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### **De Phillippi, Scuncio, and Ferreira Finish Race 2 in Top 10 at St. Pete**

St. Petersburg, FL (March 25, 2012) – Juncos Racing drivers Connor De Phillippi, Martin Scuncio, and Diego Ferreira finished in the Top 10 in Round Two at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. The field of 21 cars battled for the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear with only eight green flag laps in the second race of the weekend.

Due to a mostly yellow flag race, Juncos Racing driver De Phillippi, 19, driving the #2 ModSpace Motorsports Juncos Racing car finished fifth after starting seventh in Round Two. De Phillippi had a strong performance all week finishing both practice days with the fastest time and winning the race Round One.

“Today we didn’t get the result we hoped for due to limited laps under the green flag,” said De Phillippi. “We were still able to receive valuable championship points finishing fifth today. From here we will move onto Barber and go for the two wins and will continue to rack up points for the championship.”

Scuncio, 20, started sixth driving the #22 Pullman Bus Juncos Racing car and ended the day frustrated in sixth place due to few green flag laps and no time to advance the car in the race.

“The race today was frustrating for us as we were not able to move ahead to the front of the field,” said Scuncio. “Overall the weekend was not bad, but we still have a lot of work to do before the race next week in Barber. I feel good about moving forward next weekend and look to continue to move ahead in points for the season.”

Ferreira, 18, finished seventh for the second time this weekend in the #57 Team Viso Venezuela Juncos Racing car in only his second start in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear.

“We had a pretty good weekend for my first time competing in the Star Mazda series,” said Ferreira. “I was able to complete both races and finish in the Top 10 and learn a lot about the race car. I feel confident for next weekend in Barber since we have tested there previously and I understand the track.”

Palli, 20, driving the #15 Team Viso Venezuela Juncos Racing car completed his second race finishing 14<sup>th</sup>. Unknown engine problems caused Palli's car to fall back in the field both race days.

"We had engine problems in the first race this weekend and they continued to get worse today in the second race," said Palli. "The team worked all night to figure out the issue, but we still have not found what exactly is going wrong. I feel good though for finishing all laps this weekend, especially being my first time in the Star Mazda series."

Ricardo Juncos, Team Owner, ended the weekend frustrated along with his drivers and team with not enough time to advance the cars to the front of the field. However, Juncos was pleased to leave St. Petersburg with Saturdays Round One win and the first win of the 2012 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear.

"Today was a very frustrating day with only a few laps to actually allow the cars to race," said Juncos. "I am happy for how Juncos Racing performed this weekend, but wish we could have figured out the engine problems we dealt with in Bruno's car to move him up in the field. I want to thank all of the Juncos Racing crew, drivers, and my family, for all of the hard work they put into this weekend."

The 2012 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will move to Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham AL March 28 – April 1. Live timing and scoring will be available via [www.livetiming.net.starmazda](http://www.livetiming.net.starmazda). For more information, please go to [www.juncosracing.com](http://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](http://www.juncosracing.com).

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