Cup title, a seven race "championship-within-a-championship" for which the final results will play out tomorrow. For more information, please go to <a href="https://www.juncosracing.com">www.juncosracing.com</a>.

Conor Daly, #22 Juncos Racing/INDECK/The College Network/Merchant Services Ltd./Tom Lange Co.

Session	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Qualifying	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:20.589	113.465

#### Tatiana Calderon, #25 Juncos Racing/JAC Motors

Session	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Qualifying	13 <sup>th</sup>	1:24.827	107.796

### Martin Scuncio, #60 Juncos Racing Formula Mazda

Session	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Qualifying	5 <sup>th</sup>	1:21.231	112.568

#### Rusty Mitchell, #66 Juncos Racing/Motorola/Petro Comm./HRP Racing Products/Texas Autosports

Session	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Qualifying	9 <sup>th</sup>	1:21.736	111.872

**About Juncos Racing:** Juncos Racing is centrally located in Vero Beach, Florida, U.S.A. to offer diverse levels of racing year round. Juncos Racing operates out of a state of the art facility which houses vehicles suitable for all levels of racing, from go-karts to open wheel Formula race cars. It is one of the few teams in the United States which offers a development program starting from racing go-karts to racing professional open wheel race cars. The team's goal is to provide young and older drivers alike with a foundation upon which they can build a career in motorsports. Juncos Racing offers two and three-day racing schools which cover theoretical and hands-on driving techniques. With your dedication and the team's expertise and advanced training techniques, Juncos Racing is confident that you will achieve and master the fundamentals of racing. For more information, please visit <a href="www.juncosracing.com">www.juncosracing.com</a>.