



## TRISTAN VAUTIER CLAIMS HIS SECOND VICTORY OF THE SEASON IN ROUND 3 OF THE STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP VISITFLORIDA CUP AT NEW JERSEY MOTORSPORTS PARK

New Jersey Motorsports Park (June 27, 2010) – Frenchman Tristan Vautier claimed his second victory of the 2010 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear driving the #38 Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais Mazda in Round 3 of the VISITFLORIDA Cup at New Jersey Raceway Park.



Starting from the outside of the second row, he took the lead from pole-sitter Conor Daly's #22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. Mazda on the opening lap and led all the way to the checkered. Finishing 2nd - his third podium of the season -- after starting 8th in the #18 Team Apex / Wabash Capital Investments Mazda was Brazilian Joao Victory Horto. Rounding out the top-3 was Norwegian racer Anders 'The Viking' Krohn, scoring his third podium of the season in the #47 Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallfa / Colosseum Mazda.

Krohn was holding tight to second place until the final lap when his gearbox stuck in 6th and Horto was able to pass.

"It's the end of a long nightmare for me and the Andersen Racing team with a win in the first race and then so much bad luck in one race after another," says the young driver from Grenoble, France who won the season-opener at Sebring. "I was able to make a four second gap over Conor by about halfway, but then his tires went off toward the end and I finished seven seconds ahead of Joao. I have so much emotion crossing the finish line that I almost broke my steering wheel because I was so happy. The Andersen Racing team has worked so hard for this, and all my sponsors who helped make it happen. And to hold this VISITFLORIDA trophy again makes me feel like we have turned a corner and we can show what a good team we are during the rest of the season."

In the Expert Series (drivers aged 30-44) Californian Patrick O'Neill crossed the finish line first in class and 15th overall in the #64 JDC Motorsports / O'Neill Construction Mazda. Leading the Master Series (driver 44 and older) was Puerto Rico native Carlos Conde with an 18th-place finish in his #31 Team GDT / Pronto-GMT / Olympus Securities Mazda. This is the second in-class victory for both O'Neill and Conde, both of whom won their respective classes in Round 2 at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

Rounding out the top-5 was Horto's Team Apex teammate, Venezuelan racer Jorge Goncalves in the #9 Team Apex / Wabash Capital Investments Mazda. Brazilian Caio Lara, winner of yesterday's Race 1 / Round 6, brought his #19 JDC Motorsports / MLD / ATW Mazda home in 6th. MAZDASPEED Motorsports

Driver Development Ladder scholarship winner (and 2009 Skip Barber Pro Series Champion) Connor De Phillippi, finished 8th in the #11 JDC Motorsports / **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports / Skip Barber Mazda. The lone female racer in the field, colombian Tatiana Calderon, matched her best finish so far this year, scoring a 9th-place finish in the #25 Juncos Racing / Kia Motors Mazda. Another drive of note came from Ohio native Larry Pegram, a top rider in the AMA SuperBike class making his first-ever start in a Star Mazda Championship race. After qualifying 21st in the #72 AIM Autosport / Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery / Foremost Insurance Mazda, he moved up to finish 16th overall.

The hard luck award of the day goes to Quebec racer Mikael Grenier who qualified 3rd in the #17 Andersen Racing / Slow Cow / April Super Flow / NAPA Auto Parts / HS Telecom / Desharnais Mazda, but finished 21st, four laps down.

Pos No.	Name	Laps	Diff	Sponsor
1	38 Tristan Vautier	35		Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
2	18 Joao Horto	35	7.057	Wabash Capital Investments
3	47 Anders Krohn	35	9.575	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
4	22 Conor Daly	35	14.193	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
5	9 Jorge Goncalvez	35	16.848	Wabash Capital Investments
6	19 Caio Lara	35	19.308	MLD/ATW/Molecule
7	16 David Ostella	35	29.336	GP Global Precast
8	11 Connor De Phillippi	35	35.256	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
9	25 Tatiana Calderon	35	35.367	JAC Motors
10	66 Rusty Mitchell	35	53.034	Motorola, Petro Comm.
11	20 Carlos Linares	35	1:10.226	Instituto Nacional De Deportes
12	81 Nick Andries	35	1:16.032	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
13	28 Juan Piedrahita	35	1:18.410	Petro Sur, GFK Motors
14	85 Chris Miller	34	1 Lap	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
15	64 Patrick O'Neill	34	1 Lap	O'Neill Construction
16	72 Larry Pegram	34	1 Lap	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery / Foremost Insurance
17	65 J.W. Roberts	34	1 Lap	General Data Tech
18	31 Carlos Conde	34	1 Lap	Pronto-GMT, Olympus Securities
19	37 Dom Bastien	34	1 Lap	Andersen Race Park
20	55 Gerry Kraut	33	2 Laps	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
21	17 Mikael Grenier	31	4 Laps	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
22	23 Walt Bowlin	28	7 Laps	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery

All the racing action this weekend at New Jersey Motorsports Park, including the Star Mazda Championship, the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda and Mazda MX-5 Cup was broadcast live on HDnet as part of the VISITFLORIDA Cup. In addition to the live broadcast, one of the Star Mazda Championship races will be cable syndicated across the USA, Canada and worldwide and aired in the next few weeks.

Drivers in the Star Mazda Championship are contending two championships at stake this season, the overall Series championship and the VISITFLORIDA Cup, which will go to the driver scoring the most points in the seven televised races during the 2010 season. VISITFLORIDA races include the season-opener at Sebring, the double-headers at New Jersey Motorsports Park and Autobahn Country Club (broadcast live on HDnet) as well as Mosport and the season finale at Road Atlanta.

Daly leads the Series championship with four wins, five poles and 289 points, followed by Anders Krohn with a pole, three podiums and six top-5 finishes for 248 points. Horto's podium finish moves him up in to 3rd in the championship with 234 points (making him also the leading contender for 'Rookie of the Year' honors). Tristan Vautier is 4th with 226 points with Caio Lara rounding out the top-5 with 223 points. Texan J.W. Roberts, who won the Expert Series yesterday driving the #65 Team GDT / General Data Tech Mazda and finished third in class today leads the category with 110 points while Master Series driver Gerry Kraut, who also won yesterday and finished 3rd today in his #55 JDC Motorsports / Dougherty & Co. / Dougherty Funding LLC Mazda also leads his class.

The lead in the VISITFLORIDA battle changed hands between yesterday and today. With victories in two of the three VISITFLORIDA races held so far, Tristan Vautier leads with 118 points over Anders Krohn and Conor Daly, tied with 110.

### **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](http://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](http://www.MazdaRacing.tv). Additional information, including search links and affiliates, can be found at the 'TV Information' link on the Series web site.

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