



Contact: Peter Frey / (818) 398-5733
StarMazdaPR@aol.com

**-- A PAIR OF POLES FOR GLADDIS --
STAR MAZDA QUALIFYING 2 AT THE MAZDA GRAND PRIX OF PORTLAND**

Tom Gladdis, the 17 year-old racer from the English territory of Gibraltar, scored his-second consecutive Star Mazda Championship pole for this afternoon's Round 5 of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. This is the first of two Star Mazda events being held at the Mazda Grand Prix of Portland, and his lap of 1:08.722 (103.565 mph) in the #5 Andersen Racing / Law firm of Marrache & Co. / Allied Building Products places him on the inside of the front row for the spectacular standing start that is a new feature of Star Mazda Championship races for 2008. Starting next to him, as he did in Race 1 on Saturday, will be Miller Motorsports Park winner John Edwards (#7 AIM Autosport Mazda) with a lap of 1:09.001 (103.146 mph). Slotting in third on the grid is Charles Hall (#77 Andersen Racing / Blimpie / AccentBanking.com/Pardoes Solicitors / Allied Building Products Mazda) with a time of 109.151 (102.923 mph).

"The cloud cover didn't really make any difference to the track or grip, but the engines do seem to run a little stronger when the temperature is lower," said Gladdis. "I'm delighted to be on pole for the second race as well because this series rewards consistency and that's what the team has been working so hard on. We've been in the top-5 pretty much throughout the season, and its all starting to come together. Its going to be a tight race, like the race yesterday, but I think we're in with a good chance. My thanks to the Andersen Racing team and all my sponsors."

Rounding out the top-5 were Race 1's 2nd-place finisher Alex Ardoin (#51 Mundill Racing / Oral & Facial Surgery Center / Twister Trailer Mazda) turning a 109.236 (102.796 mph) and Irishman Peter Dempsey (#21 Andersen Racing / LotusWorks/ Center Jewellers.ie/Quayside.ie/ Allied Building Products Mazda) who qualified 3rd on Saturday but was taken out early, completing only 9 laps. He turned a 1:09.239 (102.792 mph).

In the Expert Class (ages 30 to 44), Race 1 winner Chris Cumming (#16 World Speed Motorsports / Inviro Medical Mazda) was the quickest qualifier, 8th with a lap of (1:09.536 (102.353 mph). Starting first in the Master Series and 20th on the grid will be Gerry Kraut (#55 JDC Motorsports / Dougherty & Co. / Dougherty Funding LLC Mazda) with a lap of 1:10.556 (100.873 mph).

Race two (Round Five) takes place at 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 27. Both races will be broadcast on SPEED, on August 9, Round four at 12 noon (ET) and round 5 at 1:00 pm (TV times are Eastern Time).

For more information on the Star Mazda Championship and its drivers, as well as the Mazda Motorsports ladder system, please visit www.starmazda.com and www.mazdausa.com. For interviews, photos, etc., contact Star Mazda Championship Communications Director Peter Frey at (818) 906-6997 / StarMazdaPR@aol.com.

On any given weekend, there are more Mazdas on the road-race tracks of America than any other brand of vehicle. At the track, you'll see MX-5 Miata, RX-8, MAZDA3, MAZDA6, RX-7 and other vintage Mazda models competing, because every Mazda has the Soul of a Sports Car.

For more information on the various Mazda spec series, visit:

www.champcaratlantic.com

www.starmazda.com

www.skipbarber.com

www.mx-5cup.com

Dean Case / Communications Officer / MAZDASPEED Motorsports
Office - (310) 755-7403 / Cell - (310) 318-4582 / E-mail: dean@RWB-LLC.com

