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De Phillippi Continues Domination Winning Race 1 at St. Pete

St. Petersburg, FL (March 24, 2012) –Connor De Phillippi claimed the first win of the 2012 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear season at St. Petersburg FL leading every lap of Round One race. Juncos Racing drivers Diego Ferreira and Martin Scuncio finished day in the Top 10 and teammate Bruno Palli placed 14th in first race with the Star Mazda series.

De Phillippi, 19, driving the #2 ModSpace Motorsports Juncos Racing car, continued his domination in St. Petersburg today winning the first of two races scheduled this weekend. De Phillippi will start seventh in the field of 21 cars in Round Two tomorrow.

“I’m pretty excited to have claimed the first win of the season,” said De Phillippi. “I want to thank Juncos Racing for all of their hard work this week. Tomorrow will be a little more interesting starting seventh, but we will continue to push the car to the front and collect more points for our battle in the Star Mazda Championship.”

Juncos Racings Ferreira, 18, in the #57 Team Viso Venezuela Juncos Racing car, completed his first race in the Star Mazda series finishing seventh.

“Very happy with my result today in my first race with the Star Mazda series and my first street course race,” said Ferreira. “We struggled the first two days of practice with wrecks and engine issues, but were able to be successful in the race today finishing seventh.”

Scuncio, 20, driving #22 Pullman Bus Juncos Racing car qualified second, but dealt with mechanical issues at the end of the race finishing the day in sixth place.

“Today we started off running well, but later in the race we made contact with another car and had issues with controlling the car at the end” said Scuncio. “Even though we didn’t end the day where we wanted to, I know we will be able to show how high we can perform throughout the rest of the season.”

Palli, 20, in the #15 Team Viso Venezuela Juncos Racing car completed all laps today in his first race in the Star Mazda series finishing in 14th place.

“I am very happy to finish my first race in the Star Mazda series and my first street course, but wish we could have ended the day in a better place,” said Palli. “We had some issues with our engine today which kept me from advancing in the field. I am really looking forward to learning a lot this year in Star Mazda and growing with the Juncos Racing program.”

After many long hours Juncos Racing has put into this week, Ricardo Juncos, Team Owner, could not have been anymore pleased with his team and De Phillippi for capturing the first win of the season.

“Today was a successful day for the Juncos Racing team,” said Juncos. “We showed how hard work pays off with a win by Connor (De Phillippi) in his first race with our program. Tomorrow we will have a lot of work to do moving the cars into the front of the field, but I feel confident we will be able to accomplish this mission. I want to thank again all of the Juncos Racing team, Auto Fondo, and my family for all of their continuing support.”

The 2012 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will finish the weekend in St. Petersburg with Race #2 Sunday March 25 at 10:05AM (EST). The series continues on to Barber Motorsports Park March 28 – April 1. Live timing and scoring will be available via www.livetiming.net.starmazda. For more information, please go to www.juncosracing.com.

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About Juncos Racing: Juncos Racing’s headquarters are in Brownsburg, Indiana, U.S.A., just outside of the “racing capital of the world”, Indianapolis. The team also has a shop in Fort Pierce, Florida to promote year-round testing. 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.