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## **JDC MOTORSPORTS READY TO BUILD ON STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP PODIUMS IN EDMONTON**

### **Three-time series champion enters Alberta doubleheader with a top-three in all but one non-oval race in 2012**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (July 18, 2012) – JDC MotorSports' continued chase for top honors in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear resumes this weekend (July 21-22) with a first-ever series visit to the Edmonton City Centre Airport circuit in Alberta. With the talented foursome of Gabby Chaves, Ashley Freiberg, Juan Piedrahita, and local racer Stefan Rzadzinski once again behind the wheels for Rounds Nine and Ten, the three-time series champion is poised to build on its impressive run of at least one podium finish in all but one of the road course or street circuit races in 2012.

The return to more traditional road course and street circuit action two weeks ago in Toronto proved to be a great start to the summer Canadian swing - six races North of the Border - with all four racers displaying good pace and racecraft. While the more open confines of the 2.256-mile Edmonton airport circuit will provide new challenges, the JDC drivers and crew are very confident they can continue to build momentum and add more trophies to the mantle.

The duo of Chaves and Piedrahita enter the Edmonton doubleheader as two of the drivers worth watching, given their most recent success in Canada, and how they've performed on temporary circuit thus far in 2012. Chaves piloted the No. 19 Claro/Marca Colombia/Tecpro/OMP/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry to third and fourth place finishes on the streets of Toronto, having previously been part of the post-race podium celebrations on the streets St. Petersburg and at Barber Motorsports Park. The No. 9 Petrosur/GFK Motors/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry steered by Piedrahita meanwhile was second in St. Petersburg, before finishing fourth and second in the most recent doubleheader in Toronto.

"I'm very excited to be back in action so soon," commented Piedrahita. "We have great momentum going right now. I think the Edmonton track is like a street track where you have to be very precise, and we have shown good speed at this kind of track. I'm really motivated to get a win and keep climbing in the championship."

Freiberg likewise travels to the inaugural Edmonton Indy for the Star Mazda series having enjoyed her best result on a temporary race course. Building on her debut top-10 in St. Petersburg, the No. 91 TrueCar.com/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports racer has displayed ever-growing skills. In fact, if not for some contact and bad luck, she would have likely added more top-10s to her series resume in Toronto.



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Rzadzinski, however, is the JDC racer entering Rounds Nine and Ten with perhaps the biggest expectations. As the lone driver within the Mazda Road to Indy program from Alberta, the Star Mazda rookie will be the focus of friends, family, supporters, and media. Fortunately, the Edmonton native has shown good skills thus far in a limited campaign, cracking the top-10 in the opening doubleheaders in Florida and Alabama, prior to challenging for a top-five result in Toronto before some late race bad luck.

"I can't say how excited I am to compete in my hometown Edmonton Indy this weekend," added Rzadzinski. "All season I've been preparing for this race, so it's definitely my 'big one'. I hope to have a strong showing in front of all my friends and family, as well as all of the Powered by Alberta supporters."

The pursuit of Edmonton Indy success begins for JDC MotorSports on Friday (July 20) with a pair of Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear practice runs around the Edmonton City Centre Airport course. The lone qualifying session will take place on Saturday (July 21) just prior to the lunch break, followed by Round Nine in the mid-afternoon. The Alberta doubleheader concludes on Sunday morning (July 22) with Round 10 before the IZOD IndyCar Series race. Live timing and scoring will be available at [www.starmazda.com/timing](http://www.starmazda.com/timing) JDC MotorSports enters the races third in the team standings, while Chaves, Piedrahita, Freiberg, and Rzadzinski are third, sixth, 11th, and 12th respectively in the driver points.

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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

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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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