



PROMOTER TEST DAY SESSIONS HAVE AN IMPACT ON STAR MAZDA RACERS PREPARING FOR THIS WEEKEND'S ROUND 11 AT THE GRAND PRIX OF MOSPORT

Mosport International Raceway (August 27, 2009) -- The Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear held two practice sessions during the 'promoter test day' on Thursday, August 27 prior to the beginning of official practice for this weekend's Mobil 1 Grand Prix of Mosport. While a number of teams tested here in last week, this is the first time all 18 runners in this weekend's field have been on the track at the same time to see how things are shaking down as the series heads into the three-race home stretch of the 2009 season.



In the morning session, held from 9:20 am to 10:00 am, MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder driver Conor Daly turned the fastest time of 1:15.607 (117.084 mph) in his #22 Andersen Racing / College Network / Indeck / Cytomax Mazda. Turning the second-fast time was Adam Christodoulou, with a lap of 1:15.983

(116.505 mph) in his #11 JDC Motorsports / Molecule / Alpinestars Mazda. His session was marred by a trip into the tire wall, one of two for the day, the second being by far the more serious. Peter Dempsey, the championship points leader set the third-fast time with a lap of 1:16.209 (116.160 mph) in his #3 Juncos Racing / The Collection / Motorsport Ireland / Queyside.ie Mazda. Alex Ardoin, who won the previous round at Trois-Rivieres, was 7th-fast with a lap of 1:16.669 (115.463 mph) in the #51 JDC Motorsports / Oral & Facial Surgery Center / Twister Trailer Mazda.

The quickest Master Series driver (ages 45 and older) was Mike Guasch, who has already clinched the 2009 Star Mazda Master Series Championship with six in-class wins driving his #91 JDC Motorsports / Molecule Mazda. His lap of 1:18.216 (113.179 mph) was good for 14th-fast on the morning time sheet. Japanese racer Toshihiro Deki, currently leading the Expert Series (drivers 30-44) was 16th-fast with a lap of 1:25.103 (104.020 mph) driving his #80 Star Mazda for his new team as of this weekend, Juncos Racing.

The second test session of the day was run from 2:25 pm to 3:05 pm and was interrupted several times by red flags, the two most serious being separate incidents involving Adam

Christodoulou and David Ostella, both of whom suffered severe damage to their cars that will keep the JDC Motorsports and AIM Autosport crews (respectively) busy well into the night working to get them repaired for the first official practice session, scheduled for 8:40 am to 9:05 am Friday, August 28.

The quick time of the session was set by Richard Kent, with a lap of 1:16.293 (116.032 mph) in the #33 Andersen Racing / Traka Allied Interior Products Mazda. Setting the 2nd-fast time before his crash in the closing minutes of the session, was Toronto racer David Ostella with a time of 1:16.447 (115.798 mph) in the #71 AIM Autosport/Global Precast Mazda. Third-fast was Peter Dempsey, turning a 1:16.634 (115.515 mph). Conor Daly wound up 4th with a lap of 1:16.707 (115.405 mph) while Adam Christodoulou turned the 5th-fast lap on the second lap of the session with a 1:16.937 (115.060 mph).



Among the Master Series drivers, Gerry Kraut, teammate to Mike Guasch and co-owner of the championship-winning JDC Motorsports team, was quickest with lap of 1:18.556 (112.689 mph) - good for 15th-fast overall -- in the #55 JDC Motorsports / Dougherty & Co. / Dougherty Funding LLC Mazda. Toshihiro Deki was again the quickest Expert Series driver with a lap of 1:25.454 (103.539).

The official track record by a Star Mazda race car at Mosport is a 1:14.169, set by Adrian Carrio in 2006. Despite being considerably off that pace during today's sessions, drivers expect times to drop dramatically tomorrow, and in qualifying, set for 9:20 am to 10:05 am Saturday, August 29. The 45-minute Round 11 of the 2009 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear is scheduled to take the green at 5:35 pm Saturday afternoon.

STAR MAZDA THURSDAY SESSION #1

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd	In Lap	Team	Sponsor
1	22 Conor Daly	1:15.607		117.084	17	Andersen Racing	Indeck/Cytomax/Merchant Services/College Network
2	11 Adam Christodoulou	1:15.983	0.376	116.505	11	JDC Motorsports	Molecule/AlpineStars/Miller Milling Co
3	3 Peter Dempsey	1:16.209	0.602	116.160	17	Juncos Racing	Hooters / Juncos Racing / Motorsports Ireland
4	33 Richard Kent	1:16.234	0.627	116.121	11	Andersen Racing	Traka/Allied Interior Products

5	27	Anders Krohn	1:16.337	0.730	115.965	14	Mundill	Trallfa/Colosseum
6	2	Joel Miller	1:16.516	0.909	115.693	15	Andersen Racing	Fader High Productions/eSoles/Doug Mockett & Co
7	51	Alex Ardoin	1:16.669	1.062	115.463	12	JDC Motorsports	Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer
8	19	Caio Lara	1:17.038	1.431	114.910	15	JDC Motorsports	MLD/ATW/Molecule
9	66	Rusty Mitchell	1:17.171	1.564	114.711	18	Mitchell Motorsports	Motorola
10	21	Denis Navarro	1:17.235	1.628	114.616	18	Andersen Racing	Navarro Medicines Distribution/Allied
11	13	Michael Furfari	1:17.593	1.986	114.088	16	Mundill	Furfari Paving
12	71	David Ostella	1:17.842	2.235	113.723	18	Aim Autosport	GP Global Precast
13	72	Jorge Goncalvez	1:18.131	2.524	113.302	11	Aim Autosport	
14	91	Michael Guasch	1:18.216	2.609	113.179	18	JDC Motorsports	Molecule
15	55	Gerry Kraut	1:18.442	2.835	112.853	19	JDC Motorsports	Doherty and Co./Doherty Funding LLC.
16	77	Kevin Toledo	1:19.410	3.803	111.477	17	Eliseo THL Motorsports	
17	80	Toshihiro Deki	1:25.103	9.496	104.020	14	Juncos Racing	
18	23	Walt Bowlin	1:27.539	11.932	101.125	15	Mundill	Hooters/Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery

STAR MAZDA THURSDAY SESSION #2

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1	33 Richard Kent	1:16.293		116.032	9	Andersen Racing	Traka/Allied Interior Products
2	71 David Ostella	1:16.447	0.154	115.798	13	Aim Autosport	GP Global Precast
3	3 Peter Dempsey	1:16.634	0.341	115.515	9	Juncos Racing	Hooters / Juncos Racing / Motorsports Ireland
4	22 Conor Daly	1:16.707	0.414	115.405	10	Andersen Racing	Indeck/Cytomax/Merchant Services/College Network
5	11 Adam Christodoulou	1:16.937	0.644	115.060	2	JDC Motorsports	Molecule/AlpineStars/Miller Milling Co
6	51 Alex Ardoin	1:16.973	0.680	115.007	9	JDC Motorsports	Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer
7	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:16.995	0.702	114.974	7	Mitchell Motorsports	Motorola
8	2 Joel Miller	1:16.997	0.704	114.971	7	Andersen Racing	Fader High Productions/eSoles/Doug Mockett & Co
9	72 Jorge Goncalvez	1:17.010	0.717	114.951	7	Aim Autosport	
10	27 Anders Krohn	1:17.065	0.772	114.869	7	Mundill	Trallfa/Colosseum
11	21 Denis Navarro	1:17.375	1.082	114.409	8	Andersen	Navarro Medicines

12	19	Caio Lara	1:17.506	1.213	114.216	8	JDC Motorsports	Racing	Distribution/Allied
13	13	Michael Furfari	1:17.783	1.490	113.809	6	Mundill		MLD/ATW/Molecule
14	77	Kevin Toledo	1:18.261	1.968	113.114	8	Eliseo THL Motorsports		Furfari Paving
15	55	Gerry Kraut	1:18.556	2.263	112.689	8	JDC Motorsports		Doherty and Co./Doherty Funding LLC.
16	91	Michael Guasch	1:18.886	2.593	112.218	10	JDC Motorsports		Molecule
17	80	Toshihiro Deki	1:25.454	9.161	103.593	3	Juncos Racing		
18	23	Walt Bowlin	1:27.100	10.807	101.635	5	Mundill		Hooters/Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery

About The Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear

For 2009, the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear (www.starmazda.com) will feature an 11-weekend, 13-race schedule on major race weekends with American Le Mans, Grand-Am, the Atlantic Championship, NASCAR Nationwide and Craftsman Truck Series. Prize money is \$1.5 million, including a fully-funded drive in the 2010 Atlantic Championship. Drivers 16 and older are welcome to compete and the Star Mazda Championship also features Expert (30 to 44) and Master (45 and older) classes for more mature racers. The Star Mazda Championship features standing starts, wheel-to-wheel racing at 150 mph and budgets a fraction of other top open-wheel ladder series. For drivers interested in competing in the series, detailed information is available at www.starmazda.com/newdriver.

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.

On any given weekend, there are more Mazdas on the road-race tracks of America than any other brand of vehicle. At the track, you'll see MX-5 Miata, RX-8, MAZDA3, MAZDA6, RX-7 and other vintage Mazda models competing, because every Mazda has the Soul of a Sports Car.

For more information on the various Mazda spec series, visit:

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