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## Intense Race 1 in the Rain for Juncos Racing at Edmonton

Edmonton, Canada (July 21, 2012) – Juncos Racing finished an intense Race 1 in the rain on the 2.22 mile course at Edmonton in the chase for the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear with two Top-5 finishes by Martin Scuncio and Connor De Phillippi.

After qualifying sixth, Scuncio, 20, driving the #22 Pullman Bus/Juncos Racing car finished Race 1 with Juncos Racing's highest finish of the day in fourth position.

"It was a wild race with the rain and starting of the race with slick tires," said Scuncio. "We had to make a pit stop for rain tires which my team did a great job getting me back on track as quick as possible. I was able to finish fourth after battling my way through a lot of the field during the race. I want to thank my team for all of their hard work and especially for the quick pit stop."

De Phillippi, 19, in the #2 ModSpace Motorsports One24/Juncos Racing car started Race 1 in 13<sup>th</sup> position and battled his way to finish right behind teammate Scuncio in fifth place.

"Today's race was pretty insane to say the least," said De Phillippi. "We had a pretty good start but going into turn one there was an accident that I had to avoid causing me to run off and rejoin the field in the back. I started to work my way back to the front but had contact with another car and had to make a pit stop to have the front wing changed. In the end it worked out as I was able to finish in fifth with the help of the crew's fast pit stops. We were able to gain a few more points today and now we will move on to Race 2 here tomorrow."

Rookie Diego Ferreira, 18, in the #57 Team Viso Venezuela/Juncos Racing finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place after starting eighth made his way back to the field after an incident on lap one caused him to go half a lap down.

"It wasn't a good race for myself today," said Ferreira. "We started eighth and were caught up avoiding an accident on the first lap which caused me to be half a lap away from the field. I made the decision to change to rain tires early in the race and lost a lap which I was not able to get back. I'm happy for one of my friends from Venezuela who won the race and happy with the team's hard work to try and get me back on the lead lap."

Rookie Bruno Palli, 20, in the #15 Team Viso Venezuela / Juncos Racing car qualified 11<sup>th</sup> and finished the race early in 18<sup>th</sup> after an accident prevented him from completing the 30 minute timed race.

"I liked the race today, running in the rain for my second time," said Palli. "I gained a few positions early in the race but finished in the back of the field after an accident. Tomorrow I'm really looking forward to race here again and want to win my first race in the Star Mazda Series. Thank you to Juncos Racing for all of their hard work they did to give me a great car."

Ricardo Juncos, Team Owner, was pleased with the team's success in performing quick pit stops, which are not normally experienced in the Star Mazda Series.

"The race today was completely different and something we have never experienced before with having to make pit stops, due to rain causing the cars to be changed to rain tires," said Juncos. "It was very intense in the pits and with races like this you never know what is going to happen. The team did a great job having smooth and quick pit stops which helped keep the cars in good track positions. We gained some points in the championship, and there is still a lot of the season left to go to take back the lead in the Star Mazda Championship."

The 2012 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will finish up at the Grand Prix of Edmonton tomorrow with Race 2 scheduled from 9:30-10:15AM GST. Live timing and scoring will be available via www.starmazda.com/timing/. For more information, please go to www.juncosracing.com.

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**About Juncos Racing**: Juncos Racing is based in Brownsburg, Indiana, U.S.A. just outside the "racing capital of the world," Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1997 Ricardo Juncos, Team Owner, established Juncos Racing, a full-service Formula Racing Team, based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. For five years Juncos Racing competed in various National Championships throughout South America and eventually made their way to the United States, opening the doors in 2003 to their first karting shop based in Miami, Florida. During the next few years Juncos Racing captured 19 Local, Regional, and National karting Titles. Juncos Racing entered into the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear in 2009 and claimed their first championship in the 2010 Star Mazda Championship with driver Connor Daly. 2012 will be the biggest year for Juncos Racing marking the third year in the Star Mazda series and entering

their first year in the Firestone Indy Lights Series. For more information, please visit www.juncosracing.com.

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