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## JDC MOTORSPORTS RETURNS TO STAR MAZDA STREET RACING ACTION IN TORONTO

## Three-time champion seeking to add another win to resume with talented line-up of Chaves, Freiberg, Piedrahita, and Rzadzinski

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (July 5, 2012) – JDC MotorSports travels 'North of the Border' this weekend (July 7-8) to commence the annual Canadian adventure of the highly-regard Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. The triple championship-winning squad will feature four talented racers under the awning when the Honda Toronto Indy street-course plays host to Rounds Seven and Eight, with Gabby Chaves, Ashley Freiberg, Juan Piedrahita, and Stefan Rzadzinski all get behind the wheels.

After a solid oval portion of the Mazda Road to Indy season - one top-five and four top-10s - the Minnesota-based JDC MotorSports crew and drivers are excited to return to more familiar ground via street circuits and road courses for the remainder of the 18-race title fight. First-up is the fast and bumpy street layout through the Canadian National Exhibition grounds in downtown Toronto. While the first of three consecutive doubleheaders in Canada is sure to present plenty of challenges, everyone wearing a JDC uniform is confident that success is in the cards.

That belief is well justified given the squads 2012 performances within the 'concrete jungles' of street racing. Juan Piedrahita was a runner-up and fourth place finisher on the St. Petersburg street circuit in his No. 9 Petrosur/GFK Motors/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, while rookie Gabby Chaves was nearly impressive in his No. 19 Comcel/Telmex/Marca Pais/Coldeportes/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports steed, crossing the stripe in third and fourth in the same doubleheader.

Freiberg meanwhile has been continually developing her talents and overall speed, adding valuable experience and knowledge every time she has gotten behind the wheel of the No. 91 TrueCar.com/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports race.

For Rzadzinski, the doubleheader marks a return to Star Mazda competition, with the western Canadian racer back in the cockpit after multiple race hiatus looking to build on his strong four top-10s earlier in the year in the No. 93 PoweredbyAlberta.com/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car.

Given the added fact that JDC MotorSports won the only previous Star Mazda race during the Toronto Indy in 2007, and it has three street circuit wins in the past three years, and the stage is set for a multi-car charge for top honors in Canada.

"I'm very happy to be back on street circuits where we have shown we are very competitive," commented Piedrahita. "Having watched the previous IndyCar races in Toronto, it is a track I have always dreamed of driving. I can't wait to get on-track and challenge for top honors."







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"I can't explain how excited I am to be back in a racecar," said Razdzinski. "Competing in the Mazda Road to Indy is incredible, and missing out the last few races has really fueled the fire to get back in a race seat. This deal all came together very late, but thanks to the partners who signed up on my Powered by Alberta program I will be there! Special thanks to CanTorque, Goldmark Diesel, True Grit Buffalo Corp, Christenson Developments, Nova Hotels, Can Alta Bindery, Shelemey Financial, Sherlock Holmes Pubs and Universe Machine who all made this happen for me."

The on-track action at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds commences for the JDC MotorSports foursome on Friday (July 6), with two 30-minute practice sessions around the 2.84-km street circuit. Qualifying for race one of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear doubleheader takes place on Saturday (July 7), prior to Round Seven at 12:10 local time. Round Eight is slated for Sunday (July 8) at 9:50 am local time. Live timing and scoring will be available at <u>www.starmazda.com/timing</u> JDC MotorSports enters the first of six races in Canada third in the team standings, while Chaves, Piedrahita, and Freiberg are fifth, seventh, and 11th in the points fight 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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