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JDC MOTORSPORTS LOOKING FOR STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP REPEAT WIN ON STREETS OF BALTIMORE

Talented foursome of Chaves, Freiberg, Piedrahita, and Rzadzinski up for latest challenge in Maryland

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (August 28, 2012) – When the chase for Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear top honors resumes over Labor Day weekend (September 1-2) on the streets of Baltimore, JDC MotorSports will have something no other team has...a win at the inner harbor street circuit on its resume. Seeking to build on both that previous success, and a run of eighth podium finishes on street and road courses in 2012, the talented foursome of Gabby Chaves, Ashley Freiberg, Juan Piedrahita, and Stefan Rzadzinski will contest Rounds 13 and 14 in Maryland.

As anyone involved in formula car competition will tell you, racing within the unforgiving tight confines of a street circuit is a demanding affair. That being said, JDC MotorSports and its skilled racers have risen to the challenge this year, with three runner-up finishes and at least one JDC driver standing on the post-race podium in all but one of the previous six street races this season.

Gabby Chaves has been particularly impressive around the concrete-lined tracks during his first season of Star Mazda action. The No. 19 Claro/Marca Colombia/Tecpro/OMP/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports pilot immediately showcased his talents during the season-opening doubleheader on the streets of St. Petersburg by finishing third and fourth in the two races. That proved to be a sign of things to come, as a second half charge that has included additional trips to the podium on the streets of Toronto, the Edmonton Airport track, and the historic streets of Trois-Rivieres - as well as no finishes worse than fifth - has propelled Chaves up to third in the title chase and second in the Rookie of the Year fight.

Piedrahita likewise has been a force to be reckoned with on the street circuits thus far in 2012. Driving the No. 9 Petrosur/GFK Motors/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, the Colombian has joined in the post-race celebrations both in St. Petersburg and Toronto, and has yet to finish outside of the top-10 in the six street races this year.

"I'm really looking forward to this weekend," stated Piedrahita. "Baltimore is a tricky track where you have to be very precise hitting your marks. I'm sure the team will give a good car to fight for the win."

While Freiberg has endured more than her fair share of bad luck this season, particularly with regards to contact from other racers, she has secured two of her best results on the often treacherous street circuits. The No. 91 TrueCar.com/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports racer was among the top-nine at both St. Petersburg and Trois-Rivieres, and looks poised to build on her recent run of form in Maryland.









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"I am very excited about the Grand Prix of Baltimore, commented Freiberg. "I was there as a spectator last year, and it was great to see the fans so enthusiastic about this event. It will be an interesting weekend with the limited time Star Mazda has on the schedule, but I am really looking forward to driving there. I am ready to get some better luck and better results. We deserve that, with how hard we have been working this year."

Unlike his teammates, Rzadzinski enters the Baltimore doubleheader having not contested the entire campaign. The Canadian, however, has been part of the action at two of the three street race events, showing good speed and skill. Given Rzadzinski secured two top-10s in St. Petersburg to start the season in the No. 93 PoweredbyAlberta.com/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car entry, and was briefly among the top-five in Toronto, a strong return to series competition is not out of the question.

JDC MotorSports and its highly-regarded line-up of Chaves, Freiberg, Piedrahita, and Rzadzinski will first take to the new look Baltimore street circuit on Friday (August 31), with a morning practice session, followed by the lone qualifying run near the end of the day. Round 13 is slated to get underway at 2:35 pm local time on Saturday (September 1), with Round 14 one day later at 11:35 am, prior to the IZOD IndyCar Series race. Live timing and scoring will be available at www.starmazda.com/timing JDC MotorSports enters the Maryland doubleheader as the defending race winner and third in the team standings. Chaves is currently third in the title fight, followed by Piedrahita in seventh, Freiberg in 11th, and Rzadzinski 16th.

JDC MotorSports continued its fine run of form on the often treacherous streets of Trois-Rivieres.

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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.



