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JDC MOTORSPORTS COMMENCES STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP TWO-RACE OVAL RUN AT LUCAS OIL RACEWAY

Defending series champion seeking to resume podium streak during Night Before the 500 with talented three-car line-up

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (May 25, 2012) – JDC MotorSports commences the two-race oval portion of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear this Saturday (May 26), when it fields a talented three-car effort at Lucas Oil Raceway in Indiana. As part of the prestigious Night Before the 500 event, Gabby Chaves, Ashley Freiberg, and Juan Piedrahita will return to the driver's seat of their finely-tuned racing steeds for Round Five, focused on building on a strong start to the 2012 season that has featured three podium finishes in the opening four races.

One of the main objectives of the Mazda Road to Indy program - of which the Star Mazda Championship is a key component - is to give the up-and-coming drivers the opportunity to race on an oval. Over a month after last racing on the streets of St. Petersburg, Fla., the trio of Chaves, Freiberg, and Piedrahita will get the chance to do just that via the famed Night Before the 500 event. While the 0.686-banked oval will represent a new challenge, particularly to Chaves and Freiberg, who have never previously raced on a circle track, the JDC racers enter Round Five with plenty of resources and some experience at the Indiana track just down the road from the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

JDC MotorSports recently took part in an official Star Mazda Championship test at Lucas Oil Raceway, and given the fact that car setup plays such a significant role in oval racing, the focus was on car and driver development during the one-day outing. Working extensively on fine tuning the cars for both the track and each racer's driving style, the test proved to be very successful. Chaves proved quick right off the trailer in his No. 19 OMP/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, posting the third best time in the opening session. Piedrahita, likewise showed good speed in the No. 9 GFK Motors/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports, cracking the top-10. Freiberg additionally gathered a good deal of data in her No. 91 TrueCar.com/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry. When combined with the fact that a JDC MotorSports racer has stood on the podium in Rounds One through Three, and just missed in Round Four with a fourth place result, the stage is set for the Minnesota squad to capture that elusive first Star Mazda Championship oval win.

"I'm really excited for the race at Indy," commented Piedrahita. "The test in early May wasn't what we were expecting, but the team has created a new plan in terms of setup for the race, and I'm sure we will be fighting for top honors."

"I am super excited about the upcoming race in The Night Before the 500 at Lucas Oil Raceway," added Freiberg. "This will be my first race on an oval, so it will definitely be a new learning



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experience for me. Being a support race to the Indy 500 is very cool, and I can't wait to get out on track!"

The JDC MotorSports racers will commence their pursuit of top honors in Round Five of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear on Friday (May 25), with a three-hour test session. The official action at Lucas Oil Raceway gets underway on Saturday (May 26) just after lunch with two 30-minute practice runs prior to single-car qualifying. The prestigious Night Before the 500 race is scheduled to get the green flag at 8:25 pm local time under the lights. Live timing and scoring will be available at www.starmazda.com/timing JDC MotorSports enters the first of back-to-back oval races currently third in the team standings, while Chaves and Piedrahita are fourth and fifth in the championship chase respectively.

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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 won a third Star Mazda Championship with Tristan Vautier in 2011, in addition to being victorious in the USF2000 National Championship and earning multiple podium finishes in its Prototype Lites Championship debut campaign. JDC MotorSports will once again contest full seasons in the Star Mazda Championship, USF2000 National Championship and Prototype Lites Championship in 2012.

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