



CONOR DALY TAKES THE STAR MAZDA POLE AT PIZZA RANCH 100 – LEADS TOP-5 ASSAULT ON SERIES LAP RECORD AT 7/8THS-MILE IOWA SPEEDWAY OVAL

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Iowa Speedway / Newton, Iowa (June 19, 2010) – American Conor Daly has taken his third pole of the season with a new track record lap of 21.933 sec. and will start his (#22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. Mazda from the inside row in this evening's second annual 100-lap Star Mazda Championship Pizza Ranch 100. The official



record of 20.200 sec. was set in 2009 by fellow Juncos driver Peter Dempsey, who went on to win from the pole.

Daly, winner of three races so far this season and currently leading the championship battle with 172 points, led a 5-car assault on the lap record set by Dempsey last year. Qualifying second and starting alongside Daly on

the front row tonight 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, and is currently fourth in the championship turned a lap of 22.084 sec. Starting third, on the inside of the second row, will be Quebec driver Mikael Grenier with a lap of 22.094 sec in his #17 Andersen Racing / Slow Cow / April Super Flow / NAPA Auto Parts / HS Telecom / Desharnais Mazda. Grenier started from the pole and finished 2nd in Round 4 at the Night Before the 500 and is second in the championship battle.

"I just love this racetrack, particularly when I have a good a car as the one Juncos Racing gives me on a regular basis," said Daly, the son of racing legend and noted motorsports broadcaster Derek Daly. "The bump in Turn 1 is a bit bigger than last year, which might make for some excitement in the race, but the track is consistent and should be even better later in the day after the IndyCars and Indy Lights lay down some more rubber. I'm looking forward to tonight, but I'm expecting a tough race like the one here last year, so there's no room to relax."

Rounding out the top-5 were Norwegian racer Anders 'The Viking' Krohn, with a lap of 22.125 sec. in the #47 Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallfa / Colosseum Mazda and Venezuelan driver Jorge Goncalvez, who turned a lap of 22.144 in the #9 Team Apex / Wabash Capital Investments Mazda. Krohn started from the pole in the season-opener at Sebring, scored a podium finish in round 3 at Mazda Raceway and has finished in the top-5 at every race so far this season; he is third in the championship with 139 points. Goncalvez scored a podium finish at Sebring and has two top-10s to his credit, placing him 9th in the championship with 110 points.

Starting seventh on the grid with a lap of 22.295 sec. will be Californian Connor De Phillippi, the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder driver. He won the 2009 Skip Barber Pro Series and is racing the #11 JDC Motorsports / **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports / Skip Barber Mazda this season with backing from Mazda and the MAZDASPEED Ladder. De Phillippi has two top-5 and two top-7 finishes so far this season and is 6th in the championship with 124 points.

Texan J.W. Roberts, the lone Expert Series (ages 30 – 44) driver in the field, turned a lap of 23.612 sec in his #65 Team GDT / General Data Tech Mazda and will start from 14th on the grid.

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Sponsor
1	22 Conor Daly	21.933	143.619	2		INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
2	18 Joao Horta	22.084	142.637	1	0.151	Wabash Capital Investments
3	17 Mikael Grenier	22.094	142.573	1	0.161	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
4	47 Anders Krohn	22.125	142.373	2	0.192	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
5	9 Jorge Goncalvez	22.144	142.251	2	0.211	Wabash Capital Investments
6	85 Chris Miller	22.287	141.338	2	0.354	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
7	11 Connor De Phillippi	22.295	141.287	1	0.362	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
8	38 Tristan Vautier	22.345	140.971	2	0.412	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
9	19 Caio Lara	22.394	140.663	2	0.461	MLD/ATW/Molecule
10	16 David Ostella	22.434	140.412	2	0.501	GP Global Precast
11	66 Rusty Mitchell	22.464	140.224	2	0.531	Motorola, Petro Communications / HRP Racing Products / Texas Autosports
12	81 Nick Andries	22.598	139.393	2	0.665	Indy 500/ American Icon / Team Pelfrey
13	25 Tatiana Calderon	22.665	138.981	2	0.732	Kia Motors
14	65 J.W. Roberts	23.612	133.407	2	1.679	General Data Tech
15	20 Carlos Linares	23.850	132.075	2	1.917	IND

The second annual 100-lap / 1-hour Pizza Ranch 100 Star Mazda Championship, Round 5 of the 13-event 2010 season, is scheduled to take the green 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



aces) 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

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