



## TRISTAN VAUTIER QUICK IN STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP PROMOTER TEST DAY AT MOSPORT

Mosport Raceway (August 26, 2010) – Frenchman Tristan Vautier, winner of two races so far this season, set the quick time among 19 Star Mazda Championship cars participating in today's 'promoter test session' at Mosport International Raceway.



Vautier, who is currently 6th in the championship standings, turned a lap of 1:15.569 (117.083 mph) in his #38 Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais / Fontanel Mazda. He set the time on lap 18 of the last of three on-track sessions and was also quickest in the first session of the morning.

Second-quick on the day, also in the final session, was Californian Connor De Phillippi, the 2009 Skip Barber Pro Series champion who is racing this season in Star Mazda with funding provided by the **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports Driver Development Ladder.

De Phillippi, who scored the first podium finish of his Star Mazda career last weekend at Road America, set a time of 1:15.723 (116.905 mph) in the #11 JDC Motorsports / **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports / Skip Barber Mazda.

Rounding out the top-3 was current championship leader Conor Daly with a lap of 1:15.760 (116.848 mph) in the #22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. Mazda. Daly, with six wins and eight poles so far this season, is one of only two drivers remaining in contention for the series championship. The other is Norwegian racer Anders Krohn, who was 4th-fast today with an afternoon session lap of 1:16.001 (116.462 mph) in the #47 Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallfa / Colosseum Mazda.

The four Canadians in the field, two of them rookies making their first appearance in a Star Mazda Championship race, showed well in various sessions during the day. Quickest of all was young Quebec racer Mikael Grenier who was 3rd-fast in the first two sessions, turning a best lap of 1:16.537 (115.662 mph) in his #17 Andersen Racing / Slow Cow / April Super Flow / NAPA Auto Parts / HS Telecom / Desharnais Mazda. Grenier won from the pole in Round 8 at Autobahn and is 4th in the championship battle.





Next up was Toronto native David Ostella who was 8th-quick in Sessions 1 and 2 with a best time of 1:17.203 (114.664 mph) in the #16 AIM Autosport / GP Global Precast Mazda. Ostella has a pair of recent 4th-place finishes and is 10th in the points.

Mikhail Goikhberg, a 22 year-old Russian racer from St. Petersburg now living in Toronto, is a full-time racer in the USF2000 National Championship Powered by Mazda and is making his Star Mazda debut with JDC Motorsports, which also fields his USF2000 effort. Goikhberg was 12th-quick in Session 2 with a lap of 1:17.959 (113.552 mph) in his #78 Chetverg / Red Line Oil / JDC MotorSports Mazda. Zack Meyer, a Canadian karting champion and Skip Barber racer is making his debut alongside David Ostella in an AIM Autosport car this weekend and turned a 17th-quick lap in the middle session at 1:21.114 ((109.135 pmh) in the #88 AIM Autosport Mazda.

There will be additional Star Mazda practice sessions at 1:00 pm Thursday afternoon and 9:45 am and 12:45 pm Friday, August 27. Qualifying for the race takes place at 8:00 am Saturday, August 28, with the traditional Star Mazda F1-style 'standing start' getting the green light at 1:15 pm Saturday afternoon.

### Star Mazda Championship / Practice 1

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Sponsor
1	38 Tristan Vautier	1:16.495	115.725	14	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
2	22 Conor Daly	1:16.510	115.703	13	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
3	17 Mikael Grenier	1:17.443	114.309	12	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
4	19 Caio Lara	1:17.560	114.136	15	MLD/ATW/Molecule
5	9 Jorge Goncalvez	1:17.563	114.132	14	Wabash Capital Investments
6	47 Anders Krohn	1:17.607	114.067	11	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
7	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:17.864	113.691	10	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
8	16 David Ostella	1:18.200	113.202	15	GP Global Precast
9	85 Chris Miller	1:18.464	112.821	10	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
10	18 Joao Horto	1:18.517	112.745	13	Wabash Capital Investments, BomBriL - Programa LeiLoes
11	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:18.528	112.729	9	Motorola, Petro Comm.
12	81 Nick Andries	1:19.312	111.615	12	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
13	55 Gerry Kraut	1:19.573	111.249	9	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
14	78 Mikhail Goikhberg	1:19.696	111.077	15	
15	28 Juan Piedrahita	1:19.792	110.943	13	Petrosur, GFK Motors
16	25 Tatiana Calderon	1:20.180	110.407	14	JAC Motors
17	88 Zack Meyer	1:21.114	109.135	10	
18	20 Carlos Linares	1:22.206	107.686	10	Instituto Nacional De Deportes
19	31 Carlos Conde	1:25.357	103.710	8	Pronto-GMT, Olympus Securities





### Star Mazda Championship / Practice 2

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Sponsor
1	22 Conor Daly	1:16.501	115.716	17	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
2	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:16.506	115.709	10	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
3	17 Mikael Grenier	1:16.537	115.662	21	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
4	47 Anders Krohn	1:16.541	115.656	5	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
5	19 Caio Lara	1:16.604	115.561	11	MLD/ATW/Molecule
6	9 Jorge Goncalvez	1:16.607	115.556	18	Wabash Capital Investments
7	38 Tristan Vautier	1:16.932	115.068	12	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
8	16 David Ostella	1:17.203	114.664	19	GP Global Precast
9	81 Nick Andries	1:17.217	114.643	22	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
10	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:17.535	114.173	16	Motorola, Petro Comm.
11	85 Chris Miller	1:17.564	114.130	20	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
12	78 Mikhail Goikhberg	1:17.959	113.552	20	
13	20 Carlos Linares	1:18.079	113.377	10	Instituto Nacional De Deportes
14	28 Juan Piedrahita	1:18.832	112.294	23	Petrosur, GFK Motors
15	55 Gerry Kraut	1:18.922	112.166	4	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
16	25 Tatiana Calderon	1:19.131	111.870	12	JAC Motors
17	18 Joao Horto	1:19.972	110.694	17	Wabash Capital Investments, BomBril - Programa LeiLoes
18	31 Carlos Conde	1:20.430	110.063	28	Pronto-GMT, Olympus Securities
19	88 Zack Meyer	1:20.751	109.626	4	

### Star Mazda Championship / Practice 3

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Sponsor
1	38 Tristan Vautier	1:15.569	117.143	18	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
2	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:15.723	116.905	19	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
3	22 Conor Daly	1:15.760	116.848	13	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
4	47 Anders Krohn	1:16.011	116.462	14	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
5	19 Caio Lara	1:16.163	116.230	17	MLD/ATW/Molecule
6	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:16.515	115.695	14	Motorola, Petro Comm.
7	9 Jorge Goncalvez	1:16.685	115.438	19	Wabash Capital Investments
8	17 Mikael Grenier	1:16.805	115.258	15	Slow Cow, April Super Flow, NAPA Auto Parts, HS Telecom, Desharnais
9	85 Chris Miller	1:17.121	114.786	16	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
10	25 Tatiana Calderon	1:17.659	113.991	18	JAC Motors
11	20 Carlos Linares	1:17.708	113.919	22	Instituto Nacional De Deportes
12	81 Nick Andries	1:17.723	113.897	23	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
13	78 Mikhail Goikhberg	1:18.114	113.327	17	
14	18 Joao Horto	1:18.184	113.225	5	Wabash Capital Investments, BomBril - Programa LeiLoes
15	28 Juan Piedrahita	1:18.187	113.221	19	Petrosur, GFK Motors
16	16 David Ostella	1:18.319	113.030	12	GP Global Precast
17	55 Gerry Kraut	1:19.562	111.264	5	Dougherty and Co./Dougherty Funding LLC.
18	31 Carlos Conde	1:20.524	109.935	11	Pronto-GMT, Olympus Securities
19	88 Zack Meyer	1:25.658	103.346	1	





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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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