



**ANDERS 'THE VIKING' KROHN QUICKEST IN FIRST DAY OF STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP TESTING FOR FRIDAY'S 2010 SEASON-ENDING ROUND 13 OF AT THE 13TH ANNUAL PETIT LE MANS AT ROAD ATLANTA**

Road Atlanta / Sept. 28, 2010 – Norwegian racer Anders 'The Viking' Krohn (right), currently second in the



2010 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear points battle, set the quick time in the first of today's two incident-free practice sessions at Road Atlanta with a lap of 1:19.256 (115.373 mph) in his #47 Andersen Racing / Norse Cutting & Abandonment / Trallfa / Colosseum Mazda. He was one of only two drivers in the morning session in the 19s', the other being Frenchman Tristan Vautier (left), a 2-race winner currently 5th in the championship with a lap of 1:19.801 (114.585 mph).

Perhaps the most interesting time of the first session, however, was the 3rd-fast time of 1:20.428 (133.692 mph) set by Argentine racer Martin Scuncio, a regular in the USF2000 series making his first-ever Star Mazda Championship start at Petit Le Mans driving the #60 Juncos Racing / Fuerza Chile Mazda. His only previous experience with the car came at a team test earlier in the week, of which he quite apparently made the most.

"Juncos is a really good team and helped me get familiar with the car very quickly," said the young driver from Bahia Blanca. "The Star Mazda car is much quicker and handles very differently from the F2000 car, so I'm happy to be quick early in the practice. I don't have any particular plan for the race, just try to finish and learn as much as I can for next year... if we can get a sponsor."

Conor Daly, who clinched the 2010 Star Mazda championship with a win from the pole in Round 12 at Mosport (bringing his record to seven wins and nine poles) spent the day working with his teammates in an effort to help Juncos Racing win the team championship. As a result, he was 8th fast in the morning session and 3rd fast in the afternoon driving his #22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. Mazda.

The quick time in the afternoon was set by Los Angeles racer Connor De Phillippi (right), currently leading the heated battle for 'Rookie of the Year' honors. His lap of 1:19.309 was less than a tenth slower than the morning, but he was one of seven drivers in the 19s driving his #11 JDC Motorsports / **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports / Skip Barber Mazda. Again second was Vautier with a lap of 1:19.539, followed by Conor Daly at 1:19.562.



The Star Mazda Championship lap record at Road Atlanta is 1:18.328, set by Irish Racer Peter Dempsey, who is making his debut in this weekend's ALMS race driving a Radical LMP2 for Libra Racing.

The quickest Master Series driver (age 45 and older) was Dom Bastion of West Palm Beach, who turned a lap in the afternoon session of 1:22.082 (111.401 mph) in the #37 Andersen Racing Mazda. The fastest Expert Series driver (ages 30-44) was Texan J.W. Roberts, who has already clinched the Expert Series championship, who turned a lap of 1:22.116 (111.355 mph) in the #65 Team GDT / General Data Tech Mazda.

### Star Mazda Tuesday Practice 1

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Gap	Sponsor
1	47 Anders Krohn	1:19.256	115.373	11			Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
2	38 Tristan Vautier	1:19.801	114.585	5	0.545	0.545	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
3	60 Martin Scuncio	1:20.428	113.692	11	1.172	0.627	
4	19 Caio Lara	1:20.442	113.672	14	1.186	0.014	MLD/ATW/Molecule
5	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:20.505	113.583	11	1.249	0.063	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
6	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:20.512	113.573	11	1.256	0.007	Motorola, Petro Comm.
7	81 Nick Andries	1:20.643	113.389	12	1.387	0.131	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
8	22 Conor Daly	1:20.750	113.238	9	1.494	0.107	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
9	25 Tatiana Calderon	1:21.221	112.582	14	1.965	0.471	JAC Motors
10	28 Juan Piedrahita	1:21.343	112.413	15	2.087	0.122	Petrosur, GFK Motors
11	9 Jorge Goncalvez	1:21.414	112.315	15	2.158	0.071	Wabash Capital Investments
12	85 Chris Miller	1:21.947	111.584	12	2.691	0.533	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
13	37 Dom Bastien	1:22.092	111.387	12	2.836	0.145	Andersen Race Park
14	18 Joao Horto	1:22.094	111.385	6	2.838	0.002	Wabash Capital Investments, BomBril - Programa LeiLoes
15	65 J.W. Roberts	1:22.939	110.250	4	3.683	0.845	General Data Tech
16	23 Walt Bowlin	1:24.934	107.660	14	5.678	1.995	AIM
17	72	1:25.026	107.544	13	5.770	0.092	GP Global Precast
18	20 Carlos Linares	1:33.489	97.808	2	14.233	8.463	Instituto Nacional De Deportes

### Star Mazda Championship Tuesday Practice 2

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Gap	Sponsor
1	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:19.309	115.296	17			Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
2	38 Tristan Vautier	1:19.539	114.962	13	0.230	0.230	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
3	22 Conor Daly	1:19.562	114.929	17	0.253	0.023	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
4	19 Caio Lara	1:19.798	114.589	15	0.489	0.236	MLD/ATW/Molecule
5	47 Anders Krohn	1:19.809	114.574	7	0.500	0.011	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
6	81 Nick Andries	1:19.911	114.427	12	0.602	0.102	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
7	60 Martin Scuncio	1:19.979	114.330	12	0.670	0.068	
8	9 Jorge Goncalvez	1:20.266	113.921	14	0.957	0.287	Wabash Capital Investments
9	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:20.375	113.767	19	1.066	0.109	Motorola, Petro Comm.
10	18 Joao Horto	1:20.658	113.368	12	1.349	0.283	Wabash Capital Investments, BomBril - Programa LeiLoes

11	25	Tatiana Calderon	1:20.661	113.363	12	1.352	0.003	JAC Motors
12	85	Chris Miller	1:21.062	112.803	13	1.753	0.401	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
13	28	Juan Piedrahita	1:21.297	112.476	15	1.988	0.235	Petrosur, GFK Motors
14	20	Carlos Linares	1:21.848	111.719	17	2.539	0.551	Instituto Nacional De Deportes
15	37	Dom Bastien	1:22.082	111.401	16	2.773	0.234	Andersen Race Park
16	65	J.W. Roberts	1:22.116	111.355	12	2.807	0.034	General Data Tech
17	23	Walt Bowlin	1:24.054	108.787	3	4.745	1.938	AIM
18	72	Larry Pegram	1:24.074	108.761	9	4.765	0.020	

On-track action at Road Atlanta continues throughout the week. Qualifying for the race takes place from 1:40 pm to 2:15 pm Thursday, Sept. 30 with 45-minute race getting the green light at 11:55 am Friday, October 1. And all the action will be broadcast to more than 150 million homes worldwide, courtesy of VISITFLORIDA, the official tourism and marketing corporation of the state of Florida.

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