



THE DALY SHOW – STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS LEADER CONOR DALY AGAIN QUICKEST ON DAY 2 OF PRACTICE AT MAZDA RACEWAY

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca / Friday, May 21 – Star Mazda Championship points leader American Conor Daly again demonstrated the upward trajectory of his season as he topped the combined time sheets in the final practice sessions heading into Saturday's qualifying and Sunday's Round 3 of the 2010 season.

His lap of 1:21.271 in the #22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant



Services Ltd. / Tom Lange Co. Mazda served to position him as one of only three members of the '21' club.... All of whom set their quick time in the morning session. Also members in good standing are Scandinavian driver Anders 'The Viking' Krohn with a 1:21.365 in the #47 Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallfa / Colosseum Mazda and Frenchman Tristan Vautier with a lap

of 1:21.627 in his #38 Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais Mazda

"Even though the air temperature was quite cool in the afternoon, the track temperature was up from the sunshine and everyone went just a bit slower" said Daly, who won Round 2 at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg and is the current points leader. "The Juncos Racing team has been fine-tuning the car and I think we have a very competitive setup for qualifying tomorrow morning and the race on Sunday morning. It does give both driver and team a bit of confidence to be quickest over two days of testing, but you have to stay focused when it counts."

Rounding out the top-5 were a newcomer to the sharp end, Canadian David Ostella in the #16 AIM Autosport / GP Global Precast Mazda. His lap of 1:22.205, set in the afternoon session, was the 4th-fast of the day. Quebec racer Mikael Grenier making a 5th-fast showing in his #17 Andersen Racing / Slow Cow / April Super Flow / NAPA Auto Parts / HS Telecom / Desharnais Mazda. The debut of his new sponsor has been the cause of some bemusement in the paddock. Slow Cow is a 'relaxation drink' and, in a sport largely fueled by energy drinks, if the conventional wisdom of swimming against the tide being the way to success holds any truth, this company should be rich and famous by early next week.

The top-11 cars were all within a second-and-a-half of each other and both qualifying and the race promise to be very competitive affairs. Qualifying takes place from 9:20 am to 10:05 am Saturday, May 22. The 45-minute Round 3 of the 2010 Star Mazda Championship scheduled to take the green light for the Series' traditional standing start at 9:15 am Sunday, May 23.

Pos No.	Name	Overall BestTm	In Session	Sponsor
1	22 Conor Daly	1:21.271	Star Mazda Practice 3	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd., Tom Lang Co.
2	47 Anders Krohn	1:21.365	Star Mazda Practice 3	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
3	38 Tristan Vautier	1:21.627	Star Mazda Practice 3	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
4	16 David Ostella	1:22.205	Star Mazda Practice 4	GP Global Precast
5	17 Mikael Grenier	1:22.261	Star Mazda Practice 3	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
6	19 Caio Lara	1:22.277	Star Mazda Practice 3	MLD, ATW
7	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:22.299	Star Mazda Practice 4	Motorola, Petro Comm.
8	18 Joao Horto	1:22.326	Star Mazda Practice 4	Wabash Capital Investments
9	9 Jorge Goncalvez	1:22.348	Star Mazda Practice 4	Wabash Capital Investments
10	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:22.473	Star Mazda Practice 3	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
11	64 Patrick O'Neill	1:22.682	Star Mazda Practice 4	O'Neill Construction
12	85 Chris Miller	1:23.023	Star Mazda Practice 4	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
13	28 Juan Piedrahita	1:23.100	Star Mazda Practice 4	Petro Sur, GFK Motors
14	25 Tatiana Calderon	1:23.514	Star Mazda Practice 4	Kia Motors
15	29 Phil Fogg	1:23.622	Star Mazda Practice 4	
16	65 JW Roberts	1:23.937	Star Mazda Practice 4	General Data Tech
17	55 Gerry Kraut	1:24.821	Star Mazda Practice 4	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
18	15 Frank McCormick	1:25.267	Star Mazda Practice 3	

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. Selected Star Mazda Championship races are broadcast on HDnet and syndicated through a variety of international, national and regional networks. Information on the TV schedule can be found at www.MazdaRacing.tv. Additional information, including search links and affiliates, can be found at the 'TV Information' link on the Series web site.

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.

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