



-- DEMPSEY ON POLE FOR STAR MAZDA RACE 2 AT AUTOBAHN --

Fresh off a win from the pole in Race 1 earlier today, The Irish Steamroller puts in a flier the closing laps of Race 2 qualifying at the Star Mazda Championship double-header at the Harrah's Autobahn Grand Prix of Mazda

Autobahn Country Club / Joliet, IL (July 25, 2009) – At the end of a long, long day, Irish racer Peter Dempsey is still all smiles and confident energy, and with good reason; after qualifying on the pole for Race 1 this morning,



he proceeded to lead every lap and score his third victory of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear 2009 season.

With a couple of hours to work with his Juncos Racing engineers to get the car re-tuned for a much cooler early evening final qualifying for tomorrow's Race 2, Dempsey waited until the final seven minutes of the session before putting in a lap more than a second quicker than anything he had done before... and secure his second pole of the weekend with a Star Mazda lap record of 2:10.546-sec. (98.172 mph) in the #3 Juncos Racing / HOOTERS /

Motorsport Ireland / Queyside.ie Mazda.

"It's incredible how we're going this weekend; the Juncos team keeps giving me the tools to do the job, and I'm getting the job done," said Dempsey who adds a point for pole and extends his championship lead to 15 points over the man who will be starting next to him on the front row, Adam Christodoulou. "And I'm really happy to see my teammate, Michael Furfari get his head back up after a rough patch at the last two oval races and qualify in the top-5. It just goes to show how the team is really working like a well-oiled machine. As for the fast lap, we definitely made some changes between the race and the final qualifying, and the conditions are just perfect for these Mazda-powered cars; it's cool, low humidity, just the right conditions to go really quick. Now we just have to translate that to results tomorrow at 1pm in the heat of the day and we'll really have accomplished something special this weekend. I'm confident we can do it, and the team really deserves it."

As with Race 1, starting alongside Dempsey will be Englishman Adam Christodoulou, who both started and finished second in the #11 JDC Motorsports / Molecule Mazda. Christodoulou, who has won two races so far this season and stands second in the championship with 283 points, turned a lap of 2:11.113-sec. 97.748 mph). In the first change from the Race 1 lineup, the third spot on the grid will be occupied by another Englishman, Richard Kent, who has already won once this season, at the first double-header weekend of the

season at New Jersey Motorsports Park. He turned a lap of 2:11.931-sec. (97.141 mph) in the (#33 Andersen Racing / Traka / Lafarge / Allied Interior Products Mazda.

Starting fourth will be American Joel Miller, the 2007 Skip Barber champion, 2008 MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder scholarship winner and now in his second season of Star Mazda Championship competition; he stands fourth in the championship. He turned a lap of 2:12.003-sec. (97.089 mph) in the #2 Andersen Racing / Fader Higher Productions / eSoles / Doug Mockett & Co. Mazda. And rounding out the top-5 is Dempsey's Juncos Racing teammate, the youngest driver in the Star Mazda Championship, 16 year-old Michael Furfari. Qualifying in the first of the two groups during the split qualifying session, Furfari cracked off two quick laps in his #13 Juncos Racing / Furfari Paving Mazda that had observers rubbing their eyes in Timing and Scoring, the quickest being a 2:12.048-sec. (97.056 mph). This was the quickest time until the closing minutes of the session and represents the best qualifying effort so far this season for the young native of Toronto, Canada.

Results of Star Mazda Championship - Star Mazda Championship Sunday Qualifying

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd	In Lap	Team	Sponsor
1	3 Peter Dempsey	2:10.546		98.172	8	Juncos Racing	Hooters / Juncos Racing / Motorsports Ireland
2	11 Adam Christodoulou	2:11.113	0.567	97.748	9	JDC Motorsports	Molecule/AlpineStars/Miller Milling Co
3	33 Richard Kent	2:11.932	1.386	97.141	9	Andersen Racing	Traka/Allied Interior Products
4	2 Joel Miller	2:12.003	1.457	97.089	9	Andersen Racing	Fader High Productions/eSoles/Doug Mockett & Co
5	13 Michael Furfari	2:12.048	1.502	97.056	9	Juncos Racing	Furfari Paving
6	22 Conor Daly	2:12.324	1.778	96.853	7	Andersen Racing	Indeck/Cytomax/Merchant Services/College Network
7	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:12.384	1.838	96.809	10	Mitchell Motorsports	Motorola
8	27 Anders Krohn	2:12.415	1.869	96.787	9	Mundill	Trallfa/Colosseum
9	51 Alex Ardoin	2:12.511	1.965	96.716	6	JDC Motorsports	Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer
10	72 Jorge Goncalvez	2:12.833	2.287	96.482	8	Aim Autosport	
11	30 Rick Rosin	2:13.094	2.548	96.293	5	Team GDT	FundeSporte/Governo Do ESTADO SANTA Catarina
12	19 Caio Lara	2:13.172	2.626	96.236	10	JDC Motorsports	MLD/ATW/Molecule
13	71 David Ostella	2:13.338	2.792	96.117	5	Aim Autosport	GP Global Precast
14	21 Denis Navarro	2:13.420	2.874	96.058	7	Andersen Racing	Navarro Medicines Distribution/Allied
15	91 Michael Guasch	2:13.815	3.269	95.774	10	JDC Motorsports	Molecule
16	16 Chris Cumming	2:14.329	3.783	95.408	10	World Speed Motorsports	Texas World Speedway/Motul Oil/K&N Filters +
17	57 Robert Kaminsky	2:14.699	4.153	95.145	10	Team Apex	
18	61 Sean Burstyn	2:14.849	4.303	95.040	2	Juncos Racing	The Collection
19	65 Ashley Freiberg	2:15.585	5.039	94.524	5	Team GDT	C+D Supply, AKZO NOBEL, AGA Glass
20	31 Carlos Conde	2:16.978	6.432	93.562	8	ASF	MIO.TV
21	80 Toshihiro Deki	2:18.018	7.472	92.857	4	Goshen Motorsports	
22	77 Kevin Toledo	2:19.247	8.701	92.038	2	Eliseo THL Motorsports	
23	55 Gerry Kraut			-	0	JDC Motorsports	Doherty and Co./Doherty Funding LLC.

This is a double-header weekend for Star Mazda with with Race #2 scheduled to start at 1:00 pm Sunday, July 26. Both races are being broadcast live on HDnet. Air time for Sunday is 1-4 ET (Noon – 3 pm local). Famed racer Elliott Forbes-Robinson is the on-air analyst.

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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