



IRISHMAN PETER DEMPSEY TOPS THE TIME SHEETS IN BOTH FRIDAY PRACTICE SESSIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLE-HEADER AT AUTOBAHN



Autobahn Country Club / Joliet, IL (July 24, 2009) – Peter 'The Irish Steamroller' Dempsey, the current championship points leader in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear – and the only driver to have won races with two different teams this season, and on both road course and oval – presented his case for being the

driver to beat at this weekend's Star Mazda double-header at the Harrah's Autobahn Grand Prix presented by Mazda; turning just seven laps in two practice sessions, he set the fast time in both. Driving the #3 Juncos Racing / HOOTERS / Motorsport Ireland / Queyside.ie Mazda, his quickest lap came in the cooler morning session, a 2:11.681-sec. (97.326 mph). Backed up by a 2:11.992-sec. (97.097 mph) in the afternoon. In the morning he set the quick lap in his second lap on track, in the afternoon, it was on lap three of four.

"This is just one more sign of how well the Juncos Racing team is all working together," says Dempsey. "We had a really good test here last week and learned a lot about the car, which made it easy for me to go out and be really fast in just a few laps. It's a long weekend, but we know we've got a really good car and we're all working to keep this momentum going. For me, the main job right now is to get a really good night's sleep so I can come to the track in the morning for the 8:30 am qualifying session and be at the top of my game."

In both of today's sessions, Englishman Adam Christodoulou, the only other driver so far this season to win two races – and currently second in the championship – was the second-quickest car on track. His quick time, however, came in the afternoon; a 2:12.486-sec. (96.735 mph) in the #11 JDC Motorsports / Molecule Mazda.

The surprise of the afternoon was the appearance of Dempsey's teammate, Sean Burstyn in the third spot on the afternoon time sheet (up from 12th-fast in the morning and 5th-fast overall).

In his best performance so far this season, Burstyn, of Miami Beach, FL, set a time of 2:12.624-sec. (96.634 mph) in his #61 Juncos Racing / The Collection Mazda.

"To be honest, a lot of the improvement has to do with Peter and the setup help and driver coaching he's been doing," says Burstyn, who ran as high as 5th in the previous race on the Iowa Speedway oval before finishing 13th with mechanical problems. "That said, I did the fast lap on my own and I think it genuinely marks a step up competitively for me as a driver and for the Juncos team as a whole."

Conor Daly, the 2008 Skip Barber champion and 2009 MAZDASPEED Drive Development Ladder scholarship winner, set the fourth-fast time of the two sessions, in the morning, with a lap of 2:12.355-sec. (96.830 mph) in his #22 Andersen Racing / College Network / Indeck / Cytomax Mazda.

2009 Star Mazda Championship at Autobahn Raceway **Results of Star Mazda Championship - Friday First Practice**

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd	In Lap	Team	Sponsor
1	3 Peter Dempsey	2:11.681		97.326	2	Juncos Racing	Irish Sports Council/Queyside.ie
2	11 Adam Christodoulou	2:11.920	0.239	97.150	13	JDC Motorsports	Molecule/Alpine Stars
3	2 Joel Miller	2:12.299	0.618	96.871	15	Andersen Racing	Fader High Productions/eSoles/Doug Mockett & Co
4	22 Conor Daly	2:12.355	0.674	96.830	16	Andersen Racing	Indeck/Cytomax/Merchant Services/College Network
5	27 Anders Krohn	2:13.046	1.365	96.328	12	Mundill	Trallfa/Colosseum
6	19 Caio Lara	2:13.050	1.369	96.325	13	JDC Motorsports	MLD/ATW/Molecule
7	72 Jorge Goncalvez	2:13.068	1.387	96.312	16	Aim Autosport	
8	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:13.167	1.486	96.240	18	Mitchell Motorsports	Motorola
9	51 Alex Ardoin	2:13.330	1.649	96.122	15	JDC Motorsports	Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer
10	71 David Ostella	2:13.344	1.663	96.112	18	Aim Autosport	GP Global Precast
11	30 Rick Rosin	2:13.402	1.721	96.071	11	Team GDT	FundeSporte/Governo Do ESTADO SANTA Catarina
12	61 Sean Burstyn	2:13.800	2.119	95.785	4	Juncos Racing	The Collection
13	21 Denis Navarro	2:14.098	2.417	95.572	11	Andersen Racing	Navarro Medicines Distribution/Allied
14	91 Michael Guasch	2:14.509	2.828	95.280	15	JDC Motorsports	Molecule
15	33 Richard Kent	2:14.681	3.000	95.158	10	Andersen Racing	Traka/Allied Interior Products
16	13 Michael Furfari	2:14.954	3.273	94.966	3	Juncos Racing	Furfari Paving
17	16 Chris Cumming	2:15.343	3.662	94.693	16	World Speed	Texas World Speedway/Motul

18	65	Ashley Freiberg	2:15.818	4.137	94.362	14	Team GDT	Motorsports Oil/K&N Filters + C+D Supply, AKZO NOBEL, AGA Glass
19	57	Robert Kaminsky	2:16.156	4.475	94.127	13	Team Apex	
20	55	Gerry Kraut	2:16.230	4.549	94.076	14	JDC Motorsports	Doherty and Co./Doherty Funding LLC.
21	77	Kevin Toledo	2:17.579	5.898	93.154	8	Eliseo THL Motorsports	
22	31	Carlos Conde	2:17.781	6.100	93.017	11	ASF	MIO.TV
23	80	Toshihiro Deki	2:20.805	9.124	91.019	6	Goshen Motorsports	

2009 Star Mazda Championship at Autobahn Autobahn Raceway Results of Star Mazda Championship - Friday 2nd Practice

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd	In Lap	Team	Sponsor
1	3 Peter Dempsey	2:11.992		97.097	4	Juncos Racing	Hooters / Juncos Racing / Motorsports Ireland
2	11 Adam Christodoulou	2:12.486	0.494	96.735	9	JDC Motorsports	Molecule/AlpineStars/Miller Milling Co
3	61 Sean Burstyn	2:12.624	0.632	96.634	13	Juncos Racing	The Collection
4	33 Richard Kent	2:12.634	0.642	96.627	8	Andersen Racing	Traka/Allied Interior Products
5	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:12.829	0.837	96.485	14	Mitchell Motorsports	Motorola
6	22 Conor Daly	2:13.144	1.152	96.257	14	Andersen Racing	Indeck/Cytomax/Merchant Services/College Network
7	2 Joel Miller	2:13.362	1.370	96.099	9	Andersen Racing	Fader High Productions/eSoles/Doug Mockett & Co
8	13 Michael Furfari	2:13.464	1.472	96.026	8	Juncos Racing	Furfari Paving
9	27 Anders Krohn	2:13.525	1.533	95.982	6	Mundill	Trallfa/Colosseum
10	30 Rick Rosin	2:13.548	1.556	95.965	12	Team GDT	FundeSporte/Governo Do ESTADO SANTA Catarina
11	51 Alex Ardoin	2:13.701	1.709	95.856	16	JDC Motorsports	Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer
12	72 Jorge Goncalvez	2:13.795	1.803	95.788	12	Aim Autosport	
13	71 David Ostella	2:13.796	1.804	95.788	12	Aim Autosport	GP Global Precast
14	19 Caio Lara	2:14.009	2.017	95.635	10	JDC Motorsports	MLD/ATW/Molecule
15	21 Denis Navarro	2:14.222	2.230	95.484	11	Andersen Racing	Navarro Medicines Distribution/Allied
16	91 Michael Guasch	2:14.825	2.833	95.057	17	JDC Motorsports	Molecule
17	77 Kevin Toledo	2:15.334	3.342	94.699	13	Eliseo THL Motorsports	

18	16	Chris Cumming	2:15.651	3.659	94.478	19	World Speed Motorsports	Texas World Speedway/Motul Oil/K&N Filters +
19	57	Robert Kaminsky	2:15.707	3.715	94.439	18	Team Apex	
20	55	Gerry Kraut	2:16.143	4.151	94.136	7	JDC Motorsports	Doherty and Co./Doherty Funding LLC.
21	31	Carlos Conde	2:17.156	5.164	93.441	16	ASF	MIO.TV
22	80	Toshihiro Deki	2:18.440	6.448	92.574	15	Goshen Motorsports	
23	65	Ashley Freiberg	8:01.906	5:49.914	26.594	1	Team GDT	C+D Supply, AKZO NOBEL, AGA Glass

Qualifying for Race #1 (Round 8 of the 2009 season) takes place 8:00 – 8:45 am Saturday, July 25. Race #1 is scheduled to take the green flag at 1:05 pm Saturday afternoon. Qualifying for Race #2 (Round 9 of the 2009 season), takes place 6:35 – 7:20 mp Saturday night, with Race #2 scheduled to start at 1:00 pm Sunday, July 26. Both races will utilize the always-exciting Star Mazda standing start.

This is a double-header weekend for Star Mazda with 1:00 pm races on both Saturday and Sunday broadcast live on HDnet. Also part of the broadcasts will be the Atlantic Championship Powered by Mazda. Air times are 2-3 pm ET (1–3 pm local) on Saturday 7/25 and 1-4 ET (Noon – 3 pm local) Sunday 7/26. Famed racer Elliott Forbes-Robinson is the on-air analyst.

Next up on the 2009 schedule for the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear is a two-race swing through Canada; as a featured race at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières on August 16, and with the American Le Mans Series prototypes in the Mobil 1 presents the Grand Prix of Mosport on August 29. Current championship leader Peter Dempsey won both of these races in 2008, his first year competing in the Star Mazda Championship.

The 2009 season wraps up with a final pair of ALMS races; at Road Atlanta on September 25 and at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on October 10.

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.

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