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JDC MOTORSPORTS' VAUTIER EXTENDS STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD IN MILWAUKEE

French standout matches best oval result with fourth place finish at historic Wisconsin track

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (June 22, 2011) – JDC MotorSports took another step towards a third Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear title on Sunday (June 19) with another strong oval run at the historic Milwaukee Mile. Highly-rated French racer Tristan Vautier extended his championship lead with a fourth place result at the often-treacherous track, while his rookie teammates Joao Jardim and Nick Mancuso displayed good speed and skill before ultimately being classified eighth and 11th. Vautier has used this fourth straight top-five finish to extend his lead in the championship standings to five points, while Mancuso now sits eighth in the overall championship race.

With one oval round on its 2011 record, where JDC drivers earned fourth and eight place results during the 'Night Before the 500' event in Indiana, the team was looking forward to running alongside the IZOD IndyCar Series at Milwaukee Mile. Given that Vautier had led the way in official series testing at the flat high-speed track earlier in the month, the stage was set for both JDC racers to make their mark at the venue located inside the Wisconsin Fairgrounds.

First up for the JDC racers was a promoter's test session on Thursday morning, which featured all three drivers working with the team engineers and crew to fine tune their car setups. Unfortunately for Mancuso, he was unable to accomplish much, as an engine failure ended his test run prematurely. The drivers returned to the track on Friday morning for the lone practice session of the day, and the plan of attack was again to focus on continually developing the setup on the cars. Things went from bad to worse for Mancuso, however, as he made contact with the turn four wall, further hampering his efforts. Despite Vautier being unable to match the pace displayed in series testing in the final practice run on Saturday morning, the squad remained upbeat entering single-car qualifying.

As the only planned afternoon session of the day for the series, qualifying proved to be a frustrating affair for the highly-rated Minnesota-based squad. Vautier continued to struggle for overall grip in his No. 5 Cecibon/Circuit du Laquais/Fontanels/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports entry and ultimately turned the fourth fastest time in his two-lap run, earning a row two starting position. Jardim, who is continually gaining experience in the No. 39 Shopping M/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports entry after joining the squad and the series in Round Three, earned a row four starting position with the ninth best time. Mancuso jumped into the fray with virtually zero track time prior to his two-lap outing, and turned the 12th quickest fast lap, placing his No. 27 Jimmy

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John's Sandwiches/Indeck/Lake Forest Sportscars/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports car on row six for the second of three consecutive oval races.

After a long night of data analysis and discussion, the JDC drivers and crew were ready to charge up the scoring charts in Round Four on Sunday morning. That plan had to wait, however, as a rain shower forced the 98-lap affair to be delayed until after the IndyCar Series race. When the green flag finally did wave late in the day, the JDC trio was immediately in the thick of the action. Vautier, having started on the outside of row two, quickly fought his way into second. Unable to quite match the pace of the duo ahead, the championship leader spent the better portion of the race holding his position until a late race charge from the rookie behind. Several places behind, both Jardim and Mancuso were also engaged in multi-car fights for position. Unfortunately for the Rookie of the Year candidate, his race didn't go as planned and was eventually classified with an 11th place finish. Jardim, having pressured seventh place in the closing stages, came home in eighth, while Vautier was able to hold off some late race pressure to cross the line in fourth, matching his best oval result thus far, and extending his championship lead from one point to five points.

"Considering that we had a rough weekend here at Milwaukee, and we didn't manage to get back to the speed we had in official testing, I think we can be happy to leave the track having extended our championship lead," stated Vautier. "The guys did an awesome job giving me a solid car for qualifying and the race after our struggles in practice. I really feel like we made the most of this race. We must now keep pushing hard to find more speed for Iowa Speedway. A big thanks to all the crew for their hard work this weekend."

"It was a rough weekend for the Jimmy John's/INDECK car from the start of the weekend," commented Mancuso. "We lost a motor early in the Thursday test session, losing valuable setup time. It went from bad to worse when I had a loose car in Friday practice and made contact with the turn four wall. The JDC guys worked really hard and we got the car back together and made some positive setup changes, but with no track time before qualifying, we qualified and finished poorly. I've already put the weekend behind me, and am ready to bounce back next weekend in lowa!"

JDC MotorSports' continues its pursuit of Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear top honors this coming Saturday (June 25), when Round Five takes place at the Iowa Speedway. The two-time series champions enter the final oval race of the year currently third in the Team standings, and with Vautier leading the title chase. Mancuso remains in contention for Rookie of the Year honors in eighth place.

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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

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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 Series 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. The Minneapolis-based squad will compete in the Star Mazda Championship, USF2000 National Championship and Prototype Lites Championship in 2011 via multi-car operations.