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## **JDC MOTORSPORTS SEEKING TO CONTINUE STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP RUN OF FORM IN TROIS-RIVIERES**

### **Trio of Chaves, Freiberg, and Piedrahita set to extend podium streak in Quebec doubleheader**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (August 3, 2012) – JDC MotorSports' Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear adventure 'North of the Border' concludes this weekend (August 4-5) with the prestigious Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres. Gabby Chaves, Ashley Freiberg, and Juan Piedrahita will be behind the wheels for the Minnesota-based squad in one of the premier events on the series calendar, seeking to extend a superb run of podium finishes in Rounds 11 and 12.

One of the highlights of every Star Mazda season is the trip to the Trois-Rivieres street circuit in Quebec, with its illustrious history and passionate fans. JDC MotorSports enters the 2012 edition as one of the teams to watch, thanks to a strong run of form in the four lead-up races in Canada. Since returning to street circuit and road course, the three-time champions have placed a driver on the podium in every round.

Chaves has been in particularly impressive of late. The No. 19 Claro/Marca Colombia/Tecpro/OMP/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports pilot has been in contention for top honors nearly every time he has rolled on-course, finishing third three times and fourth once in the doubleheaders in Toronto and Edmonton en route to advancing to second in both the overall title fight and Rookie of the Year chase.

His JDC teammate Piedrahita has likewise been regularly at the front of the talented Star Mazda field. Driving the No. 9 Petrosur/GFK Motors/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, the Colombian was second and fourth on the streets of Toronto, before adding a top-eight in Edmonton.

"I'm really excited to race in Trois-Rivieres," commented Piedrahita. "I think it is the kind of track that best suits my driving style. We enter these two races needing a good result, and I'm sure we will be challenging for top honors."

For Freiberg, the Quebec twin bill is a chance to try to break away from the poor luck she has battled throughout the year - primarily the result of contact from other drivers - and build on her best result to date in the most recent round. The No. 91 TrueCar.com/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports racer finished a strong seventh in race two of the Edmonton doubleheader, giving her two top-10s in her rookie campaign.

Given JDC MotorSports has won twice previously (2009 & 2011) on the tricky 1.5207-mile circuit, and been on the podium an additional two times, combined with podium finishes in all four previous street races this season, the stage is set for a continued run of success in front of the Canadian fans.



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The action on the concrete-lined Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres circuit begins on Friday (August 3), with the JDC MotorSports trio taking part in a morning practice session prior to the lone qualifying run late in the day. Round 11 of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear is slated to take place on Saturday afternoon (August 4), while Round 12 is scheduled for Sunday morning (August 5). Live timing and scoring will be available at [www.starmazda.com/timing](http://www.starmazda.com/timing) JDC MotorSports travels to the Quebec doubleheader third in the team standings, while Chaves, Piedrahita, and Freiberg, lie second, sixth, and 12th respectively in the championship chase.

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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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