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## **JDC MOTORSPORTS' VAUTIER EXITS MOSPORT CONTINUING TO LEAD STAR MAZDA TITLE CHASE**

### **French racer finished fifth in Round Six, and joined in top-eight by Miller and Jardim**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (July 26, 2011) – JDC MotorSports exited the first of back-to-back Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear events in Canada on Sunday (July 24), with a solid points-scoring run in Round Six. Second-year star Tristan Vautier overcame mid-race contact to add another top-five result to his resume, ensuring he continues to lead the championship fight. Chris Miller, in his series return, came home in seventh place, while rookie Joao Jardim battled a mechanical issue to finish eighth at the high-speed road course.

With a successful – three top-fours – three-race oval run now in the record books, JDC MotorSports entered the midway point of the 2011 Star Mazda calendar at Mosport International Raceway focused on adding another win to its impressive junior formula car resume.

Things got off to an ideal start for the JDC squad at the high-speed road course east of Toronto, with Vautier turning the quickest lap in the opening promoter's test day session. That however proved to be the highlight of the day in the extremely hot and humid conditions, as the championship leader and his Brazilian teammate Jardim both crashed in turn three in the afternoon sessions.

Despite the setback, the squad entered the first official session on Friday morning confident more speed could be found. While Miller's No. 85 Miller Milling/Red Line Oil JDC Motorsports entry ultimately was the only JDC racer to improve on his cooler testing time, the talented trio and JDC race engineers gained valuable setup information in the lone run on the day.

With the JDC racers well aware that starting near the front of the field at Mosport would be beneficial for challenging for top honors, qualifying got underway on Saturday morning in continued hot and humid conditions. Vautier, as expected, was in contention for the pole position throughout the 45-minute affair. The No. 5 Cecibon/Circuit du Laquais/Fontanel/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports car in the end posted the third best time, a mere tenth of a second off P1. Miller, having steadily gone quicker each time out in his first series event since the season-opener back in March, ended qualifying P8, while Jardim's No. 39 Shopping M/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports entry turned the 10th quickest lap.

Next up for the JDC trio was Round Six on Sunday morning in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd. When the lights went out to begin the 35-lap affair, Vautier immediately made his presence felt, battling the front-row duo for the lead. Not far behind, Jardim and Miller soon found

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themselves dueling one another for a place right behind the top-five. Vautier appeared poised to be part of the fight for the win until contact in the Moss hairpin spun the Round Two winner and resulted in a loss of several positions. Jardim and Miller likewise were forced to overcome challenges as the race progressed, with the Brazilian rookie encountering gearbox problems, and Miller forced to deal with reduced visibility due to oil spraying from his teammates' car. Showing great perseverance and focus, the JDC racers battled through the obstacles. Vautier, turning laps on par with the leaders, worked his way back up to fifth at the checkered flag, earning valuable points en route to maintaining the championship lead. Miller, having found a way past Jardim, was the next JDC racer to the stripe in seventh, one place ahead of his teammate.

"The race was fantastic for the first 30 minutes," commented Vautier. "I was running in third, having a very close battle with the two leaders. We were all pushing like hell, which was very exciting. Unfortunately my chances to score a very good result ended when the driver behind me hit me and spun me out in turn five. I got back on track, and managed to come back to fifth, but it's a big disappointment, considering where we could have ended up. We managed to keep the championship lead despite that, which is good. We are now focusing on Trois-Rivières. As usual, thanks go to all the guys in the team, who have been working flat out."

JDC MotorSports' continued chase of a third series title continues in just over a week (August 6-7), when Rounds Seven and Eight of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear takes place at the historic Trois-Rivières street circuit. Vautier enters the doubleheader with a six-point lead (217-211) in the championship chase. The Minnesota-based squad is currently third in the Team standings.

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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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