



**CONOR DALY TOPS THE TIME SHEETS IN STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP FRIDAY PRACTICE FOR THIS WEEKEND'S HARRAH'S AUTOBAHN GRAND PRIX PRESENTED BY MAZDA**

Autobahn Country Club / Joliet, IL (July 30, 2010 ) – Conor Daly, the current Star Mazda Championship points leader and winner of four races and five poles so far this season, turned the quickest lap in both of



today's 45-minute practice sessions leading up to this weekend's Rounds 8 & 9 of the 2010 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear at the **HARRAH'S** Autobahn Grand Prix presented by **MAZDA**. Set on lap 17, the final lap of the morning session, Daly turned a 2:11.090 (97.765 mph) around the 3.6-mile track at the Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, IL in his #22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. Mazda.

"We ran our program on old tires yesterday and were still able to set the second-quickest time, so we were quite confident going into this morning's run where we would be on new tires for the first time," said Indianapolis native Daly. "But it was almost a catastrophe; I was in traffic for most of the session and was lucky to be the last car to take the checkered when I was able to get a reasonably clean lap. This is one of those tracks where the lap times change dramatically between cool and hot, morning and afternoon, so I'm looking forward to tomorrow's morning and late-afternoon qualifying. I think we're in a good position to add to our win total this weekend."

Quebec racer Mikael Grenier, who turned the quickest time of 2:11.902 (87.163 mph) during yesterday's two 45-minuter 'promoter test sessions,' was second-quickest today with a lap of 2:12.072 (97.038 mph) in his #17 Andersen Racing / Slow Cow / April Super Flow / NAPA Auto Parts / HS Telecom / Desharnais Mazda. Rounding out the top-3 with a time that proved her position on yesterday's time sheet was no fluke was the Series' lone female racer, Tatiana Calderon of Bogota, Colombia. She turned a lap of 2:12.193 (96.949 mph) in the #25 Juncos Racing / JAC Motors Mazda.

"The Juncos Racing team has been very patient in bringing me along and letting me develop at my own pace," said the South American karting champion. "The two oval track races we ran earlier were a turning point for me because I went back and did a major workout program to bring my fitness up and the results are showing now. I can focus on my driving instead of how I feel. I'm strong, with a good team and I think this is my weekend to have a good result."





Setting the 4th-fast time was Californian Connor De Phillippi, the 2009 Skip Barber Pro Series champion and racing in the Star Mazda Championship this season via the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder scholarship. He turned a lap of 2:12.648 (96.617 mph) in his #11 JDC Motorsports / **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports / Skip Barber Mazda. The 5th-fast driver was notable for the fact that, while he raced in the Star Mazda Championship in 2009 with his current team, it has been a year since he drove a Star Mazda, finishing 9th at Trois-Rivieres. Miami racer Sean Burstyn turned a lap of 2:12.701 (96.578 mph) in his #61 Juncos Racing / The Collection Mazda.

All of the quick times were set in the morning session as it began raining about ten minutes into the afternoon practice and continued throughout, finally clearing up in time for the checkered flag. All told, Juncos Racing had four cars in the top-8 (Daly, Calderon, Burstyn and Texan Rusty Mitchell in the #66 Juncos Racing / Motorola / Petro Communications / HRP Racing Products / Texas Autosports Mazda. Andersen Racing has two drivers in the top-8; Grenier and French racer Tristan Vautier (winner at Sebring and Race 2 / Round 7 at New Jersey Motorsports Park), 6th-fast with a lap of 2:12.764 (96.532 mph) in the #38 Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais Mazda. JDC Motorsports, winner of the 2009 Star Mazda Championship (winner of the 2009 Star Mazda Championship with Englishman Adam Christodoulou) were in with De Phillippi.

The Star Mazda Championship also features a race-within-a-race for Expert (ages 30 -44) and Master (45 and older) Series drivers; company presidents and entrepreneurs in high-speed, wheel-to-wheel battles with top young drivers from around the world. As was the case yesterday, it was local racer Jeff Garibotti, a 50-year old racing enthusiast and soybean meal trader at the Chicago Board of Trade who turned the quick time of 2:17.056 (93.509 mph), 17th-fast overall in the 24-car field) in his #75 JDC Motorsports Mazda. Garibotti, a member of the Autobahn Country Club since its opening in 2004, is making his professional racing debut this weekend. The quickest Expert Series racer, Texan J.W. Roberts, only managed four laps in the morning and one in the afternoon, winding up with a 2:23.739 (89.162 mph) in his #65 Team GDT / General Data Tech Mazda.

Qualifying for Race 1 / Round 8 takes place Saturday, July 25 from 8:00 to 8:45 am, with the race scheduled to start at 1:05 pm. Following that will be qualifying for Race 2 / Round 9, from 6:35 pm to 7:20 pm. Its worth noting that this was the session in 2009 during which Peter Dempsey set his track record. The second of the weekend's two races begins at 1:00 pm, Sunday, July 26.





## 2010 Star Mazda Championship Autobahn Raceway / Friday Session 1

Pos	No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Gap	Sponsor
1	22	Conor Daly	2:11.090	97.765	17			INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
2	17	Mikael Grenier	2:12.072	97.038	4	0.982	0.982	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
3	25	Tatiana Calderon	2:12.193	96.949	15	1.103	0.121	JAC Motors
4	11	Connor De Phillippi	2:12.648	96.617	14	1.558	0.455	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
5	61	Sean Burstyn	2:12.701	96.578	15	1.611	0.053	
6	38	Tristan Vautier	2:12.764	96.532	12	1.674	0.063	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
7	66	Rusty Mitchell	2:13.292	96.150	16	2.202	0.528	Motorola, Petro Comm.
8	47	Anders Krohn	2:13.369	96.094	16	2.279	0.077	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Tralfal Industries, Colosseum
9	19	Caio Lara	2:13.863	95.740	5	2.773	0.494	MLD/ATW/Molecule
10	16	David Ostella	2:14.074	95.589	15	2.984	0.211	GP Global Precast
11	20	Carlos Linares	2:14.356	95.388	7	3.266	0.282	Instituto Nacional De Deportes
12	9	Jorge Goncalvez	2:14.450	95.322	4	3.360	0.094	Wabash Capital Investments
13	81	Nick Andries	2:14.959	94.962	14	3.869	0.509	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
14	21	Kevin Toledo	2:15.051	94.897	7	3.961	0.092	
15	18	Joao Horto	2:15.131	94.841	12	4.041	0.080	Wabash Capital Investments
16	85	Chris Miller	2:16.262	94.054	12	5.172	1.131	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
17	75	Jeff Garibotti	2:17.056	93.509	10	5.966	0.794	
18	31	Carlos Conde	2:17.143	93.450	17	6.053	0.087	Pronto-GMT, Olympus Securities
19	55	Gerry Kraut	2:17.146	93.448	15	6.056	0.003	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
20	91	Ashley Freiberg	2:18.101	92.802	12	7.011	0.955	
21	37	Dom Bastien	2:18.314	92.659	17	7.224	0.213	Andersen Race Park
22	28	Bob Kaminsky	2:19.096	92.138	8	8.006	0.782	Air Tigers Inc.
23	23	Walt Bowlin	2:20.628	91.134	11	9.538	1.532	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery
24	65	J.W. Roberts	2:23.739	89.162	4	12.649	3.111	General Data Tech





## 2010 Star Mazda Championship Autobahn Raceway / Friday Session 2

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Sponsor
1	22 Conor Daly	2:13.431	96.050	3		INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
2	38 Tristan Vautier	2:13.961	95.670	3	0.530	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
3	17 Mikael Grenier	2:14.351	95.392	3	0.920	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
4	19 Caio Lara	2:15.687	94.453	2	2.256	MLD/ATW/Molecule
5	47 Anders Krohn	2:15.935	94.280	3	2.504	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
6	61 Sean Burstyn	2:16.240	94.069	3	2.809	The Collection / ChabadGW
7	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:16.253	94.060	3	2.822	Motorola, Petro Comm.
8	9 Jorge Goncalvez	2:16.281	94.041	3	2.850	Wabash Capital Investments
9	81 Nick Andries	2:16.293	94.033	3	2.862	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
10	18 Joao Horto	2:16.415	93.949	3	2.984	Wabash Capital Investments, BomBril - Programa LeiLoes
11	11 Connor De Phillippi	2:16.418	93.947	3	2.987	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
12	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:16.575	93.839	2	3.144	JAC Motors
13	85 Chris Miller	2:17.970	92.890	2	4.539	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
14	16 David Ostella	2:17.999	92.870	2	4.568	GP Global Precast
15	91 Ashley Freiberg	2:18.384	92.612	2	4.953	CDE, AKZO Nobel, Charley Horse, C + D Supply
16	21 Kevin Toledo	2:19.214	92.060	3	5.783	THL / Autodromo Codegua / Info-Centro
17	20 Carlos Linares	2:19.498	91.872	3	6.067	Instituto Nacional De Deportes
18	31 Carlos Conde	2:19.570	91.825	3	6.139	Pronto-GMT, Olympus Securities
19	75 Jeff Garibotti	2:21.113	90.821	2	7.682	
20	28 Bob Kaminsky	2:22.139	90.165	2	8.708	Air Tigers Inc. / Slick Locks.com
21	55 Gerry Kraut	2:22.416	89.990	2	8.985	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
22	37 Dom Bastien	2:23.373	89.389	3	9.942	Andersen Race Park
23	23 Walt Bowlin	2:36.916	81.674	2	23.485	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery
24	65 J.W. Roberts	4:51.599	43.951	1	2:38.168	General Data Tech

### Star Mazda Championship

Fans can watch the weekend race action live on HDnet as drivers battle for the inaugural VISITFLORIDA Cup a 7-race championship-within-a-championship sponsored by Florida's official tourism corporation. The broadcasts, airing both Saturday, July 31 and Sunday August 1 from 1-4 pm Eastern (12 -3 pm Central), begin with a half-hour "Mazda Prerace Show presented by Visit Florida.com" from 12:30 – 1:00 pm Eastern, followed by three hours of live racing (1-4 pm Eastern), including the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, the USF2000 National Championship Powered by Mazda and the Playboy MX-5 Cup. The two 45-minute Star Mazda Championship races are both scheduled to start at 3:00 pm Eastern.





For more information on the Star Mazda Championship and its drivers, as well as the Mazda Motorsports ladder system, please visit [www.starmazda.com](http://www.starmazda.com) and [www.mazdausa.com](http://www.mazdausa.com). For information, interviews and photos, contact Star Mazda Communications Director Peter Frey at (818) 398-5733 or [StarMazdaPR@aol.com](mailto:StarMazdaPR@aol.com).

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