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DOUBLE PODIUM FOR TEAM PELFREY AT INFINEON RACEWAY

De Phillippi and Andries finished second and third in Round Nine to build points gap in team title fight

CLEARWATER, FLA. (August 30, 2011) – Team Pelfrey took another step towards the team title in its inaugural season of Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear competition this past Saturday (August 27), earning two podium finishes in northern California. Championship contenders Connor De Phillippi and Nick Andries once again showcased their talents behind the wheel, finishing an impressive second and third respectively in Round Nine at Infineon Raceway. It marked the third time the Florida-based squad had placed both its racers on the podium, and further extended Team Pelfrey's advantage in the Team Championship standings.

Given the Star Mazda Championship had not raced at Infineon Raceway since 2005, race nine on the series calendar was a great opportunity for Team Pelfrey and its talented driver duo to showcase their ability to quickly adapt to a new challenge. The Florida outfit initially did this via pre-event testing, as De Phillippi lead the way in first of four runs. While not quite able to match that position when the action officially got underway via two Friday practice sessions, both De Phillippi and Andries did significant work with the Team Pelfrey engineers to improve their racing steeds.

With limited passing opportunities around the undulating IndyCar track configuration, the goal in the lone qualifying run on Saturday morning was to secure a top grid spot. Despite both De Phillippi and Andries not quite getting the desired true flyer in the timed run, both Team Pelfrey racers positioned themselves for a successful race via the third and fifth best times respectively.

Returning to the cockpits later in the day, the talented twosome were confident they could move forward once the lights went out for the traditional Formula One style start. When the race did get underway, De Phillippi promptly did just that, slotting the No. 11 Oakley/Justice Brothers/Hernan Capdevila/Lithionics Battery/Trademark Garage Floors/HP Spartacote/Team Pelfrey Mazda into second place. Andries followed suit, advancing up to fourth by the completion of lap one. Over the course of the next several laps, the Team Pelfrey duo were involved in some of the best dices for position. De Phillippi repeatedly got within striking distance of the leader, as the two front-runners steadily pulled away from the field. Andries meanwhile tried lap after lap to find a way past the third place racer. After multiple close calls, lap 22 witnessed contact between Andries and his rival. Fortunately, the No. 81 Indy 500: An American Icon/Lithionics Battery/Trademark Garage Floors/HP Spartacote/Oakley/Justice Brothers/Team Pelfrey Mazda suffered no damage of note, allowing Andries to continue racing. While the Floridian initially lost one position, he wasted little time getting back up to pace, ultimately retaking third place following another



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entertaining fight for position. Team Pelfrey encountered more drama on the final lap of the 30-lap affair, as De Phillippi spun in the chicane will pushing for a potential win. The Californian however quickly regrouped, and thanks to the gap the lead duo had established, never relinquished second place. As result, Team Pelfrey earned its third double podium result of the season (following 1-2 finishes at both Lucas Oil Raceway and Trois-Rivieres), with De Phillippi and Andries taking the checkered flag in second and third.

“This weekend at Infineon Raceway had its ups and downs,” commented De Phillippi. “We started out a bit behind, but by the time qualifying came around, we were right there in the thick of things. The team worked extremely hard to improve the car, and in the race it was capable of winning. Starting P3 made life difficult since it is very difficult to pass here, so we had to settle for second. As far as the championship goes, we lost a few points, but as we go into Baltimore and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca we will do everything possible to win these last two weekends. A big thank you goes to the entire team for their hard work, and to Dale Pelfrey for believing in each and every one of us.”

“First I want to thank the team for a great effort this weekend,” stated Andries. “I missed a portion of testing last week, then we didn’t roll off the trailer the fastest, but we continued to improve the car each time on track. The race was very busy for me. I was able to get a decent start and get one position on lap one. The rest of the race I struggled to get past Menezes. I felt I was blocked multiple times, and then when I had the incident with Menezes Karam got through, so I had another battle with Karam for a few laps, before I was able to get past. Overall we scored another podium and extended the Team Championship lead, but we have to do everything in our power to win the next two races to have any shot at the championship.”

The Team Pelfrey drivers and crew have no time to relax, as the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear immediately returns to action this weekend (September 3-4), with Round 10 on the streets of Baltimore. De Phillippi and Andries enter the inaugural Baltimore Grand Prix second and third in the title chase, while Team Pelfrey remains out front in the Team 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.

