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TEAM PELFREY UNSTOPPABLE IN STAR MAZDA NIGHT BEFORE THE 500 EVENT

De Phillippi and Andries made history with 1-2 finish in Round Three in Indiana

CLEARWATER, FLA. (May 31, 2011) – Team Pelfrey made history on Memorial Day weekend (May 28), scoring a one-two finish in Round Three of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear at Lucas Oil Raceway. Connor De Phillippi and Nick Andries not only gave the Florida-based squad a win and a runner-up finish at the famed Night Before the 500 event, but also led the way in every official session, setting a new mark for excellence in the highly-competitive junior formula car series.

Given Team Pelfrey's history at the most prestigious oval race in the world...the Indianapolis 500, combined with the team having already scored a win in 2011 (Round One in St. Petersburg), the stage was set for the two-car team to challenge for top honors when the Star Mazda series traveled to Indiana for the first oval race of the season.

Setting the stage for what would ultimately be a record setting event, the Team Pelfrey duo of Andries and De Phillippi wasted little time showing their speed around the high-speed Lucas Oil Raceway oval, taking the top two spots during the three-hour promoter's test on Friday evening.

The trend of two Team Pelfrey entries topping the speedcharts continued on race day in Indiana, with De Phillippi just edging his teammate Andries in the opening practice run. The No. 11 Oakley/Justice Brothers/Hernan Capdevila/Lithionics Battery/Trademark Garage Floors/HP Spartacote/Team Pelfrey Mazda car remained the car to beat following the second and final practice run, once again mere tenths ahead of Andries on the scoring charts.

With the order for single-car qualifying determined by the championship standings prior to the famed Indiana event, Andries was the first of the Team Pelfrey duo to take to the track for his two-lap timed run. The No. 81 Indy 500: An American Icon/Lithionics Battery/Trademark Garage Floors/HP Spartacote/Oakley/Justice Brothers/Team Pelfrey Mazda car promptly became the provisional polesitter, setting a new lap record of 20.202. As impressive as Andries was, De Phillippi took it to a new level in his two-lap run a short time later. The two-time series race winner posted the first-ever official sub-20s lap by a Star Mazda (Andries had bettered the 20s mark during the promoter's test day) on his first flyer, earning the first pole position for Team Pelfrey via a new record mark of 19.999.

While both the drivers and the crew were extremely satisfied with the one-two result in qualifying, they remained focused on the big prize...a Night Before the 500 win.





Initially slated to roll on-course at 8 p.m. local time, it wasn't until close to 10 p.m. that the enthusiastic crowd on-hand got to see Team Pelfrey and the rest of the Star Mazda field in action, due to a lengthy rain delay.

When De Phillippi and Andries did finally get the green flag, they made the most of starting on the front-row. De Phillippi showed good speed and skill in an out of traffic, leading all 85 laps en route to scoring a commanding win. Andries, despite some heated pressure from behind, likewise never relinquished his P2 starting position, setting the fastest lap of the race prior to crossing the stripe in second. In finishing one-two at Lucas Oil Raceway, Team Pelfrey made history by having its drivers first and second in every official session of an event...a remarkable result that showcases the depth of skill within the Florida squad.

"This was such a phenomenal weekend for the team," stated De Phillippi. "To be top-two with my teammate in every session, showcased the effort that we put into these ovals. I am so lucky to be a part of this Team Pelfrey organization. Dale Pelfrey is the best team owner we could ask for, and the people that are in place around me are second to none. We have the tools we need to win races and the championship, and we will continue to have both of those as our goals each time we get to the race track. Now on to Milwaukee, where we will have the same goal that we had here at Indy...win!"

"It is hard to find words to describe the weekend besides perfect from a team stand point," commented Andries. "It is a huge credit to Team Pelfrey owner Dale Pelfrey and the Team Pelfrey crew. Straight from the get go the cars were awesome, and we really just tuned the car for track conditions. Qualifying was our main focus, because we knew it would be very difficult to pass during the race. Connor got the job done in qualifying, and it ended up paying off in the race. I can't complain about my qualifying run, making it an all Team Pelfrey front-row. The race was fun for me. I had a really good car and got a point for fastest lap of the race. I was chasing Connor throughout the race and many times had Sage pressuring me. I'm really excited to get on track at Milwaukee. Our test went well there, and our cars are just so good on the ovals!"

Team Pelfrey, which enjoys on-going support from Trademark Garage Floors, HP Spartacote, Lithionics Battery, GS 610 Brake Fluid, Justice Brothers, and Oakley, returns to action on June 19th, with Round Four at the historic Milwaukee Mile. De Phillippi, the reigning Rookie of the Year, enters the second oval event on the series calendar second the championship fight, while Andries is currently third in the standings.

Additional information on Team Pelfrey can be obtained via the team website at www.Team-Pelfrey.com For direct contact, please contact Geoff Fickling at gf@team-pelfrey.com or (727) 329-8860.

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About Team Pelfrey:

After a multi-year hiatus from motorsports competition, Team Pelfrey rejoins the professional open-wheel ranks in 2011. With the primary goal of helping develop and train new talent, the

Florida-based squad will run a multi-car effort in the highly-regarded Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, which is part of the Mazda Road to Indy ladder system. Building on Team Pelfrey's previous success in the IndyCar Series, which featured the likes of Danny





Ongais, Memo Gidley, Bryan Tyler, Billy Boat, Robby Unser, Sarah Fisher and 1998 Indianapolis 500 race leader John Paul Jr. getting behind the wheel, Team Principal Dale Pelfrey has assembled a talented crew of personnel with a proven Star Mazda track record.



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