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Horto Qualifies Second for First Race at GP3R, Menezes Sixth, Calderon Ninth



TROIS-RIVIERES, QUEBEC (August 5, 2011) – J.V. Horto, driver of the No. 7 Juncos Racing / Programa Leiloes car, qualified second for the first of two races this weekend at the Grand-Prix Trois Rivieres. The Brazilian driver kicked off the weekend by topping this morning's official practice session with a best lap time of 1:01.968 and was just .248 shy of claiming his first career pole this afternoon.

Today's qualifying result for Horto matched his best this season; he also qualified second at Barber Motorsports Park in April.

J.V. Horto on qualifying: "Today was very good for me. We were fastest this morning, and we qualified on the front row which is very important on this track, especially since it's such a tight track and difficult to pass on. I want to thank God for today, and thank Juncos Racing for the good momentum we have had the last two races and for giving me a good car for this weekend. Now, we want to keep the momentum going and get back up in the championships points; two wins in the two races this weekend would help a lot! I also want to say thanks to my teammates, Tatiana (Calderon) and Gustavo (Menezes) because we are always learning from each other. We miss Martin (Scuncio) and hope he is doing well back home."

Starting tomorrow's race in sixth is rookie Gustavo Menezes who scored his fastest lap time on his final running lap. On row five will be teammate Tatiana Calderon who will start tomorrow's race in ninth.

Gustavo Menezes on qualifying: “It’s definitely been a good day, especially for my first day on the track. This street course is challenging, so I’m really happy with my results today. In practice, I was solidly in the top five positions throughout the session and sometimes even in the top three, so I was pretty confident going into qualifying. In qualifying, we went out on old tires to set up the car, got it set up to where we wanted, and I landed in the top five again. Then, I put on new tires and I was pretty happy with that, too, but unfortunately the track changed for me because of those new tires, so the result wasn’t exactly what I wanted. We still pulled out a solid lap at the end which was great. Sixth position is a good place to start, and we will be working hard tomorrow to put it on podium!”

Tatiana Calderon on qualifying: “It wasn’t my day today. I don’t think I drove as well as I could have in the first practice session today. I was not able to get any of my data from the first practice session which was a shame going into qualifying because I didn’t have any information to go off of. I think I was overdriving the car a little bit in qualifying, but at least I have the data from that session, so I’m going to look over that tonight and try to fix everything I can for tomorrow’s race. I am going to stay positive, try to gain some positions in the race, and try to get a good lap time in so I will be in a good starting position for Sunday’s race.”

The first race of the weekend will kick off tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. EST. The starting grid for the second race on Sunday will be determined by order of the fastest lap times achieved in tomorrow’s race. Live timing and scoring will be available on www.livetiming.net/starmazda. The team would like to extend its continued thanks to OMP Racing for its support in providing top of the line racing gear for the team’s drivers. For more information, please go to www.juncosracing.com.

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João Victor Horto, #7 Juncos Racing / Programa Leiloes

Session	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Qualifying	2 nd	1:01.790	88.616

Tatiana Calderon, #10 Juncos Racing / JAC Motors

Session	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Qualifying	9 th	1:02.867	87.098

Gustavo Menezes, #28 JR/TRUECar/SafetyPark/Oakley/Performance Physixx/Fitness Concepts/Racing Optics

Session	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Qualifying	6 th	1:02.165	88.082

About Juncos Racing: Juncos Racing is centrally located in Fort Pierce, 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 www.juncosracing.com.

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