



CHAMPIONSHIP LEADER CONOR DALY ON POLE FOR ROUND THREE OF THE 2010 STAR MAZDA SEASON AT MAZDA RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca /Saturday, May 22 – Star Mazda Championship points leader American Conor Daly will start from the pole for tomorrow's Round 3 of the 2010 Star Mazda



Championship presented by Goodyear at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. Having set the quick time in both days of pre-race practice and testing, Daly, the son of F1/IndyCar racing legend Derek Daly, was the only driver to turn a lap in the 20s with a 1:20.875 in his #22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. / Tom Lange Co. Mazda. Daly

won Round 2, the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg from the pole, and in this event last year, battled his way up from 15th on the grid to finish 4th.

"The conditions were pretty much perfect this morning with a lot of nice, cool air to get that Mazda rotary engine really pumping out the power," says Daly, who graduated from his Indianapolis high school on May 14. "The Juncos Racing team has been making constant small improvements to the car, and I actually lost part of my front wing early in qualifying, so the fact that I was still able to get the pole says a lot about how good a car they gave me. We'll be racing at about the same time of day and under similar conditions as qualifying, and while I'm on pole, the top eight cars are all within a second of each other, so it should be a great race."

Starting alongside Daly will be Scandinavian racer Anders 'The Viking' Krohn, who turned a lap of 1:21.028 in the #47 Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallfa / Colosseum Mazda. Like Daly, Krohn is an experienced second-year Star Mazda Championship driver who won on the Milwaukee Oval in 2009. He started from the pole at the 2010 season-opener at the 12 Hours of Sebring and is currently fourth in the championship. And in this race last year, he started 8th and finished 3rd.

Lining up on the inside of the second row will be French racer Tristan Vautier, who won the first race of the season at Sebring and currently sits second in the championship battle. He turned a lap of 1:21.055 in the #38 Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais Mazda. Next to him will be Quebec driver Mikael Grenier with a lap of 1:21.192 in his #17 Andersen Racing / Slow Cow / April Super Flow / NAPA Auto Parts / HS Telecom / Desharnais Mazda. He is a newcomer to Mazda Raceway, but has finished 4th and 6th in the two events so far this season and is 5th in the points. Rounding out the top-5 will Californian Connor De Phillippi, the

2009 Skip Barber Pro Series Champion who won his full-season drive in the Star Mazda Championship courtesy of the **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports Driver Development Ladder. He turned a lap of 1:21.490 in his #11 JDC Motorsports / **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports / Skip Barber Mazda. His results so far this season include a 7th at Sebring and 5th at St. Petersburg; he sits 7th in the championship but it should be noted that his team, JDC Motorsports won this race, and the series championship, in 2009.

Among the Expert (drivers 30-44) and Master (45 and older) Series drivers, California racer Patrick O'Neill is the top-qualifying Expert with a lap of 1:23.011 in the #64 JDC Motorsports / O'Neill Construction Mazda. That places him 13th on the grid for the start of tomorrow's race, but he finished in the top-10 at this event in 2009. The top-qualifying Master driver is Gerry Kraut of North Oaks, Minnesota. He set a time of 1:24.830 in his #55 JDC Motorsports / Dougherty & Co. / Dougherty Funding LLC Mazda, placing him 17th on the starting grid. He finished 13th overall at this race last year. Kraut, in addition to being CEO of Dougherty & Co. is co-owner of the JDC Motorsports team. 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	In Lap	Sponsor
1	1 22	Conor Daly	1:20.875	8	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd., Tom Lang Co.
2	2 47	Anders Krohn	1:21.028	6	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
3	3 38	Tristan Vautier	1:21.055	7	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
4	4 17	Mikael Grenier	1:21.192	6	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
5	5 11	Connor De Phillippi	1:21.490	8	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
6	6 16	David Ostella	1:21.512	13	GP Global Precast
7	7 18	Joao Horto	1:21.591	14	Wabash Capital Investments
8	8 9	Jorge Goncalvez	1:21.802	14	Wabash Capital Investments
9	9 19	Caio Lara	1:21.907	4	MLD, ATW
10	10 66	Rusty Mitchell	1:22.313	5	Motorola, Petro Comm.
11	11 28	Juan Piedrahita	1:22.792	10	Petro Sur, GFK Motors
12	12 85	Chris Miller	1:22.935	9	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
13	13 64	Patrick O'Neill	1:23.011	5	O'Neill Construction
14	14 29	Phil Fogg	1:23.436	9	
15	15 65	JW Roberts	1:23.633	9	General Data Tech
16	16 25	Tatiana Calderon	1:24.438	7	Kia Motors
17	17 55	Gerry Kraut	1:24.830	9	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
18	18 15	Frank McCormick	1:25.494	9	

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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