



ROUND 12 OF THE STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY GOODYEAR AT THE PETIT LE MANS POWERED BY MAZDA6 – WEDNESDAY PRACTICE RESULTS



Road Atlanta / Sept. 23, 2009 -- Finally taking the measure of themselves, their machines and the track on the second day of pre-race testing, the drivers of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear started turning some serious practice times during Wednesday's single on-track session. As was the case on Tuesday, the quickest driver in the session was also the championship points leader and winner of four races so far this season,

Peter 'The Irish Steamroller' Dempsey. Improving from his 1:20.344 of yesterday to a 1:19.538 on Lap 10 today driving his #3 Juncos Racing / The Collection / Motorsport Ireland / Queyside.ie Mazda, Dempsey and the rest of the front runners are still well shy of the lap record 1:18.328 set last year by – Peter Dempsey.

Second on the time sheet was another name familiar from yesterday, Conor Daly, who turned a 1:19.765 on lap 16 in his #22 Andersen Racing / College Network / Indeck / Cytomax Mazda. New to the sharp end of the grid – so far at this event anyway – Rusty Mitchell, the young Texan who stunned the field with his pole-position start and 2nd-place finish at Round 10 in Trois-Rivieres. He was 7th and 6th in yesterday's two sessions, but moved up to 3rd today with a lap of 1:19.810 on Lap 6 in his #66 Mitchell Motorsports / Motorola Mazda.

Joel Miller and Richard Kent, both of whom figured prominently in yesterday's on-track action, remained among the top-5, Miller in 4th with a lap of 1:19.994 on Lap 15 in the #2 Andersen Racing / Doug Mockett & Co. / Allied Interior Products Mazda, and Kent with a 1:20.105 on Lap 10 in the #33 Andersen Racing / Traka Allied Interior Products Mazda. Anders 'the Viking' Krohn, who was 1st and 2nd on the time sheets yesterday, dropped to 7th today, turning a 1:20.176 on Lap 5 in his #27 Mundill / Trallfa / Colosseum Mazda.

Among the Master (45 and older) and Expert (ages 30-44) Series drivers, Gerry Kraut, the co-owner of JDC Motorsports, was 15th-fast overall with a lap of 1:21.727 on Lap 7 in his #55 JDC Motorsports / Dougherty & Co. / Dougherty Funding LLC Mazda. Chris Cumming, the 2008 Expert Series Champion, turned 17th-fast overall lap of 1:22.501 on Lap 11 in his #16 World Speed Motorsports Mazda.

The top-7 drivers in the field turned quick laps within 1-second of each other around the 2.54-mile, 12-turn Road Atlanta road course. Qualifying to set the grid for the always-exciting Star

Mazda 'standing start' will take place from 2:20 – 3:05 pm Thursday, Sept. 24. Immediately afterward, drivers participating in the Racing for Kids program will visit the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite (1001 Johnson Ferry Road NE) at 4:15 pm. The Star Mazda Championship field will take the green light for the 45-minute Round 12 of the 2009 season at 5:30 pm Friday, Sept. 25. Round 13, the season finale, takes place at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on October 10.

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd	In Lap	Team	Sponsor
1	3 Peter Dempsey	1:19.538		114.964	10	Juncos Racing	Juncos Racing / The Collection / Motorsports Ireland
2	22 Conor Daly	1:19.765	0.227	114.637	16	Andersen Racing	Indeck/Cytomax/Merchant Services/College Network
3	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:19.810	0.272	114.572	6	Mitchell Motorsports	Motorola
4	2 Joel Miller	1:19.994	0.456	114.309	15	Andersen Racing	Allied Interior Products/Doug Mockett & Co
5	33 Richard Kent	1:20.105	0.567	114.150	10	Andersen Racing	Traka/Allied Interior Products
6	11 Adam Christodoulou	1:20.157	0.619	114.076	5	JDC Motorsports	Molecule/AlpineStars/Miller Milling Co
7	27 Anders Krohn	1:20.176	0.638	114.049	5	Mundill	Trallfa/Colosseum
8	71 David Ostella	1:20.550	1.012	113.520	11	Aim Autosport	GP Global Precast
9	19 Caio Lara	1:20.601	1.063	113.448	4	JDC Motorsports	MLD/ATW/Molecule
10	51 Alex Ardoin	1:20.620	1.082	113.421	4	JDC Motorsports	Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer
11	13 Michael Furfari	1:20.729	1.191	113.268	5	Mundill	Furfari Paving
12	72 Jorge Goncalvez	1:20.766	1.228	113.216	8	Aim Autosport	
13	21 Denis Navarro	1:20.826	1.288	113.132	5	Andersen Racing	Navarro Medicines Distribution/Allied
14	85 Chris Miller	1:21.191	1.653	112.623	8	JDC Motorsports	Miller Milling Company
15	55 Gerry Kraut	1:21.737	2.199	111.871	7	JDC Motorsports	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
16	77 Kevin Toledo	1:21.938	2.400	111.597	10	Eliseo THL Motorsports	www.Thl.cl/Chile
17	16 Chris Cumming	1:22.501	2.963	110.835	11	World Speed Motorsports	Texas World Speedway/Motul Oil/K&N Filters +
18	30 Rick Rosin	1:23.243	3.705	109.847	4	Team GDT	FundeSporte/Governo Do ESTADO SANTA Catarina
19	80 Toshihiro Deki	1:24.163	4.625	108.646	12	Juncos Racing	

