



IRISH RACER PETER DEMPSEY WINS FROM THE POLE AT IOWA SPEEDWAY IN THE PIZZA RANCH 100 – HIS SECOND WIN OF THE 2009 SEASON IS A FIRST FOR HIS NEW TEAM, JUNCOS RACING

Iowa Speedway (July 10, 2009) – Peter Dempsey, sporting bright green hair in celebration of both his Irish heritage and his pole-winning performance in qualifying earlier in the afternoon, put all joking aside to dominate a 21-car field on the 7/8ths-mile Iowa Speedway oval in the



inaugural Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear Pizza Ranch 100.

Surviving a crash-filled race and multiple, hair-raising re-starts, Dempsey pulled away from the field again and again in his #3 Juncos Racing / HOOTERS / Motorsport Ireland / Queyside.ie Mazda, building a 7-second lead heading into the home stretch. This is Dempsey's second win of

the season, achieved with two different teams; he took the top step of the podium in Round 2 at Virginia International Raceway with AIM Autosport early in the season, but switched to Juncos Racing just before the Milwaukee Mile two weeks ago. After running second for most of the race and finally finishing fourth there, he came to Iowa in second place in the championship... and leaves with a 9-point lead.

"I just can't thank the Juncos team enough for giving me such a great car all weekend," says Dempsey, who earned the nickname 'The Irish Steamroller' with four Star Mazda wins in the 2008 season – including three of them in a row. "I've been going along race-to-race trying to find the money to continue, never with enough to go testing before a race, and now I got to test at this track before I came here to race, and next week we're going to do a test at Autobahn, the next track where we race. This is the way racing should be and I'm lucky to have this opportunity and happy to score a win here for the Juncos Racing team."

Finishing a hard-fought second after qualifying 8th was Conor Daly, who races the #22 Andersen Racing / College Network / Indeck / Cytomax Mazda with sponsorship from the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder. Starting fifth and placing third, in his

best finish so far this season, was Canadian David Ostella in the #71 AIM Autosport/Global Precast Mazda. The winner of the Expert Series for drivers 30 – 44 years old was Japanese Racer Toshihiro Deki in the #80 Goshen Motorsports Mazda; he won his class and finished 12th overall, moving him into the lead in of the Expert Series championship battle.

Also having an excellent race was American Rusty Mitchell, who qualified 6th in his #66 Mitchell Motorsports / Motorola Mazda and finished 4th; this on the heels of a well-deserved 6th-place finish two weeks ago at the Milwaukee Mile, the first of two oval races in a row for the Star Mazda Championship. Rounding out the top-5 was Englishman Adam Christodoulou who scored two quick wins early in the season; he came to Iowa leading the championship and started from third on the grid.

In the Star Mazda Championship points battle, Dempsey leads with 252 points, followed by Adam Christodoulou driver of the #11 JDC Motorsports / Molecule Mazda; he is the only other driver so far this season with two race wins and came to Iowa leading the championship but after qualifying third and finishing fifth, he leaves nine points behind at 243. Brazilian racer Caio Lara, who qualified 17th and finished ninth in the #19 JDC Motorsports / MLD / ATW/ Molecule Mazda, moves from 5th to 3rd in the championship with 213 points.

Conor Daly, one of the five race winners so far this season with his victory at New Jersey Motorsports Park climbs from 7th to 4th in the championship with 211 points. Rounding out the top-5, despite the worst luck a driver can have at a race – tangling with a teammate –is Joel Miller, driving the #2 JDC Motorsports / Fader Higher Productions / eSoles / Doug Mockett & Co. Mazda. Nor was his luck in qualifying any better; a loose spark plug wire and subsequent misfire consigned him to the back of the grid in the 20th starting spot; in the race he only finished two laps before a collision with another car took of his rear wing.

Pos	No.	Start Pos	Name	Laps	Hometown	Team	Sponsor
1	3	1	Peter Dempsey	100	Ashbourne, Ireland	Juncos Racing	Hooters/Irish Sports Council/Quasie.ie
2	22	8	Conor Daly	100	Noblesville, In	Andersen Racing	Indeck/Cytomax/Merchant Services/College Network
3	71	5	David Ostella	100	Maple, Canada	Aim Autosport	GP Global Precast
4	66	6	Rusty Mitchell	100	Midland, Tx	Mitchell Motorsports	Motorola
5	11	3	Adam Christodoulou	99	Birmingham, England	JDC Motorsports	Molecule/Alpine Stars
6	27	9	Anders Krohn	99	Sandnes, Norway	Mundill	Trallfa/Colosseum
7	77	12	Kevin Toledo	98	Rancagua, Chile	Eliseo THL Motorsports	

8	13	21	Michael Furfari	98	Toronto, Canada	Juncos Racing	Furfari Paving
9	19	17	Caio Lara	98	Sao Paulo, Brazil	JDC Motorsports	MLD/ATW/Molecule
10	48	18	Kristy Kester	98	College Station, Tx	Kester Racing Team 3G	Texas World Speedway/Motul Oil/K&N Filters +
11	20	16	Gustavo Linares	97	Maracaibo, Venezuela	JDC Motorsports	CAN TV/IND
12	80	19	Toshihiro Deki	94	Yokohama, Japan	Goshen Motorsports	
13	82	13	Billy Goshen	94	Brea, CA	Goshen Motorsports	Baker Commodities/GPSTrackit/OTTO
14	61	10	Sean Burstyn	88	Miami Beach, FL	Juncos Racing	The Collection
15	51	4	Alex Ardoin	47	Lafayette, La	JDC Motorsports	Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer
16	21	2	Denis Navarro	47	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Andersen Racing	Navarro Medicines Distribution/Allied
17	24	15	J.C. Kester	46	College Station, Tx	Kester Racing Team 3G	Texas World Speedway/Motul Oil/K&N Filters +
18	33	7	Richard Kent	3	Millton Keynes, England	Andersen Racing	Traka/Allied Interior Products
19	15	11	Taylor Hacquard	2	Vancouver, Canada	Kester Racing Team 3G	Wolfe Automotive Group/Texas World Speedway
20	72	14	Jorge Goncalvez	2	Los Teques, Venezuela	Aim Autosport	
21	2	20	Joel Miller	2			

The next event on the Star Mazda Championship schedule is a double-header, rounds 8 and 9 at the Harrah's Autobahn Grand Prix presented by Mazda, July 24 – 26.

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

