



BRAZILIAN CAIO LARA DE-RAILS CONOR DALY'S HISTORIC WINNING STREAK WITH HIS FIRST-EVER STAR MAZDA VICTORY IN RACE 1 / ROUND 6 AT NEW JERSEY MOTORSPORTS PARK

New Jersey Motorsports Park (June 26, 2010) – The Gods of Racing have had their laugh. The more you talk about a record waiting to be broken, somehow the less likely it becomes. Starting from the pole for



the fourth time this season, Conor Daly – starting from the pole for the fourth time this season -- was reasonably expecting to break the all-time Star Mazda Championship win record of four in a row. Until the green light signaling the traditional Star Mazda standing start, that is. What the officials saw on TV was both Daly and Vautier, starting side-by-side on the front row, accelerating before the green... which resulted in a drive-through penalty for both drivers that dropped them to the back of the

field.

Then there was one of those multi-car, 'what were they thinking' melees between several of the top runners, compounded by yet another incident as the re-formed field approached the starter's stand for a resumption of racing. Throughout this long full-course yellow, third-season Brazilian racer Caio Lara, driving the #19 JDC Motorsports / MLD / ATW Mazda, was in the lead... a lead he lost when 2nd-place finisher Anders 'The Viking' Krohn passed him briefly – and was re-passed in return on the same lap. And surely he must have been hearing in his headphones about the relentless charge of Conor Daly, a man on a mission who performed racing's version of kinetic miracles carving his way back up through the field to salvage a podium finish.

The top-finishing driver in the Master/Expert category was Master Series (driver 45 and older) racer Gerry Kraut, who qualified 16th and finished 13th overall in his #55 JDC Motorsports / Dougherty & Co. / Dougherty Funding LLC Mazda. Leading the charge among the Expert Series racers (drivers 30-44 years old) was Texan J.W. Roberts, who finished 14th overall at the wheel of his #65 Team GDT / General Data Tech Mazda.

"I'm so happy to finally score my first win in Star Mazda and all my thanks to the JDC Motorsports team for giving me a car capable of winning the race," said Lara, who has scored top-5 finishes in both races at NJMP last season and, by virtue of his victory today, has move up to 5th in the championship with 193 points. "The car was the best is has been all season, and now with the confidence of this win, we must work hard to qualify well tomorrow and try to repeat this outcome."

Lara has been a consistently fast competitor this year; he has already scored one podium -- and finished in the top-10 at every race. Daly remains in the lead with 254 points, four wins, four podiums and two

podiums. Anders Krohn, who started from the pole at the 12 Hours of Sebring season-opener, remains second in the championship with 211 points, two podiums and four top-5 finishes.

Vautier, who started from the front row alongside Daly and suffered the same drive-through penalty- also slashed his way back up through the field in his #38 Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais Mazda to finish 6th. In between, MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder driver Connor De Phillippi moved up from 7th on the starting grid to finish 4th in his #11 JDC Motorsports / **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports / Skip Barber Mazda. And quick young Quebec racer Mikael Grenier, who started from 6th on the grid in the #17 Andersen Racing / Slow Cow / April Super Flow / NAPA Auto Parts / HS Telecom / Desharnais Mazda, raced his way up to 5th. Larry Pegram, the AMA SuperBike racer making his 4-wheeled debut in the #72 AIM Autosport / Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery / Foremost Insurance Mazda, started 19th on the grid and finished 17th.

Pos	No.	Name	Laps	Diff	Sponsor
1	19	Caio Lara	29		MLD/ATW/Molecule
2	47	Anders Krohn	29	2.650	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
3	22	Conor Daly	29	9.918	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
4	11	Connor De Phillippi	29	10.476	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
5	17	Mikael Grenier	29	11.555	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
6	38	Tristan Vautier	29	12.566	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
7	18	Joao Horta	29	13.680	Wabash Capital Investments
8	85	Chris Miller	29	28.404	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
9	9	Jorge Goncalvez	29	31.472	Wabash Capital Investments
10	28	Juan Piedrahita	29	34.616	Petro Sur, GFK Motors
11	25	Tatiana Calderon	29	40.743	JAC Motors
12	81	Nick Andries	29	49.347	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
13	55	Gerry Kraut	29	50.431	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
14	65	J.W. Roberts	29	57.633	General Data Tech
15	31	Carlos Conde	29	59.295	Pronto-GMT, Olympus Securities
16	20	Carlos Linares	29	1:06.557	IND
17	72	Larry Pegram	28	1 Lap	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery / Foremost Insurance
18	37	Dom Bastien	28	1 Lap	Andersen Race Park
19	23	Walt Bowlin	27	2 Laps	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery
20	66	Rusty Mitchell	4	25 Laps	Motorola, Petro Comm.
21	64	Patrick O'Neill	3	26 Laps	O'Neill Construction
22	16	David Ostella		29 Laps	GP Global Precast

All the racing action this weekend at New Jersey Motorsports Park, including the Star Mazda Championship, the Cooper Tires Presents USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda, Mazda MX-5 Cup, IMSA Prototype Lites and the Patron GT3Challenge, will be broadcast live on HDnet. The pre-race show takes place 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm, and 1:00pm – 4:00 pm will be live coverage of the Playboy Mazda MX 5 Cup, USF2000, and The Star Mazda/Visit Florida Cup. All times are Eastern. Rick Benjamin will call the play-by-play, and a pair of well-known racers, Johnny O'Connell (USF2000 and Star Mazda) and Elliott

Forbes-Robinson (Mazda MX-5 Cup) will be the on-air analysts. Todd Lewis will be the pit reporter. In addition to the live broadcast, both Playboy Mazda MX 5 Cup races and one of the two Star Mazda Championship races will be cable syndicated across the USA, Canada and worldwide.

The NJMP weekend is part of the partnership between **MAZDASPEED** and VISIT FLORIDA that includes the 5-weekend, 7-race VISIT FLORIDA Cup, a championship-within-a-championship in which the driver scoring the most points during the five VISIT FLORIDA weekends will win both the VISIT FLORIDA Cup and a personalized Florida dream vacation.

Qualifying for Sunday's Race #2 / Round 7 is from 9:05 am – 9:50 am, with the race start scheduled for 3:05 pm.

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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