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JDC MOTORSPORTS' VAUTIER WINS 2011 STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

French standout secured the series crown with fifth place finish at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca season-finale

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (September 20, 2011) – JDC MotorSports is now a three-time Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear title winner, after Tristan Vautier captured the series crown over the weekend (September 17-18) at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. The French standout finished fifth in the Round 11 season-finale, which was enough to clinch the 2011 driver's title. Joining the newly crowned champion in the post-race celebrations were his rookie teammates Nick Mancuso and Joao Jardim, who finished ninth and 12th respectively in northern California.

Thanks to a stellar second half push – winning three of four races – JDC Motorsports' Vautier entered the season-finale at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca not only as the points leader, but with one hand already grasping the championship trophy. Despite that being the case, the talented young racer, along with his skilled crew, remained focused on treating Round 11 like any other event. As a result, Vautier and his two JDC teammates stuck to the plan of continually improving their cars each time they rolled on-course.

The JDC trio got things off to a solid start on Thursday via two promoter's test day sessions. Vautier, as expected, was among those challenging for top honors in the two runs, with the No. 5 Cecibon/Circuit du Laquais/Fontanels/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports Mazda ultimately ending the day with the third best time. Mancuso, despite having missed the most recent round on the streets of Baltimore, also showed good pace with the 10th fastest lap. Jardim was right behind on the timesheets, going 11th quickest.

Day two at the undulating California road course featured the JDC racers working with their highly-skilled engineers and mechanics to further fine tune their racing steeds. In the end, the trio positioned themselves for a strong qualifying effort. Vautier was fourth fastest on the combined speedcharts, while Mancuso and Jardim were 11th and 12th.

Following a rare off day during the event – the result of the American Le Mans Series race – it was time for the JDC racers to qualify and race on Sunday. Things unfortunately didn't go quite as planned in the final qualifying run of the season, as the combination of traffic and changing track conditions resulted in all three racers not getting the desired lap in during the timed session. Vautier secured a row three starting position with the sixth best time, while Jardim and Mancuso captured row six positions, with the 11th and 12th fastest times respectively.

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After a brief break it was time to go racing. While the traditional standing start witnessed some contact among front-runners, it proved to be the beginning of a rather uneventful race for the JDC trio. Vautier ran consistent mistake-free laps from start to finish, in the end taking the checkered flag in fifth. With the result, the Frenchman not only ended the season having never finished outside of the top-five, but more importantly captured the 2011 series title and a funded ride in the 2012 Firestone Indy Lights series care of the Mazda Road to Indy program. Mancuso's No. 27 Jimmy John's Sandwiches/Indeck/Lake Forest Sportscars/F.A.S.T Race Products/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports Mazda was the next JDC car to the line, having advanced up to ninth in the 28-lap race. Jardim piloted his No. 39 Shopping M/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports Mazda to a 12th place result in the season-finale.

"It was a great season for me and I have to thank Mazda, the JDC team who worked so hard every race to give me the best car, and all my sponsors and supporters who got me to where I am today," said Vautier. "We didn't have the car to win today, those guys up front were in a class of their own, but we are all very happy to have had such a consistent season and to win the Star Mazda championship for the third time for JDC MotorSports. I'm really looking forward to my first Indy Lights test, and to competing in the series next year on the Mazda Road to Indy."

With Vautier winning the 2011 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear title, JDC MotorSports has now captured the driver's championship three times, having previously taken home top honors in 2007 with Dane Cameron and 2009 with Adam Christodoulou. The Minnesota-based squad ended the year with four wins, six podium finishes, 12 top-fives, 26 top-10s, four pole positions, and four fastest race laps en route to third in the team championship fight.

JDC MotorSports' Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear program will now take a quick break, before beginning preparations for a title defense in 2012.

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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

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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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