#### STAR MAZDA 'SPRING TRAINING' AT SEBRING CONCLUDES WITH 23 CARS ON TRACK OVER THREE DAYS -- CONOR DALY TURNS THE QUICKEST TIME IN THE FINAL SESSION

Sebring International Raceway (Jan. 24, 2010) The first official Series test for teams and drivers competing in the 2010 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear concluded Sunday



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afternoon. With 23 cars taking to the track over the three-day, six-session test, a group that included a dozen returning drivers and 11 rookies, it was Conor Daly, the 2009 MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder scholarship winner who set the guickest time in the final session. Driving the #22 Juncos Racing Mazda, Daly, who won from the pole at New Jersey Motorsports Park and scored six podium finishes to clinch third in the championship in his rookie year, turned a lap of

2:00.588 (110.459 mph). The Star Mazda Championship lap record at Sebring is still held by Dane Cameron, the 2007 series champion, at 1:59.986.

It was a see-saw battle between Daly who drove for Andersen Racing last year but was in a Juncos Racing car for the test and Anders Krohn, also a race winner in 2009 with Mundill Racing who has switched back to Andersen Racing for 2010. Krohn, a Scandinavian racer predictably nicknamed 'The Viking,' won the 2008 F2000 championship driving for Andersen. Krohn, the first driver to announce his participation in the 2010 season, was quickest in the morning session on Sunday, with a lap of 2:00.742 (110.318 mph) in his Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallfa Industries / Colosseum Dental Mazda.

Also consistently near the top of the time sheets, and consistently the quickest driver with no previous Star Mazda Championship experience, was European formula Renault, Palmer Audi and FIA Formula 2 driver Tristan Vautier, driving the #37 car for Andersen Racing. Other drivers posting quick times during various sessions were Mikael Grenier (Andersen Racing), Richard Kent (Team GDT), Rusty Mitchell (Mitchell Motorsports) and, in a JDC Motorsports car, Connor De Phillippi, the 2009 Skip Barber Pro Series champion and winner of the 2010 MAZDASPEED ladder scholarship.

Expert (drivers aged 30 to 44) and Master (45 and older) Series drivers participating in the test included Gerry Kraut, co-owner of the championship-winning JDC Motorsports team who finished 2nd in the 2009 Master Series championship. Also on hand were J.W. Roberts (owner of Team GDT), Carlos Conde (American Speed Factory), Walt Bowlin (AIM Autosport) and Dom Bastien (Andersen Racing).

Full results for all sessions below. 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 Session 1

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 Phillipp	i 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 Session 2

Pos	No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd I	n Lap	Team
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 Session 1

Pos	No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd Ir	n 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	Team GDT
18	43	Dom Bastien	2:07.420	6.292	104.536	17	Andersen Racing
19	25	Tatiana Calderon	2:07.769	6.641	104.251	19	Juncos Racing
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	AIM Autosport
22	20	Zach Meyer	2:58.281	57.153	74.714	1	JDC Motorsports

## Saturday Session 2

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

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1	47	Anders Krohn	2:00.742		110.318	8	Andersen Racing
2	22	Conor Daly	2:00.963	0.221	110.116	8	Juncos Racing
3	37	Tristan Vautier	2:01.078	0.336	110.012	15	Andersen Racing
4	17	Mikael Grenier	2:01.795	1.053	109.364	15	Andersen Racing
5	16	David Ostella	2:01.820	1.078	109.342	8	AIM Autosport
6	11	Connor De Phillippi	2:02.038	1.296	109.146	14	JDC Motorsports
7	57	Court Vernon	2:02.059	1.317	109.128	8	Juncos Racing
8	19	Caio Lara	2:02.192	1.450	109.009	22	JDC Motorsports
9	66	Rusty Mitchell	2:02.193	1.451	109.008	9	Mitchell Motorsports
10	18	Joao Horto	2:02.200	1.458	109.002	6	Team Apex
11	13	Michael Furfari	2:02.917	2.175	108.366	7	AIM Autosport
12	9	Jorge Goncalvez	2:03.025	2.283	108.271	7	Team Apex
13	33	Richard Kent	2:03.051	2.309	108.248	17	Team GDT
14	85	Chris Miller	2:03.354	2.612	107.982	13	JDC Motorsports
15	25	Tatiana Calderon	2:03.409	2.667	107.934	13	Juncos Racing
16	55	Gerry Kraut	2:04.506	3.764	106.983	15	JDC Motorsports
17	53	Garry Findlay	2:04.707	3.965	106.810	7	Mundill
18	31	Carlos Conde	2:05.413	4.671	106.209	20	ASF
19	43	Dom Bastien	2:05.914	5.172	105.786	8	Andersen Racing
20	39	Cory Lewis	2:06.360	5.618	105.413	9	Team GDT
21	23	Walt Bowlin	2:08.799	8.057	103.417	13	AIM Autosport

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1	22	Conor Daly	2:00.588		110.459	11	Juncos Racing
2	47	Anders Krohn	2:01.155	0.567	109.942	10	Andersen Racing
3	37	Tristan Vautier	2:01.283	0.695	109.826	25	Andersen Racing
4	33	Richard Kent	2:01.561	0.973	109.575	11	Team GDT
5	57	Court Vernon	2:01.722	1.134	109.430	16	Juncos Racing
6	17	Mikael Grenier	2:01.932	1.344	109.241	13	Andersen Racing
7	18	Joao Horto	2:01.999	1.411	109.181	15	Team Apex
8	66	Rusty Mitchell	2:02.103	1.515	109.088	20	Mitchell Motorsports
9	11	Connor De Phillippi	2:02.269	1.681	108.940	23	JDC Motorsports
10	13	Michael Furfari	2:02.280	1.692	108.930	10	AIM Autosport
11	19	Caio Lara	2:02.319	1.731	108.896	12	JDC Motorsports
12	85	Chris Miller	2:02.823	2.235	108.449	26	JDC Motorsports
13	16	David Ostella	2:02.929	2.341	108.355	17	AIM Autosports

14	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:03.240 2.652	108.082	23 Juncos Racing
15	53 Garry Findlay	2:03.466 2.878	107.884	6 Mundill
16	9 Jorge Goncalvez	2:03.551 2.963	107.810	5 Team Apex
17	39 Cory Lewis	2:03.907 3.319	107.500	2 Team GDT
18	31 Carlos Conde	2:06.108 5.520	105.624	16 ASF
19	43 Dom Bastien	2:06.688 6.100	105.140	10 Andersen Racing
20	23 Walt Bowlin	2:09.504 8.916	102.854	13 AIM Autosport
21	55 Gerry Kraut		-	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 <u>www.starmazda.com</u>

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