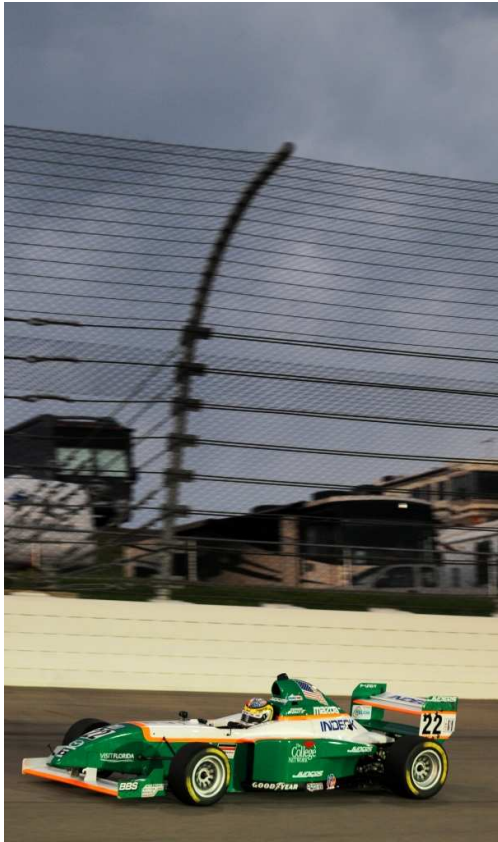




-- CONOR DALY QUICKEST IN FRIDAY PRACTICE FOR SATURDAY'S SECOND ANNUAL STAR MAZDA PIZZA RANCH 100

Iowa Speedway / Newton, Iowa (June 18, 2010) – Dodging thunderstorms and tornado watches throughout the day at Iowa Speedway, the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear managed to complete all their practice and test sessions for Saturday's second annual Pizza Ranch 100.



Conor Daly, the current championship leader in the 2010 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear with three wins in a row, set the quick time during three on-track sessions Friday at the 7/8ths-mile Iowa Speedway. Though not an official track record since it was set during a test session rather than qualifying or the race, Daly's lap of 22.156 in (#22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. Mazda was quicker than the 2009 Star Mazda pole time of 22.200 set by Juncos Racing driver Peter Dempsey.

Team Apex, a fast-rising team new to the Star Mazda Championship this season, continued their string of impressive performances by putting both of their drivers in the top-3 on the time sheets. Second-quick on the day, setting his time of 22.204 in the middle session, was Brazilian driver Joao Victor Horto, driving the #18 Team Apex / Wabash Capital Investments Mazda. Horto, who scored a podium finish on Memorial Weekend in the Night Before the 500 at

O'Reilly Raceway Park, is currently third in the championship and well among the top contenders. Turning the third-quick time of 22.232 in the late afternoon session was Venezuelan racer Jorge Goncalvez, driver of the #9 Team Apex / Wabash Capital Investments Mazda.

Rounding out the top-5 were Norwegian racer Anders 'The Viking' Krohn, with a lap of 22.282 in the #47 Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallifa / Colosseum Mazda and Quebec driver Mikael Grenier, who started from the pole and finished 2nd in the Night Before the 500. His lap of 22.301 in the #17 Andersen Racing / Slow Cow / April Super Flow / NAPA Auto Parts / HS Telecom / Desharnais Mazda was good for 5th fast on the day. Texan J.W. Roberts, the lone Expert Series (ages 30 – 44) in the field, was 14th quick overall with a lap of 23.311.

Pos No.	Name	Overall BestTm	In Session	Sponsor
1	22 Conor Daly	22.156	Practice 3	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd., Tom Lang Co.
2	18 Joao Horto	22.204	Practice 2	Wabash Capital Investments
3	9 Jorge Goncalvez	22.232	Practice 3	Wabash Capital Investments
4	47 Anders Krohn	22.282	Practice 3	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
5	17 Mikael Grenier	22.301	Practice 3	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
6	85 Chris Miller	22.316	Practice 3	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
7	11 Connor De Phillippi	22.365	Practice 1	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
8	38 Tristan Vautier	22.384	Practice 3	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
9	16 David Ostella	22.427	Practice 3	GP Global Precast
10	66 Rusty Mitchell	22.469	Practice 1	Motorola, Petro Comm.
11	81 Nick Andries	22.481	Practice 3	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
12	19 Caio Lara	22.542	Practice 1	MLD/ATW/Molecule
13	25 Tatiana Calderon	22.943	Practice 3	Kia Motors
14	65 J.W. Roberts	23.311	Practice 3	
15	20 Carlos Linares	24.006	Practice 3	IND

Single-car qualifying will take place at 12:10 pm today to set the grid for the start of tonight's second annual 100-lap / 1-hour Pizza Ranch 100 Star Mazda Championship, Round 5 of the 13-event 2010 season and the second oval in a row for the rising young open wheel-stars. The Star Mazda field is expected to take the flag at 7:15 pm (Central Time / 8:15 ET) for a 45-minute race that is part of the 'Road to Indy' activities (including the USF2000 and Indy Lights races) leading up to the IndyCar Iowa Corn 250 on Sunday. On-track action for all three Road to Indy series will be broadcast live via streaming video available at www.IndyCar.com, www.StarMazda.com and www.usf2000.com.

“Pizza Ranch is excited to continue our sponsorship of the Pizza Ranch 100 Star Mazda Series. We are looking forward to another exciting night of racing action at Iowa Speedway,” says Gwen Lahrs, Senior Advertising and Marketing Manager. Pizza Ranch dignitaries on hand for the event will include Adrie Groeneweg, President and Co-founder Pizza Ranch, Honorary Starter Chad Ver Steeg, Owner/Operator of the Pella & Carroll Pizza Ranches and Grand Marshall James Buwalda, Owner/Operator of the Harlan Pizza Ranch. Riding in the pace car will be Rob & Carla Shultz, Owner/Operators of the Jefferson Pizza Ranch and presenting trophies on the podium will be Adrie Groeneweg and Troy Knight.



About Pizza Ranch

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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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