



CONOR DALY QUICKEST IN FIRST DAY OF STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP TESTING AT ROAD AMERICA FOR THIS WEEKEND'S TIME WARNER CABLE ROAD RACE SHOWCASE

Elkhart Lake, WI (August 19, 2010) – Conor Daly, currently leading the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear points battle with five wins and seven poles, set the quick time in today's two 'promoter test day' sessions leading up to this weekend's Round 11 of the 2010 Time Warner Cable Road Race Showcase at Road America. Driving the #22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. Mazda, Daly improved his time by more than half a second – from 2:06.612 (115.098 mph) to 2:06.101 (115.565 mph).

While Anders Krohn, currently second in the championship battle, was quick in the morning session with a 2:06.612 (115.098 mph) in the #47 Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallfa / Colosseum Mazda, he slid down the order in the afternoon, recording a 9th-fast time of 2:08.210 (113.664 mph). Interestingly, Krohn turned his quick lap in early in both sessions (Laps 4 and 5), while Daly was quickest on Laps 13 and 12.

Daly and Krohn are typically quick, but the surprise of the day came in the changes in the 3rd and 4th spots on the time sheet between the morning and afternoon sessions. In the morning, Frenchman Tristan Vautier (a two race winner so far this season and 6th in the championship) was 3rd-quick with a lap of 2:06.905 (114.832 mph) in his #38 Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais / Fontanel Mazda, while young Quebec racer Mikael Grenier (4th in the championship with one win and two poles) was 4th-fast in the #17 Andersen Racing / Slow Cow / April Super Flow / NAPA Auto Parts / HS Telecom / Desharnais Mazda with a 2:07.569 (114.235 mph).

In the afternoon, however, Venezuelan racer Jorge Goncalvez (who scored a podium finish last weekend at Trois-Rivieres) moved up from 8th-fast to 2nd-fast with a lap of Jorge Goncalvez 2:06.319 (115.365 mph) in the #9 Team Apex / Wabash Capital Investments Mazda. And Texan Rusty Mitchell, one of only three drivers in the field with experience racing Star Mazda cars at Road America (the last time the series visited here was 2008), moved up from 5th in the morning to 3rd in the afternoon with a lap of 2:06.342 (115.344 mph) in his #66 Juncos Racing / Motorola / Petro Communications / HRP Racing Products / Texas Autosports Mazda.

Another driver who has Star Mazda Championship experience at Road America is Texan J.W. Roberts, who races in the Expert Series for drivers 30-44 years old. He won his class in 2008, and has continued his winning ways in 2010, scoring seven in-class wins in the #65 Team GDT / General Data Tech Mazda; he currently leads the Expert Series championship and turned an afternoon time of 2:10.237 (111.894 mph).





Morning Session

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	In Lap	Diff	Best Speed
1	47 Anders Krohn	2:06.612	4		115.098
2	22 Conor Daly	2:06.693	13	0.081	115.025
3	38 Tristan Vautier	2:06.905	13	0.293	114.832
4	17 Mikael Grenier	2:07.569	9	0.957	114.235
5	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:07.931	14	1.319	113.911
6	81 Nick Andries	2:08.202	13	1.590	113.671
7	11 Connor De Phillippi	2:08.375	14	1.763	113.517
8	9 Jorge Goncalvez	2:08.577	7	1.965	113.339
9	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:09.376	8	2.764	112.639
10	85 Chris Miller	2:09.678	6	3.066	112.377
11	16 David Ostella	2:09.707	13	3.095	112.352
12	55 Gerry Kraut	2:09.830	11	3.218	112.245
13	28 Juan Piedrahita	2:09.913	13	3.301	112.174
14	80 Court Vernon	2:10.041	5	3.429	112.063
15	37 Dom Bastien	2:10.802	16	4.190	111.411
16	18 Joao Horto	2:10.998	5	4.386	111.244
17	65 J.W. Roberts	2:11.362	10	4.750	110.936
18	20 Carlos Linares	2:11.669	7	5.057	110.678
19	31 Carlos Conde	2:11.965	17	5.353	110.429
20	19 Caio Lara		0		-

Afternoon Session

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	In Lap	Diff	Best Speed
1	22 Conor Daly	2:06.101	12		115.565
2	9 Jorge Goncalvez	2:06.319	19	0.218	115.365
3	66 Rusty Mitchell	2:06.342	16	0.241	115.344
4	17 Mikael Grenier	2:07.313	10	1.212	114.464
5	38 Tristan Vautier	2:07.510	15	1.409	114.288
6	80 Court Vernon	2:07.657	14	1.556	114.156
7	16 David Ostella	2:07.796	17	1.695	114.032
8	25 Tatiana Calderon	2:08.056	10	1.955	113.800
9	47 Anders Krohn	2:08.210	5	2.109	113.664
10	81 Nick Andries	2:08.329	14	2.228	113.558
11	11 Connor De Phillippi	2:08.401	8	2.300	113.494
12	18 Joao Horto	2:08.433	5	2.332	113.466
13	55 Gerry Kraut	2:09.061	15	2.960	112.914
14	85 Chris Miller	2:09.164	16	3.063	112.824
15	28 Juan Piedrahita	2:09.308	18	3.207	112.698
16	37 Dom Bastien	2:10.076	7	3.975	112.033
17	65 J.W. Roberts	2:10.237	11	4.136	111.894
18	31 Carlos Conde	2:11.559	9	5.458	110.770
19	20 Carlos Linares	2:18.373	3	12.272	105.315
20	19 Caio Lara		0		-





On-track activities for the 2010 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear continue tomorrow, Friday, August 20, with two half-hour practice sessions, 8:40 am - 9:10 am and 12:40 pm - 1:10 pm Friday, Aug. 20. The 45-minute qualifying session to set the grid for the Series' traditional standing start will take place 8:40 - 9:25 am Saturday, August 21, with the field getting the green light for the start of the 45 minute race at 1:00 pm.

This is the second event of a 3-race, back-to-back 'road trip' for drivers and teams in the Star Mazda Championship. The next event, Round 12 at MOBIL1 Presents the Grand Prix of Mosport will take the green at 1:15 pm Saturday, August 28. The series' finale, also with ALMS at the Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta, will take place October 1.

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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