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JDC MOTORSPORTS CLOSES IN ON STAR MAZDA TITLE WITH BALTIMORE WIN

Vautier scored fourth victory of 2011 with lights-to-flag run on Maryland street circuit

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (September 6, 2011) – JDC MotorSports closed to within striking distance of a third Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear title this weekend (September 3-4), as Tristan Vautier scored his fourth win of 2011 in Round 10 on the streets of Baltimore. The talented French racer further extended his championship advantage entering the season-finale by leading ever lap in the inaugural Baltimore Grand Prix, while Brazilian rookie Joao Jardim added another top-10 to the Minnesota squad's resume with a strong seventh place result.

One week after a dominating performance on the west coast at Infineon Raceway, the JDC drivers and crew were on the other side of the nation ready to challenge for top honors in the first-ever street race in Baltimore. Unfortunately, the JDC MotorSports duo and the rest of the Star Mazda field had to wait to sample the concrete lined course, as repairs from Hurricane Irene delayed the action until after the lunch break. When the cars did finally roll out of the pitlane for the revised and shortened practice run, Vautier and Jardim immediately showcased their talents, ending the session third and fourth respectively on the timecharts.

Day two in Maryland was initially slated to feature qualifying for Round 10, however, the timed session was switched to a second practice run in order to give the drivers added laps around the tricky track. Vautier promptly made the most of the opportunity to further fine tune his racing steed, placing the No. 5 Cecibon/Circuit du Laquais/Fontanels/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports Mazda at the top of the speedcharts. Jardim likewise used the first full session to setup his car for the bumps and multiple track transitions, ending up with the sixth fastest lap.

With no qualifying session being run, the current points standings was used to set the field for Round 10 in Baltimore. Vautier, having led the title fight since his win in race two, was therefore at the front of the field when the lights went out for the traditional Formula One style standing start. Getting a clean launch, the second-year racer maintained the advantage through the treacherous first turn. Vautier from that point forward never relinquished the top spot, overcoming some early race pressure from his nearest championship contender to lead every lap en route his fourth win of the season.

"I felt very much in control of the race right from the start, although I could see Connor De Phillippi in my mirrors and that always gives a little bit of pressure," stated Vautier. "About the half-way point I didn't see him anymore and they told me over the radio that he crashed, so that meant I could stop worrying about him and focus instead on not making a mistake.





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"This turned out to be a very important race and it looks good for the championship, but we must be careful that we do not take anything for granted," the French racer added. "I am very thankful to the JDC team and my engineer Rick Cameron for a great car today and all season long. But I know that when we go to the finale at Mazda Raceway we will be prepared for a hard fight, like every weekend."

For Jardim, the Maryland street race was all about avoiding the expected incidents and making the most of any opportunity. With the No. 39 Shopping M/Red Line Oil JDC MotorSports Mazda starting deeper in the field due to his partial campaign, the series rookie did just that, steadily advancing up the scoring charts. Unfortunately, he was involved in a late race incident that left him sidelined with broken rear suspension. When the checkered flag waved, Jardim was scored with a third consecutive top-10 result via a seventh place finish.

JDC MotorSports concludes its 2011 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear season on September 17-18, with Round 11 at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. Vautier enters the season-finale in California with a 38-point advantage in the title fight, while JDC lies 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.