



CONOR DALY FASTEST IN FINAL STAR MAZDA SEBRING TEST SESSION –

Seeds of a speedy season sown at Sebring with fourteen cars under the Star Mazda Championship track record – 45-minute qualifying session starts at 8:45 am Thursday



Sebring International Raceway / Wednesday, March 17 – As he did at the pre-season Star Mazda Championship Series Test at Sebring in January, it was Conor Daly, driving the #22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. / Tom Lange Co. Mazda who set the fast time... in the final of four practice sessions leading up to qualifying tomorrow morning. Daly, who finished 3rd in the 2009 championship and is now entering his second year of Star Mazda Championship competition with a new team, turned a lap of 1:57.600 (113.265) – well under the 1:59.986 lap record set by 2007 Series Champion Dane Cameron. And he was among a stellar, and speedy, group of 14 cars all under the previous lap record.

"Right from the moment we rolled off the trailer, the track had a tremendous amount of grip and the Mazda rotary engines were loving the cool air," says Daly, the son of F1/Indy Car legend Derek Daly. "The Andersen trio was the quickest in the first three sessions, but we finally got my car adjusted just right and were able to put some distance between me and the second-fast car of Anders Krohn. I'm feeling good about what we've achieved so far, especially given how hard it's been to get the program together for this season, but we have a long way to go and have to keep our eye on the ball every moment."

As can be seen from the time sheets below, it was the Andersen Racing trio of Mikael Grenier, Tristan Vautier and Anders Krohn who set the pace in the first three sessions... trading places, but keeping the top-3 times among themselves. Grenier ran a limited schedule in 2009 to prepare for his 2010 assault on the championship. He competed in six races, finishing on the podium in two of them. In 2010, he will race the #17 Andersen Racing / NAPA Auto Parts / CAA-Quebec/HS Telecom Mazda. Anders 'The Viking' Krohn, a second-year racer from Norway who won on the oval at Milwaukee in 2009 and finished 6th in the championship has switched teams and will drive the #47 Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallfa / Colosseum Mazda. And rookie Tristan Vautier, with European open-wheel experience in the FIA

Formula Two Championship and Formula Palmer Audi, drives the #38 Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais Mazda.

Also making an appearance at the sharp end during various sessions were Connor De Phillippi, the 2009 Skip Barber Pro Series Champion and MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder winner who will drive the #11 JDC Motorsports / MAZDASPEED Motorsports / Skip Barber Mazda, as well as Brazilian veteran Caio Lara in the #19 JDC Motorsports / MLD / ATW Mazda. And, making his first on-track appearance in the final practice session, and posting the fourth-fast time, was Court Vernon, who finished 2nd in the 2009 Skip Barber Pro Series championship. He will race the #27 Andersen Racing / Mangroove Boats / Capt. Harry's Mazda.

Quick among the Master Series competitors (drivers 45 and older) was Star Mazda veteran Gerry Kraut; he finished second in the Master championship in 2009 and is co-owner of the championship-winning JDC Motorsports team. He races the #55 JDC Motorsports / Dougherty & Co. / Dougherty Funding LLC Mazda. Also quick was Expert Series (drivers 30 to 44) driver J W Roberts, a Texan who owns the 4-car Team GDT operation.

Qualifying to set the final starting positions for the 23 car Star Mazda Championship grid will take place from 8:45 am to 9:30 am Thursday, March 18. The 45-minute Round 1 of the 2010 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear season takes the green at 12:45 pm, Friday, March 19.

Tuesday First Practice

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd In Lap	Team
1	17 Mikael Grenier	1:56.936		113.908	13 Andersen Racing
2	38 Tristan Vautier	1:57.464	0.528	113.396	13 Andersen Racing
3	47 Anders Krohn	1:58.323	1.387	112.573	12 Andersen Racing
4	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:59.242	2.306	111.706	14 JDC Motorsports
5	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:59.941	3.005	111.055	13 Mitchell Motorsports
6	22 Conor Daly	2:00.239	3.303	110.779	10 Juncos Racing
7	85 Chris Miller	2:01.122	4.186	109.972	13 JDC Motorsports
8	18 Joao Horto	2:01.278	4.342	109.830	7 Team Apex
9	16 David Ostella	2:01.482	4.546	109.646	8 Aim Autosport
10	13 Michael Furfari	2:01.787	4.851	109.371	9 Aim Autosport
11	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:02.189	5.253	109.011	10 Juncos Racing
12	37 Dominique Bastien	2:02.809	5.873	108.461	12 Andersen Racing
13	19 Caio Lara	2:02.884	5.948	108.395	3 JDC Motorsports
14	94 Hayden Duerson	2:03.637	6.701	107.735	5 Juncos Racing
15	31 Carlos Conde	2:04.313	7.377	107.149	10 Team GDT
16	65 JW Roberts	2:05.065	8.129	106.505	10 Team GDT
17	28 Juan Piedrahita	2:05.077	8.141	106.494	10 Team Apex
18	55 Gerry Kraut	2:07.113	10.177	104.789	8 JDC Motorsports
19	9 Jorge Goncalvez	11:40.683	9:43.747	19.010	1 Team Apex
20	33 Richard Kent	25:34.198	23:37.262	8.682	1 Team GDT

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Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Diff	Best Spd	In Lap	Team
1	47 Anders Krohn	1:57.892		112.985	10	Andersen Racing
2	38 Tristan Vautier	1:58.030	0.138	112.853	5	Andersen Racing
3	17 Mikael Grenier	1:58.220	0.328	112.671	4	Andersen Racing
4	22 Conor Daly	1:58.852	0.960	112.072	8	Juncos Racing
5	19 Caio Lara	1:59.294	1.402	111.657	14	JDC Motorsports
6	9 Jorge Goncalvez	1:59.575	1.683	111.395	15	Team Apex
7	13 Michael Furfari	1:59.911	2.019	111.082	16	Aim Autosport
8	11 Connor De Phillippi	2:00.011	2.119	110.990	5	JDC Motorsports
9	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:00.042	2.150	110.961	10	Mitchell Motorsports
10	18 Joao Horto	2:00.044	2.152	110.959	8	Team Apex
11	85 Chris Miller	2:00.167	2.275	110.846	10	JDC Motorsports
12	16 David Ostella	2:00.176	2.284	110.837	11	Aim Autosport
13	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:00.777	2.885	110.286	11	Juncos Racing
14	28 Juan Piedrahita	2:01.733	3.841	109.420	12	Team Apex
15	55 Gerry Kraut	2:01.820	3.928	109.342	9	JDC Motorsports
16	94 Hayden Duerson	2:01.932	4.040	109.241	12	Juncos Racing
17	65 JW Roberts	2:02.563	4.671	108.679	15	Team GDT
18	37 Dominique Bastien	2:02.785	4.893	108.482	12	Andersen Racing
19	31 Carlos Conde	2:03.900	6.008	107.506	14	Team GDT
20	33 Richard Kent			-	0	Team GDT

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1	17 Mikael Grenier	1:57.740		113.131	12	Andersen Racing
2	38 Tristan Vautier	1:57.783	0.043	113.089	13	Andersen Racing
3	47 Anders Krohn	1:58.082	0.342	112.803	12	Andersen Racing
4	22 Conor Daly	1:58.635	0.895	112.277	11	Juncos Racing
5	19 Caio Lara	1:58.706	0.966	112.210	11	JDC Motorsports
6	33 Richard Kent	1:59.192	1.452	111.752	5	Team GDT
7	16 David Ostella	1:59.219	1.479	111.727	12	Aim Autosport
8	27 Court Vernon	1:59.616	1.876	111.356	12	
9	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:59.685	1.945	111.292	9	Mitchell Motorsports
10	85 Chris Miller	1:59.799	2.059	111.186	8	JDC Motorsports
11	18 Joao Horto	1:59.920	2.180	111.074	6	Team Apex
12	11 Connor De Phillippi	2:00.428	2.688	110.606	10	JDC Motorsports
13	13 Michael Furfari	2:00.535	2.795	110.507	9	Aim Autosport
14	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:00.633	2.893	110.418	11	Juncos Racing
15	9 Jorge Goncalvez	2:00.715	2.975	110.343	7	Team Apex
16	28 Juan Piedrahita	2:01.263	3.523	109.844	12	Team Apex
17	94 Hayden Duerson	2:01.270	3.530	109.838	12	Juncos Racing
18	55 Gerry Kraut	2:01.976	4.236	109.202	9	JDC Motorsports
19	65 JW Roberts	2:03.159	5.419	108.153	12	Team GDT
20	20 Carlos Linares	2:03.830	6.090	107.567	11	
21	37 Dom Bastien	2:04.005	6.265	107.415	8	Andersen Racing
22	24 Ian Harms	2:05.098	7.358	106.477	6	
23	31 Carlos Conde			-	0	Team GDT

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1	22 Conor Daly	1:57.600		113.265	15	Juncos Racing
2	47 Anders Krohn	1:58.072	0.472	112.813	12	Andersen Racing
3	38 Tristan Vautier	1:58.512	0.912	112.394	8	Andersen Racing
4	27 Court Vernon	1:58.571	0.971	112.338	12	
5	17 Mikael Grenier	1:58.618	1.018	112.293	14	Andersen Racing
6	9 Jorge Goncalvez	1:58.770	1.170	112.150	10	Team Apex
7	16 David Ostella	1:58.932	1.332	111.997	14	Aim Autosport
8	33 Richard Kent	1:59.138	1.538	111.803	8	Team GDT
9	19 Caio Lara	1:59.139	1.539	111.802	13	JDC Motorsports
10	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:59.164	1.564	111.779	9	Mitchell Motorsports
11	18 Joao Horto	1:59.167	1.567	111.776	4	Team Apex
12	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:59.627	2.027	111.346	14	JDC Motorsports
13	85 Chris Miller	1:59.633	2.033	111.341	10	JDC Motorsports
14	13 Michael Furfari	1:59.695	2.095	111.283	7	Aim Autosport
15	28 Juan Piedrahita	2:00.187	2.587	110.827	15	Team Apex
16	55 Gerry Kraut	2:00.545	2.945	110.498	12	JDC Motorsports
17	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:01.272	3.672	109.836	4	Juncos Racing
18	94 Hayden Duerson	2:01.465	3.865	109.661	5	Juncos Racing
19	65 JW Roberts	2:02.106	4.506	109.086	14	Team GDT
20	37 Dom Bastien	2:02.213	4.613	108.990	9	Andersen Racing
21	31 Carlos Conde	2:03.196	5.596	108.120	14	Team GDT
22	24 Ian Harms	2:03.515	5.915	107.841	9	
23	20 Carlos Linares	2:04.671	7.071	106.841	5	

Star Mazda Championship Master Entry List

Car / Name / Hometown / (Code) / Team Name / Primary Sponsors

- 9 Jorge Goncalvez / (T) / Los Teques, Venezuela / Team Apex / Wabash Capital Investments
- 11 Connor De Phillippi / (R,T) / Murrieta, California / JDC Motorsports / **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports / Skip Barber (*)
- 13 Michael Furfari / (T) / Toronto, Canada / AIM Autosport / Furfari Paving
- 16 David Ostella / (T) / Maple, Ontario, Canada / AIM Autosport / GP Global Precast
- 17 Mikael Grenier / (T) / Stoneham, Quebec, Canada / Andersen Racing / NAPA Auto Parts / CAA-Quebec/HS Telecom
- 18 Joao Victor Horto / (R,T) / Londrina, Brazil / Team Apex / Wabash Capital Investments
- 19 Caio Lara / (T) / Sao Paolo, Brazil / JDC Motorsports / MLD / ATW
- 20 Carlos Linares / (R,T) / Maracaibo, Venezuela / Linares Racing / IND
- 22 Conor Daly / (T) / Noblesville, IN / Juncos Racing / INDECK / College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. / Tom Lange Co.
- 24 Ian Harms / (R) / Miami, FL / Team GDT / CAL Development
- 25 Tatiana Calderon / (R,T) / Bogota, Colombia / Juncos Racing / Kia Motors
- 27 Court Vernon / (R) / Miami, FL / Andersen Racing / Mangroove Boats / Capt. Harry's
- 28 Juan Piedrahita / (R,T) / Mexico City, Mexico / Team Apex / Petrosur / GFK Motors

31 Carlos Conde / (M) / San Juan, Puerto Rico / Team GDT / Pronto-GMT / Olympus Securities

33 Richard Kent / (T) / Milton Keynes, England / Team GDT / Traka

37 Dom Bastien / (R,M) / West Palm Beach, FL / Andersen Racing

38 Tristan Vautier / (R,T) / Grenoble, France / Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais

47 Anders Krohn / (T) / Stavanger, Norway / Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallfa / Colosseum

55 Gerry Kraut / (T,M) / North Oaks, MN / JDC Motorsports / Dougherty & Co. / Dougherty Funding LLC

65 JW Roberts / (E,T) / Dallas, TX / Team GDT / General Data Tech

66 Rusty Mitchell / (T) / Midland, TX / Mitchell Motorsports / Motorola / Petro Comm.

85 Chris Miller / (R,T) / Edina, Minnesota / JDC Motorsports / Miller Milling / Red Line Oil

94 Hayden Duerson / (R) / St. Petersburg, FL / Juncos Racing / Tampa Bay Endodontics

Special Code Key:

E = Expert Series Competitor - drivers 30-44 / **M = Masters Series competitor** - drivers 45 and older

R = Rookie / T = Team Championship Driver / NC = Not entered in championship - driver scores no points

(*) DePhillippi won the Skip Barber National Championship in 2009 and is racing in the Star Mazda Championship with primary sponsorship from the **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports Driver Development Ladder

Note: Entry list may change prior to start of race

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

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

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