



DOUBLE DEMPSEY – IRISH RACER PETER DEMPSEY SWEEPS BOTH STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP RACES – TWO POLES, TWO WINS – AT THE HARRAH'S AUTOBAHN GRAND PRIX PRESENTED BY MAZDA

Autobahn Country Club / Joliet, IL (July 26, 2009) – In a remarkable display of driving consistency, amid a remarkably consistent weekend of racing, Irish racing driver Peter Dempsey accomplished the motorsports equivalent of pitching a 'perfect game' in baseball; fastest in every practice session, on the pole for both races,



on the top step of the podium both Saturday and Sunday – a total sweep of Rounds 8 and 9 of the 2009 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear at the Harrah's Autobahn Grand Prix Presented by Mazda. Driving the #3 Juncos Racing / HOOTERS / Motorsport Ireland / Queyside.ie Mazda, Dempsey has now won four races so far this season – equal to his 2008 season total, but with four races still remaining on the 2009 Star Mazda schedule. He has accomplished this driving for two different

teams, winning on both road courses and ovals; he leads the championship with 342 points.

Starting on the outside of the front row for both races, and finishing second both times, was Englishman Adam Christodoulou, driver of the #11 JDC Motorsports / Molecule Mazda. He has won two races so far this season (Sebring and Salt Lake City), scored two poles, finished on the podium six times and is second in the championship with 323 points. Among the top-3 finishers, the only variety of the weekend was provided by another Englishman, Richard Kent, who supplanted Saturday's third-place finisher, Conor Daly, in the Sunday results. Kent, driving the (#33 Andersen Racing / Traka / Lafarge / Allied Interior Products Mazda won at New Jersey, started from the pole three times, scored three podium finishes and is 7th in the championship with 255 points.

"It was a very tough race for me because Adam (Christodoulou) was pushing me a lot harder than yesterday," said Dempsey, who won four races and finished third in the championship last year. "Fortunately I got an even better start than yesterday and did a good first lap on cold tires to build a little bit of a gap. I just had to try and be consistent from there on, but the Juncos team gave me a great car and the Goodyear tires were just perfect. Yesterday in qualifying it was a lot cooler, so we did change the car just a bit for today's race in the heat of the afternoon, but the changes worked just perfectly. We have a good bit of momentum going at the moment, and the next race on the schedule, Trois Rivières, was a race I won last year, so we feel like we should be able to keep it going."

The consistency of the weekend extended to the Expert (drivers 30 to 44 years old) and Master (45 and older) Series; the Saturday winners, Expert Chris Cumming and Master Mike Guasch, repeated on Sunday. Cumming the 2008 Expert Series Champion, has scored six class wins so far this season driving the #16 Worldspeed Motorsports Mazda and finished 17th today. Cumming, who lives in Vancouver, will miss the next two rounds, both races in Canada, as he prepares to participate in the Ironman Canada event, which takes place on the same date as the Mosport Star Mazda round, August 29. Guasch, who races the #91 JDC Motorsports / Molecule Mazda, leads the Master Series championship with five in-class wins and finished 13th overall today.

Round 9 Results
Sunday, July 26, 2009

| Pos | Start | No. | Name | Laps | Total Tm | Diff | Gap | Hometown | Sponsor |
|-----|-------|-----|--------------------|------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | 1 | 3 | Peter Dempsey | 18 | 39:58.813 | | | Ashbourne, Ireland | Hooters / Juncos Racing / Motorsports Ireland |
| 2 | 2 | 11 | Adam Christodoulou | 18 | 40:02.180 | 3.367 | 3.367 | Birmingham, England | Molecule/AlpineStars/Miller Milling Co |
| 3 | 3 | 33 | Richard Kent | 18 | 40:12.533 | 13.719 | 10.352 | Millton Keynes, England | Traka/Allied Interior Products |
| 4 | 4 | 2 | Joel Miller | 18 | 40:13.741 | 14.928 | 1.208 | Hesperia, Ca | Fader High Productions/eSoles/Doug Mockett & Co |
| 5 | 6 | 22 | Conor Daly | 18 | 40:31.204 | 32.391 | 17.463 | Noblesville, In | Indeck/Cytomax/Merchant Services/College Network |
| 6 | 5 | 13 | Michael Furfari | 18 | 40:31.807 | 32.994 | 0.603 | Toronto, Canada | Furfari Paving |
| 7 | 9 | 51 | Alex Ardoin | 18 | 40:32.291 | 33.478 | 0.484 | Lafayette,La | Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer |
| 8 | 13 | 71 | David Ostella | 18 | 40:32.880 | 34.067 | 0.589 | Maple, Canada | GP Global Precast |
| 9 | 11 | 30 | Rick Rosin | 18 | 40:34.219 | 35.406 | 1.339 | Brusque, Brazil | FundeSporte/Governo Do ESTADO SANTA Catarina |
| 10 | 12 | 19 | Caio Lara | 18 | 40:35.727 | 36.914 | 1.508 | Sao Paulo, Brazil | MLD/ATW/Molecule |
| 11 | 14 | 21 | Denis Navarro | 18 | 40:36.656 | 37.843 | 0.929 | Sao Paulo, Brazil | Navarro Medicines Distribution/Allied |
| 12 | 8 | 27 | Anders Krohn | 18 | 40:37.456 | 38.643 | 0.800 | Sandnes, Norway | Trallfa/Colosseum |
| 13 | 15 | 91 | Michael Guasch | 18 | 41:01.559 | 1:02.746 | 24.103 | Benicia, Ca | Molecule |
| 14 | 7 | 66 | Rusty Mitchell | 18 | 41:01.768 | 1:02.955 | 0.209 | Midland, Tx | Motorola |
| 15 | 22 | 77 | Kevin Toledo | 18 | 41:06.782 | 1:07.969 | 5.014 | Rancagua, Chile | |
| 16 | 10 | 72 | Jorge Goncalvez | 18 | 41:09.278 | 1:10.465 | 2.496 | Los Teques, Venezuela | |
| 17 | 16 | 16 | Chris Cumming | 18 | 41:32.823 | 1:34.010 | 23.545 | Vancouver, Canada | Texas World Speedway/Motul Oil/K&N Filters + |
| 18 | 19 | 65 | Ashley Freiberg | 18 | 41:45.912 | 1:47.099 | 13.089 | Homer Glen, IL | C+D Supply, AKZO NOBEL, AGA Glass |
| 19 | 21 | 80 | Toshihiro Deki | 18 | 42:12.665 | 2:13.852 | 26.753 | Yokohama, Japan | |
| 20 | 18 | 61 | Sean Burstyn | 17 | 40:25.090 | 1 Lap | 1 Lap | Miami Beach, Fl | The Collection |
| 21 | 20 | 31 | Carlos Conde | 1 | 5:36.359 | 17 Laps | 16 Laps | San Juan, Puerto Rico | MIO.TV |

Rounding out the top-5 in today's event were American Joel Miller, driving the #2 Andersen Racing / Fader Higher Productions / eSoles / Doug Mockett & Co. Mazda, who started and finished 4th, followed by Conor Daly, the 2008 Skip Barber champion and MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder scholarship winner. After finishing 3rd yesterday, today he qualified 6th in the #22 Andersen Racing / College Network / Indeck / Cytomax Mazda and finished 5th. The lone female driver in the field, Skip Barber racer Ashley Freiberg – making an exploratory foray into Star Mazda Championship racing in advance of her 2010 debut season, finished 18th in the #65 GDT Racing / C&D Supply / AKZO NOBEL / AGA Glass Mazda.

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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