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## **JDC MOTORSPORTS CONTINUES PURSUIT OF THIRD STAR MAZDA TITLE IN TROIS-RIVIERES**

### **Vautier enters Rounds Seven and Eight holding six-point advantage in championship fight**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (August 3, 2011) – JDC MotorSports continues its pursuit of a third series title this coming weekend (August 6-7), when the 2011 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear title chase resumes ‘North of the Border’ on the famed Trois-Rivieres street circuit. French standout Tristan Vautier remains the driver everyone is chasing in the highly-competitive junior formula car series, with the JDC racer holding a six-point lead in the championship chase entering Rounds Seven and Eight. Brazilian Joao Jardim gives the Minnesota-based squad two racers capable of challenging for a place on the post-race podiums, as the rookie has found increased pace each time he has gotten behind the wheel since joining JDC.

Given Canada’s love affair with formula car racing, it seems only fitting that the historic street circuit in Trois-Rivieres, Que., plays host to the lone doubleheader on the 2011 Star Mazda calendar. While the event is the second of back-to-back visits by JDC Motorsports and the rest of the series ‘North of the Border’ it has little in common to the previous race at the high-speed Mosport road course. That however may be to JDC’s advantage, as the former champions have enjoyed good success within the tight confines of the Quebec street circuit, winning the 2009 edition, and finishing second in the 2007 running.

For Vautier, his second trip to the prestigious Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres is all about maintaining momentum. The No. 5 Cecibon/Circuit du Laquais/Fontanels/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports racer has been a model of fast-paced consistency thus far in 2011, winning once (Round Two at Barber Motorsports Park) and never finishing outside of the top-five. Given this, combined with his previous success on a street circuit in Star Mazda action – finishing third on the streets of St. Petersburg, Fla. – Vautier is poised to not only continue his fine run of form in Quebec, but also be among those dueling for the win in both rounds of the doubleheader.

Given Jardim’s road racing background in Brazil, it should come as no surprise that the rookie is looking forward to contesting his first street race in North America. While the concrete-lined course will certainly provide an added challenge, the No. 39 Shopping M/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports racer has increasingly shown he has good speed and car control, and as a result looks certain to improve his three race run of top-10 results during Rounds Seven and Eight.

The on-track action for the JDC MotorSports duo of Vautier and Jardim commences on Friday afternoon (August 5) with a practice session on the 1.6-mile Trois-Rivieres street circuit. The lone qualifying run will take place later in the day, setting the grid for Saturday morning’s (August 6)

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Round Seven race. Following a brief morning warm-up, Round Eight of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear takes place on Sunday (August 7) just prior to the lunch break. The Minnesota-based squad enters the doubleheader currently third in the Team standings.

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

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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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