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## **STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON ENDS WITH JDC MOTORSPORTS IN VICTORY LANE**

### **Chaves scored second consecutive win, while Piedrahita, Freiberg, and Anderson add top-12s at Road Atlanta finale**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (October 23, 2012) – The 2012 edition of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear season ended in perfect fashion for JDC MotorSports on Friday (October 19) with a second consecutive trip to victory lane. Gabby Chaves was the driver to beat all weekend long, ultimately converting the Round 17 pole position into a win at Road Atlanta. When combined with a ninth place finish by Juan Piedrahita, as well as 11th and 12th place results by Ashley Freiberg and Scott Anderson, the Minnesota-based squad exited the Petit Le Mans finale in Georgia third in the highly-competitive team standings.

After a superb race-winning performance in the penultimate event at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, JDC MotorSports was positioned to end its 2012 Star Mazda Championship campaign on a high note. Things started out in the right direction during the promoter's test day at Road Atlanta, as despite not being focused on overall lap times, but rather working on car balance and setups for the talented four driver line-up, JDC MotorSports still had three racers in the top-10 of the combined timesheet, with Chaves P2, Piedrahita P6, and series newcomer Anderson P9. Freiberg was in the mix as well in P11.

The three-time series champions continued to be one to watch their talents, and made its intentions clear when the action officially got underway via two practice runs around the high-speed Georgia road course. Chaves, setting the stage for what would ultimately be a race-winning endeavor, placed the No. 19 Claro/Marca Colombia/Tecpro/OMP/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports Mazda at the top of the speedcharts come the end of the day. Anderson, who joined JDC for the season-finale after winning twice in his rookie USF2000 Championship season this past year, likewise impressed by working his way up to seventh on the scoring monitors, just ahead of his teammate Piedrahita. Freiberg ended the day 14th.

Aware that qualifying could play an important role in the outcome of the season-finale, all four JDC MotorSports drivers tried to mix finding the draft and getting space to run mistake free laps in the Thursday (October 18) timed run. Chaves did that to perfection, posting a true flyer late in the session to secure his second consecutive pole position of the season. Piedrahita enjoyed a solid run behind the wheel of the No. 9 Petrosur/GFK Motors/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports Mazda as well, earning a row three starting position with the sixth quickest lap. Things, however, did not go quite as planned for both Anderson and Freiberg, as neither got the fast lap they desired, qualifying 11th and 14th.

Returning to the cockpits of their racing steeds in front of a large crowd on Friday afternoon, all four JDC Motorsports drivers were excited about getting the season-finale underway and ending



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the season with a strong result. Chaves executed a clean launch from the traditional standing start, and despite some spirited pressure from behind, held the lead position into the opening sequence of turns. Behind the race leader, the remaining JDC trio quickly became embroiled in fights for position. As the 38-lap affair progressed, one of the battles getting the attention of onlookers was the duel between the No. 91 TrueCar.com/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports of Freiberg, and Anderson's No. 16 MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development/Skip Barber Racing School/Laser Nail Centers of Colorado/Neuropathy Testing Centers/JDC MotorSports Mazda.

The real focus, however, remained out front, as lap after lap Chaves led the way, despite the fact a fellow late season title contender remained firmly tucked right behind. The JDC rookie in the end never placed a wheel wrong, taking home his second consecutive series win, and with it second in the championship fight.

"I knew that as soon as the race started I had clinched second in the championship, but that actually freed me to take an all-or-nothing attitude toward the race," stated Chaves, who is a member of the prestigious 2012 FIA Institute Young Driver Excellence Academy. "I was going to win it or spin it. Even though I led all the way, it was a very tight race with Sage's [Karam] car always there in my mirrors. I was fortunate that he was never able to get a run on me and try to pass, which might have worked out well for Connor [De Phillippi], but probably not for Sage or I. I'm so happy to be able to repay the JDC MotorSports team for all their hard work during the season, and my family and sponsors for all their help and faith. I'll take it easy for a few days and then get to work on what I'm going to race next year."

Piedrahita was the next JDC racer to the checkered flag, ending his season with another top-10 finish via ninth place, giving him seventh in the final point standings. Freiberg followed home in 11th, further showcasing her race craft skills en route to 11th in the championship fight. Anderson was right behind in 12th, gaining valuable experience in his series debut ahead of a potential full campaign next year.

JDC MotorSports now switches its focus to 2013, with preparations for yet another run at the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear title. Over the course of the upcoming weeks and months, the Minnesota-based squad will take part in several off-season tests to evaluate drivers for the upcoming new season. Drivers interested in taking part in off-season programs are invited to contact team JDC MotorSports and team principal John Church.

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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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