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## **JDC MOTORSPORTS LEADS STAR MAZDA TITLE CHASE INTO INDIANA**

### **Vautier, Mancuso, and Jardim looking to add oval win to 2011 resume**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (May 26, 2011) – JDC MotorSports commences the oval portion of the 2011 *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear* season this Saturday (May 28), when Round Three takes place at Lucas Oil Raceway in Indianapolis. As part of the prestigious Night Before the 500 event, the multiple series champion will be seeking to add another win to its already impressive racing resume, with Tristan Vautier having tasted victory Champaign last time out in Alabama. Joining the French racer under the JDC awning in race three will be rookie standout Nick Mancuso and series newcomer Joao Jardim, giving the Minnesota-based squad a talented line-up for the first of three consecutive circle track races.

After a superb start to the 2011 campaign – scoring a win, two podium finishes and a pole position – in the opening two events, JDC MotorSports travels to central Indiana seeking to keep the momentum going at one of the premier races on the series calendar. While oval racing is a completely different affair than doing battle on a road course, history has shown that the team and its drivers have the skills to excel.

JDC Motorsports' success in Star Mazda competition over the years has not been limited to just road courses. Showing the ability to challenge for wins on a variety of tracks, the Minnesota team has placed drivers on the podium four times and captured seven top-fives in series oval action. In the inaugural Star Mazda race at the newly renamed Lucas Oil Raceway last year, two JDC cars qualified in the top-four, and one finished on the podium.

When Vautier gets back behind the wheel in Indiana, his primary goal will be to extend his championship advantage. The No. 5 Cecibon/Circuit du Laquais/Fontanel/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports racer enters race three on the series calendar currently leading the points chase, having finished on the podium in the season-opener, and followed that up with a dominating win in race two. The talented French driver made his oval racing debut at Lucas Oil Raceway last season, advancing numerous places en route to a top-10 result with another squad.

The Round Three oval race will provide Mancuso with yet another opportunity to showcase his skills. The No. 27 Jimmy John's Sandwiches/Indeck/Lake Forest Sportscars/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports rookie has impressed onlookers thus far in series competition, earning a pair of top-10 finishes en route to sixth in the title chase, second in the Rookie of the Year fight.

While Jardim will be making both his Star Mazda and oval racing debut in Indiana, the Brazilian is expected to quickly get up to speed and run with the front-runners. Piloting the No. 39 Shopping

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M/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports car, Jardim enters the event as a Brazilian Formula Future Fiat race winner, and having raced in both the Brazilian Formula 3 Championship and Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0 series.

The on-track action for the JDC MotorSports drivers at the Lucas Oil Raceway commences on Friday (May 27), with series testing on the Indiana oval. Saturday (May 28) will feature two practice runs, prior to single-car qualifying in the late afternoon. As part of the prestigious Night Before the 500 event, the green flag for Round Three is slated to wave at 8:10 p.m. local time.

Fans and supporters of JDC MotorSports can keep abreast of the action at Lucas Oil Raceway via - <http://livetiming.net/StarMazda/html.asp> – Live Timing.

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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 of 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. This past year, JDC continued its winning ways, earning the Rookie of the Year award in the Star Mazda Championship with Connor De Phillippi, and scoring a non-points win in the USF2000 National Championship. The Minneapolis-based squad will compete in the Star Mazda Championship, USF2000 National Championship and Prototype Lites Championship in 2011 via multi-car operations.

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