



HORSES FOR COURSES – ENGLISHMAN KENT TAKES POLE IN ENGLISH WEATHER FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S ROUND 11 OF THE 2009 STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP AT MOSPORT

Mosport International (August 29, 2009) – Under conditions of fog and light rain that reminded



him very much of racing at home... 'but warmer'... Englishman Richard Kent took his fourth pole of the season in this morning's qualifying for this afternoon's Round 11 of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear at the Mobil 1 Presents the Grand Prix of Mosport. On a damp but drying track, Kent set the pole time of 1:24.186 (105.153 mph) in his #33 Andersen Racing / Traka Allied Interior Products Mazda. Kent, currently 8th

in the championship battle with a win from the pole at Race 2 at New Jersey Motorsports park, has also started on the inside of the front row at the Sebring season-opener (finished 2nd), the Milwaukee Mile oval (finished 20th).

"There were two red flags in the first two laps, which both made you cautious and made you realize that you had to put a fast lap in early in case something happened and the session ended," said Kent. "Toward the end of the session the track was drying a bit and there was a dry line most of the way around, but there wasn't time to experiment with dry tires. Being on pole at any track, particularly one like Mosport is important, but that said, there's a tremendously long back straight where anyone can tow behind you and pass going into Turn 6. But we've got a car that's good at all the critical portions of so we should be OK for the race."

Kent's was the clear class of the field and the only one in the 24s, as second-place qualifier Conor Daly (the winner in Round 4 at New Jersey), who has raced at this track in the rain last year in the Canadian Formula Ford Series, turned a 1:25.199 (103.903 mph) in the #22 Andersen Racing / College Network / Indeck / Cytomax Mazda. Alex Ardoin, winner of Round 10 at Trois-Rivières two weeks ago qualified third with a 1:25.416 (103.639 mph) in the #51 JDC Motorsports / Oral & Facial Surgery Center / Twister Trailer Mazda.

Adam Christodoulou, currently second in the championship battle with two wins (Sebring and Salt Lake City) and just ten points behind leader Peter Dempsey, qualified 4th with a lap of 1:25.649 (103.357 mph) in the #11 JDC Motorsports / Molecule / Alpinestars Mazda. And Dempsey, the championship leader and winner of four races so far in the 2009 season, will start

from 5th on the grid having turned a lap of 1:25.898 (103.057 mph) in the #3 Juncos Racing / The Collection / Motorsport Ireland / Queyside.ie Mazda. Rusty Mitchell, the Texan who qualified on pole at Trois-Rivières and led every lap but the last one (he finished 2nd), is sixth on the grid with a time of 1:26.032 (102.897 mph) in the #66 Mitchell Motorsports / Motorola Mazda.

Among the Master and Expert Series drivers, North Oaks, Minnesota driver Gerry Kraut, co-owner of the JDC Motorsports team, brought a well-judged aggression to the task of qualifying and put his #55 JDC Motorsports / Dougherty & Co. / Dougherty Funding LLC Mazda 9th on the grid with a lap of 1:26.841 (101.938 mph). The 18-car field is scheduled to take the green for the start of Round 11 at 5:35 pm this afternoon.

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd	In Lap	Team	Sponsor
1	33 Richard Kent	1:24.186		105.153	15	Andersen Racing	Traka/Allied Interior Products
2	22 Conor Daly	1:25.199	1.013	103.903	11	Andersen Racing	Indeck/Cytomax/Merchant Services/College Network
3	51 Alex Ardoin	1:25.416	1.230	103.639	10	JDC Motorsports	Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer
4	11 Adam Christodoulou	1:25.649	1.463	103.357	8	JDC Motorsports	Molecule/AlpineStars/Miller Milling Co
5	3 Peter Dempsey	1:25.898	1.712	103.057	10	Juncos Racing	Juncos Racing / The Collection / Motorsports Ireland
6	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:26.032	1.846	102.897	13	Mitchell Motorsports	Motorola
7	2 Joel Miller	1:26.570	2.384	102.257	13	Andersen Racing	Fader High Productions/eSoles/Doug Mockett & Co
8	19 Caio Lara	1:26.686	2.500	102.120	13	JDC Motorsports	MLD/ATW/Molecule
9	55 Gerry Kraut	1:26.841	2.655	101.938	12	JDC Motorsports	Doherty and Co./Doherty Funding LLC.
10	21 Denis Navarro	1:26.874	2.688	101.899	11	Andersen Racing	Navarro Medicines Distribution/Allied
11	72 Jorge Goncalvez	1:27.628	3.442	101.023	7	Aim Autosport	
12	91 Michael Guasch	1:27.754	3.568	100.877	14	JDC Motorsports	Molecule
13	27 Anders Krohn	1:27.782	3.596	100.845	9	Mundill	Trallfa/Colosseum
14	13 Michael Furfari	1:28.500	4.314	100.027	10	Mundill	Furfari Paving
15	23 Walt Bowlin	1:35.888	11.702	92.320	11	Mundill	Hooters/Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery
16	80 Toshihiro Deki	1:37.195	13.009	91.079	12	Juncos Racing	
17	71 David Ostella	2:01.936	37.750	72.599	1	Aim Autosport	GP Global Precast
18	77 Kevin Toledo				0	Eliseo THL Motorsports	

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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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