



**AND THE LAST SHALL BE FAST – PETER DEMPSEY ON POLE FOR TONIGHT'S STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP PIZZA RANCH 100 UNDER THE LIGHTS AT IOWA SPEEDWAY**



Iowa Speedway (July 10, 2009) – Patiently waiting out the minute-by-minute torture of single-car qualifying, Peter 'The Irish Steamroller' Dempsey scored his first pole of the season this afternoon at Iowa Speedway, putting his #3 Juncos Racing / HOOTERS / Motorsport Ireland / Queyside.ie Mazda on the inside of the front row for tonight's Pizza Ranch 100 with a lap of 22.200 sec. (141.892 mph). And Dennis Navarro, the man who held the top time for most of the session and

was in Dempsey's crosshairs on that lap, will start on the outside of the front row with a lap of 22.216 sec. (141.790 mph) in his #21 Andersen Racing / Navarro Medicines Distribution / Allied Interior Products Mazda.

"The learning curve has been steep but brilliant, but to be on the pole here at Iowa Speedway shows just how good a team Juncos Racing is and how well we are working together," said Dempsey, currently second in the championship battle. "You can't be on pole at an oval without a good car and they worked until three in the morning to give me one. I'm delighted to be able to reward that effort with a pole. Now if we can just carry that into the race, I'll have a good chance of scoring my second win of the season."

Current championship leader Adam Christodoulou will start from third on the grid with a lap of 22.240 sec. (141.637 mph) in the #11 JDC Motorsports / Molecule Mazda and beside him will be Alex Ardoin who drove his #51 JDC Motorsports / Oral & Facial Surgery Center / Twister Trailer Mazda to a best lap of 22.331 sec. (141.060 mph). Conor Daly, the 2008 Skip Barber Pro Series champion and winner of the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder Scholarship, will start from 8th in the #22 Andersen Racing / College Network / Indeck / Cytomax Mazda.

Twenty-one Star Mazda Championship cars, driven by racers from seven different countries, will take the green flag at 8:30 pm for tonight's 100 laps of non-stop, wheel-to-wheel racing under the lights of Iowa Speedway in Friday's first annual Pizza Ranch 100.

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd	In Lap	Team	Sponsor
1	3 Peter Dempsey	22.200		141.892	4	Juncos Racing	Hooters/Irish Sports Council/Quasie.ie
2	21 Denis Navarro	22.216	0.016	141.790	4	Andersen Racing	Navarro Medicines Distribution/Allied
3	11 Adam Christodoulou	22.240	0.040	141.637	4	JDC Motorsports	Molecule/Alpine Stars
4	51 Alex Ardoin	22.331	0.131	141.060	3	JDC Motorsports	Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer
5	71 David Ostella	22.335	0.135	141.034	4	Aim Autosport	GP Global Precast
6	66 Rusty Mitchell	22.344	0.144	140.977	4	Mitchell Motorsports	Motorola
7	33 Richard Kent	22.383	0.183	140.732	4	Andersen Racing	Traka/Allied Interior Products
8	22 Conor Daly	22.384	0.184	140.726	3	Andersen Racing	Indeck/Cytomax/Merchant Services/College Network
9	27 Anders Krohn	22.418	0.218	140.512	4	Mundill	Trallfa/Colosseum
10	61 Sean Burstyn	22.518	0.318	139.888	4	Juncos Racing	The Collection
11	15 Taylor Hacquard	22.530	0.330	139.814	4	Kester Racing Team 3G	Wolfe Automotive Group/Texas World Speedway
12	77 Kevin Toledo	22.713	0.513	138.687	4	Eliseo THL Motorsports	
13	82 Billy Goshen	22.765	0.565	138.370	3	Goshen Motorsports	Baker Commodities/GPSTrackit/OTTO
14	72 Jorge Goncalvez	22.790	0.590	138.219	4	Aim Autosport	
15	24 J.C. Kester	22.913	0.713	137.477	3	Kester Racing Team 3G	Texas World Speedway/Motul Oil/K&N Filters +
16	20 Gustavo Linares	22.943	0.743	137.297	4	JDC Motorsports	CAN TV/IND
17	19 Caio Lara	23.039	0.839	136.725	3	JDC Motorsports	MLD/ATW/Molecule
18	48 Kristy Kester	23.161	0.961	136.004	3	Kester Racing Team 3G	Texas World Speedway/Motul Oil/K&N Filters +
19	80 Toshihiro Deki	23.642	1.442	133.237	2	Goshen Motorsports	
20	2 Joel Miller	23.696	1.496	132.934	4		
21	13 Michael Furfari	23.848	1.648	132.087	3	Juncos Racing	Furfari Paving

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 information, interviews and photos, contact Star Mazda Communications Director Peter Frey at (818) 398-5733 or [StarMazdaPR@aol.com](mailto:StarMazdaPR@aol.com).

