



CONOR DALY QUICKEST OF 23 CARS IN BOTH SATURDAY SESSIONS OF STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TEST AT SEBRING

Sebring International Raceway (Jan. 23, 2010) – With a total of 23 cars here at the test, and a rather larger number of drivers, some with rides, some with hope and a resume, the first official Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear series test got off to an interesting start with



two sessions on Friday, Jan. 21. Canadian phenom Mikael Grenier, who ran several events last season to test the waters, was quickest in the first session with a 2:10.899 (109.271 mph) in the #14 Andersen Racing Mazda. He was closely-followed by returning racer Anders Krohn, who won on the Milwaukee Oval in 2009. Now driving for Andersen Racing, Krohn turned a lap of

2:01.928 (109.245 mph) in the #47 car. Back a bit in third with a lap of 2:03.057 (108.243 mph) in the Mitchell Motorsports Mazda was Rusty Mitchell, another experienced driver who started from the pole and finished 2nd on the Trois-Rivières street circuit in 2009.

In the afternoon session on Friday, times were off a tick due to a rain shower just before the session, but once the track dried out, it was Anders Krohn topping the time sheets with a 2:02.520 (108.717 mph), followed by newcomer Tristan Vautier, a European hotshoe with experience in Formula Renault, Palmer Audi and the new FIA Formula Two series. He turned a lap of 2:02.879 (108.399 mph) in the #37 Andersen Racing Mazda. Returning driver Conor Daly, now driving the #22 Juncos Racing car, was 4th-fast in both Friday sessions, but it was just a run-up for his performance on Saturday when he set the quickest time in both sessions, A 2:01.128 (109.966 mph) lap in the morning and a 2:01.256 (109.850 mph) in the afternoon. The day remained cool and overcast so track temperature differences were minimized between the two session.

Conor De Phillippi, the 2010 MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder scholarship winner, found the sweet spot in his #11 JDC Motorsports Mazda during Saturday's morning session, turning a lap of 2:01.714 (109.437 mph). And in the afternoon session, it was another returning driver, Jorge Goncalvez, who stepped up his game to turn the 4th-fast lap of the session, 2:01.812 (109.349 mph) in his #9 Team Apex Mazda.

There will be two additional test sessions on Sunday, Jan. 24. The season-opening event of the 11-weekend, 13-race 2010 Star Mazda Championship schedule takes place during the legendary 12 Hours of Sebring, March 19.

Friday AM Practice

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd In Lap	Team
1	17 Mikael Grenier	2:01.899		109.271	14 Andersen Racing
2	47 Anders Krohn	2:01.928	0.029	109.245	19 Andersen Racing
3	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:03.057	1.158	108.243	18 Mitchell Motorsports
4	22 Conor Daly	2:03.312	1.413	108.019	18 Juncos Racing
5	16 David Ostella	2:04.442	2.543	107.038	19 AIM Autosport
6	11 Conor De Phillippi	2:04.518	2.619	106.972	10 JDC Motorsports
7	9 Jorge Goncalvez	2:04.572	2.673	106.926	13 Team Apex
8	37 Tristan Vautier	2:05.306	3.407	106.300	15 Andersen Racing
9	65 J.W. Roberts	2:05.633	3.734	106.023	14 Team GDT
10	55 Gerry Kraut	2:06.236	4.337	105.517	8 JDC Motorsports
11	18 Joao Horto	2:06.334	4.435	105.435	9 Team Apex
12	43 Dom Bastien	2:06.991	5.092	104.889	10 Andersen Racing
13	13 Michael Furfari	2:07.165	5.266	104.746	16 AIM Autosport
14	85 Chris Miller	2:07.194	5.295	104.722	15 JDC Motorsports
15	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:10.562	8.663	102.020	15 Juncos Racing
16	33 Richard Kent	2:11.668	9.769	101.164	8 Team GDT
17	19 Caio Lara	2:29.255	27.356	89.243	2 JDC Motorsports
18	20 Zach Meyer	11:15.386	9:13.487	19.722	1 JDC Motorsports

Friday PM Practice

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1	47 Anders Krohn	2:02.520		108.717	15 Andersen Racing
2	37 Tristan Vautier	2:02.879	0.359	108.399	10 Andersen Racing
3	17 Mikael Grenier	2:02.896	0.376	108.384	10 Andersen Racing
4	22 Conor Daly	2:03.073	0.553	108.228	20 Juncos Racing
5	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:03.306	0.786	108.024	20 Mitchell Motorsports
6	18 Joao Horto	2:03.609	1.089	107.759	10 Team Apex
7	16 David Ostella	2:03.616	1.096	107.753	26 AIM Autosport
8	13 Michael Furfari	2:03.995	1.475	107.424	21 AIM Autosport
9	9 Jorge Goncalvez	2:04.348	1.828	107.119	19 Team Apex
10	65 J.W. Roberts	2:04.765	2.245	106.761	8 Team GDT
11	11 Conor De Phillippi	2:05.023	2.503	106.540	10 JDC Motorsports
12	57 Court Vernon	2:05.107	2.587	106.469	21 Juncos Racing
13	85 Chris Miller	2:06.633	4.113	105.186	20 JDC Motorsports
14	55 Gerry Kraut	2:06.872	4.352	104.988	8 JDC Motorsports
15	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:07.990	5.470	104.071	7 Juncos Racing
16	43 Dom Bastien	2:08.741	6.221	103.464	19 Andersen Racing
17	33 Richard Kent	2:12.072	9.552	100.854	7 Team GDT
18	19 Caio Lara	2:15.540	13.020	98.274	1 JDC Motorsports
19	23 Walt Bowlin	2:17.130	14.610	97.134	8 AIM Autosport

Saturday AM Practice

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd In Lap	Team
1	22 Conor Daly	2:01.128		109.966	14 Juncos Racing
2	11 Conor De Phillippi	2:01.714	0.586	109.437	16 JDC Motorsports
3	17 Mikael Grenier	2:01.758	0.630	109.397	11 Andersen Racing
4	33 Richard Kent	2:01.976	0.848	109.202	16 Team GDT
5	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:02.210	1.082	108.993	20 Mitchell Motorsports
6	16 David Ostella	2:02.300	1.172	108.913	22 AIM Autosport
7	37 Tristan Vautier	2:02.542	1.414	108.697	11 Andersen Racing
8	9 Jorge Goncalvez	2:02.714	1.586	108.545	16 Team Apex
9	18 Joao Horto	2:02.886	1.758	108.393	10 Team Apex
10	47 Anders Krohn	2:02.902	1.774	108.379	5 Andersen Racing
11	57 Court Vernon	2:03.015	1.887	108.279	11 Juncos Racing
12	19 Caio Lara	2:03.395	2.267	107.946	17 JDC Motorsports
13	13 Michael Furfari	2:03.475	2.347	107.876	12 AIM Autosport
14	85 Chris Miller	2:03.609	2.481	107.759	20 JDC Motorsport
15	53 Garry Findlay	2:05.002	3.874	106.558	19 Mundill
16	55 Gerry Kraut	2:05.592	4.464	106.058	9 JDC Motorsports
17	39 Cory Lewis	2:05.609	4.481	106.043	14
18	43 Dom Bastien	2:07.420	6.292	104.536	17
19	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:07.769	6.641	104.251	19
20	31 Carlos Conde	2:08.147	7.019	103.943	17 ASF
21	23 Walt Bowlin	2:14.087	12.959	99.338	8 Mundill
22	20 Zach Meyer	2:58.281	57.153	74.714	1 JDC Motorsports

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Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd In Lap	Team
1	22 Conor Daly	2:01.256		109.850	21 Juncos Racing
2	47 Anders Krohn	2:01.540	0.284	109.594	2 Andersen Racing
3	37 Tristan Vautier	2:01.788	0.532	109.370	6 Andersen Racing
4	9 Jorge Goncalvez	2:01.812	0.556	109.349	14 Team Apex
5	57 Court Vernon	2:02.193	0.937	109.008	16 Juncos Racing
6	18 Joao Horto	2:02.374	1.118	108.847	5 Team Apex
7	11 Connor De Phillippi	2:02.381	1.125	108.840	11 JDC Motorsports
8	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:02.528	1.272	108.710	20 Mitchell Motorsports
9	17 Mikael Grenier	2:02.605	1.349	108.642	14 Andersen Racing
10	33 Richard Kent	2:02.616	1.360	108.632	14 Team GDT
11	16 David Ostella	2:02.756	1.500	108.508	7 AIM Autosports
12	19 Caio Lara	2:02.768	1.512	108.497	8 JDC Motorsports
13	85 Chris Miller	2:02.949	1.693	108.338	7 JDC Motorsports
14	13 Michael Furfari	2:03.087	1.831	108.216	20 AIM Autosport
15	53 Garry Findlay	2:04.598	3.342	106.904	20 Mundill
16	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:05.234	3.978	106.361	18 Juncos Racing
17	39 Cory Lewis	2:05.328	4.072	106.281	4 Team GDT
18	55 Gerry Kraut	2:06.538	5.282	105.265	12 JDC Motorsports

19	43 Dom Bastien	2:07.756	6.500	104.261	20 Andersen Racing
20	31 Carlos Conde	2:07.933	6.677	104.117	5 ASF
21	23 Walt Bowlin	2:10.649	9.393	101.953	7 AIM Autosport
22	20 Zach Meyer			-	0 JDC Motorsports

About Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear

For 2010, the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will feature an 11-weekend, 13-race schedule, most on major race weekends with American Le Mans and the Indy Racing League. Rising stars from around the world will compete for prizes valued at \$1.5 million and benefit from two driver development programs, including the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder and the Indy Racing League's 'Road to Indy' program. Series alumni include Indy Car stars Marco Andretti, Graham Rahal and Raphael Matos, rising NASCAR drivers Michael McDowell, Scott Speed and Colin Braun and prototype racers Dane Cameron and Guy Cosmo. 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 more information on the Star Mazda Championship please visit www.starmazda.com

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