



## CHARLES HALL QUICKEST IN FIRST STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICE SESSION AT THE GP3R

Under overcast skies with temperatures in the mid-70s and a track still very 'green,' Andersen Racing



driver Charles Hall, the current championship points leader and winner of Round 3 at Road America, was the only driver to break into the 1:02s with a lap of 1:02.881 (89.097 mph) in his #77 Andersen Racing / Blimpie / AccentBanking.com / Allied Building Products Mazda.

Second-fastest was MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder racer Joel Miller with a lap of 1:03.140 (86.722 mph) in the #20 JDC Motorsports / Mazda / K&N Air Filters Mazda. Miller won the season opener at Sebring and was the 2007 Skip Barber Pro Series Champion, which won him his fully-sponsored ride in the Star Mazda Championship courtesy of the Mazda ladder. Miller drives for JDC Motorsports, the team that won the 2007 Star Mazda Championship with Dane Cameron, who is now racing in the Atlantic Championship with sponsorship from the Mazda ladder.

Third-fastest was another Andersen Racing driver, Irishman Peter Dempsey, winner of the previous event, Round 6 at Road America. He turned a lap of 1:03.218 (86.615 mph) in the #21 Andersen Racing / LotusWorks/ Allied Building Products Mazda. Rounding out the top-5 were John Edwards, winner of Race2/Round 5 at the Mazda Grand Prix of Portland with a lap of 1:03.335 (86.455 mph) in the #7 AIM Autosport Mazda and Alex Ardoin, driver of the #51 Mundill Racing / Oral & Facial Surgery Center / Twister Trailer Mazda with a lap of 1:03.365 (86.414 mph).

Kristy Kester was the fastest of the two women racers in the field, turning an 8th-fast lap of 1:03.829 (85.785 mph) in the #48 Kester Racing / Texas World Speedway / Unifirst Mazda. The quickest Expert Series driver (ages 30 – 44) driver in the field was Chris Cumming, the current leader in the Expert championship battle with four class wins, including back-to-back victories in Portland. His lap of 1:03.956 (85.615 mph) was good for 9th fast in the session. The fastest Master Series driver (age 45 and older) is current Master Series points leader Chuck Hulse. His lap of 1:04.618 (84.738 mph) in the #12 JDC Motorsports / Silicon Salvage Mazda was good for 15th on the time sheet.

There will be a second practice session this afternoon. A 45-minute qualifying session will be held from 10:00 to 10:45 am, Saturday, August 16, with the 55-minute race, Round 7 of the 2008 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, scheduled to take the green flag at 11:15 am Sunday, August 17. The race will be broadcast on SPEED TV at 12 noon (ET), Saturday, August 30.

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

