



DALY QUICKEST AGAIN IN STAR MAZDA FRIDAY P1 – THREE DRIVERS IN THE 21s AT MAZDA RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca / Friday, May 21 – Star Mazda Championship points leader American Conor Daly again topped the time sheets in the first practice session Friday morning.



His lap of 1:21.271 in the #22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. / Tom Lange Co. Mazda was about a tenth slower than yesterday's fast time, but three drivers are in the '21' club in this morning's session, including 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 at a 1:21.627 in his #38 Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais Mazda. Vautier led the session early, then Krohn held the top spot until Daly set the quick time of the session on the final lap before the checkered flag.

"We weren't really sandbagging, it was just a combination of circumstances," said Daly, who just graduated from High School in his Indianapolis home town on May 14. "We got held up in traffic during the early laps and didn't get the best out of the tires, but finally the adjustments we made overnight proved out to be working and I was able to throw down a fast one right there at the end."

Rounding out the top-5 were Quebec racer Mikael Grenier making a 4th-fast showing in his #17 Andersen Racing / NAPA Auto Parts / CAA-Quebec/HS Telecom Mazda with a lap of 1:22.261. He's also debuting a new sponsor on the sidepods of his car, a 'relaxation drink' called Slow Cow; if the conventional wisdom of swimming against the tide being the way to success, these company should be rich and famous early next week. And in 5th was Brazilian racer Caio Lara, turning a lap of 1:22.277 in his #19 JDC Motorsports / MLD / ATW Mazda.

Practice concludes with a final session this afternoon and 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	PIC No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Sponsor
1	1 22	Conor Daly	1:21.271	99.135	15	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd., Tom Lang Co.
2	2 47	Anders Krohn	1:21.365	99.020	13	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
3	3 38	Tristan Vautier	1:21.627	98.703	14	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
4	4 17	Mikael Grenier	1:22.261	97.942	13	NAPA Auto Parts, CAA-Quebec, HS Telecom
5	5 19	Caio Lara	1:22.277	97.923	11	MLD, ATW
6	6 11	Connor De Phillippi	1:22.473	97.690	13	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
7	7 66	Rusty Mitchell	1:22.695	97.428	17	Motorola, Petro Comm.
8	8 18	Joao Horto	1:22.695	97.428	5	Wabash Capital Investments
9	9 64	Patrick O'Neill	1:23.029	97.036	11	O'Neill Construction
10	10 9	Jorge Goncalvez	1:23.215	96.819	15	Wabash Capital Investments
11	11 16	David Ostella	1:23.310	96.709	10	GP Global Precast
12	12 28	Juan Piedrahita	1:23.583	96.393	14	Petro Sur, GFK Motors
13	13 29	Phil Fogg	1:23.933	95.991	13	
14	14 25	Tatiana Calderon	1:24.293	95.581	13	Kia Motors
15	15 85	Chris Miller	1:24.332	95.537	7	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
16	16 55	Gerry Kraut	1:25.072	94.706	5	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
17	17 65	JW Roberts	1:25.086	94.690	15	General Data Tech
18	18 15	Frank McCormick	1:25.267	94.489	17	

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