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ITS ANOTHER TALE OF TWO CON(N)ORS IN STAR MAZDA PRACTICE AT ROAD ATLANTA – CONOR DALY QUICK IN THE MORNING, CONNOR DE PHILLIPPI QUICK IN THE AFTERNOON

Road Atlanta / Sept. 29, 2010 – As has periodically been their practice over the last couple of races, the two Con(n)ors in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear have been trading fast laps in practice. In



this morning's first official practice session for the season-finale Round 13 during the Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta, Conor Daly – who has already clinched the 2010 series championship – set the quick time with a lap of 1:19.230 (115.411 mph) in his #22 Juncos Racing / INDECK / The College Network / Merchant Services Ltd. Mazda. Connor De Phillippi was second quick in the #11 JDC Motorsports / **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports / Skip Barber Mazda with a lap of 1:19.310 (115.294 mph).

They reversed their order during the afternoon session which, though cloudy and cooler – which usually makes for quicker laps – was actually a touch slower; De Phillippi went 1:19.630 (114.831 mph) while Daly came second with a 1:19.844 (114.523 mph).

While Daly clinched the championship with a win from the pole in Round 12 at Mosport, one of seven wins and nine poles so far this season, De Phillippi, the 2009 Skip Barber Pro Series champion and winner of the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder sponsorship that is paying for his Star Mazda drive this season, is the leading contender for 'Rookie of the Year' honors and would love nothing more than to finish out the season with his first Star Mazda win.



The surprise of the week so far has been an Argentine dark horse named Martin Scuncio, a regular in the USF2000 National Championship who is making his first-ever Star Mazda Championship start this weekend. He set the third-quick time in both sessions driving the #60 Juncos Racing / Fuerza Chile Mazda; 1:19.670 (114.773 mph) in the morning and 1:19.913 (114.424 mph) in the afternoon. If he races as well as he practices, he may well turn out to be the spoiler in Andersen Racing's plans to win the Team Championship. Andersen leads the battle, but the scenarios are many and a 1-2 or even a 1-3 by the Daly/Scuncio duo would go a long way toward securing both the series and team championships for the freshman Juncos Racing squad.

That said, Andersen Racing driver Tristan Vautier, the Frenchman who has won two races so far this season was 4th-quick in both sessions driving his #38 Andersen Racing / Moulin TP / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais / Fontanel Mazda; 1:19.963 (114.353 mph) in the morning and 1:20.323 (113.842 mph) in the afternoon.

You don't start getting any real movement on the time sheets until you get down to 5th place, which in the morning was taken by Juncos Racing driver Tatiana Calderon with a lap of 1:20.102 (114.154 mph) in the #25 Juncos Racing / JAC Motors Mazda. But in the afternoon, it was another member of the Andersen Racing squad, Nick Andries, who took the 5th spot with a 1:20.575 (113.484 mph).

It's hard to know what to make of all this quite so early in the game; in both sessions, one second covered the first seven cars, and everyone still has some distance to go to even approach the Star Mazda Championship lap record at Road Atlanta, a 1:18.328, set last year by Juncos Racing driver Peter Dempsey.... who, by the way, won nine races in two seasons of Star Mazda racing – including this race, from the pole, last year -- and is making his debut in this weekend's ALMS race driving a Radical LMP2 for Libra Racing.

Larry Pegram, one of the top Superbike racers in the country who is making his third start as a Star Mazda racer in the Expert (drivers aged 30-44) Series this weekend, was the quickest Expert in the morning session with a lap of 1:23.087 (110.053 mph) in the #72 AIM Autosport / Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery / Foremost Insurance Mazda. He was bested in the afternoon by Texan J.W. Roberts, who has already clinched the Expert Series championship with an in-class win in Round 10 at Trois-Rivieres; Roberts turned a 1:22.043 (111.454 mph) in his #65 Team GDT / General Data Tech Mazda.

In the Master Series (drivers 45 and older), the quick time in both sessions was turned by West Palm Beach racer Dom Bastien, the CEO of Specialty Brands of America. He turned laps of 1:22.872 (110.339 mph) in the morning and 1:23.198 (109.906 mph) in his #37 Andersen Racing Mazda.

Star Mazda Championship – Wednesday morning

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Gap	Sponsor
1	22 Conor Daly	1:19.230	115.411	17			INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
2	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:19.310	115.294	16	0.080	0.080	Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
3	60 Martin Scuncio	1:19.670	114.773	21	0.440	0.360	
4	38 Tristan Vautier	1:19.963	114.353	11	0.733	0.293	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
5	25 Tatiana Calderon	1:20.102	114.154	18	0.872	0.139	JAC Motors
6	9 Jorge Goncalvez	1:20.180	114.043	20	0.950	0.078	Wabash Capital Investments
7	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:20.201	114.014	20	0.971	0.021	Motorola, Petro Comm.
8	47 Anders Krohn	1:20.332	113.828	5	1.102	0.131	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum
9	81 Nick Andries	1:20.389	113.747	21	1.159	0.057	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
10	19 Caio Lara	1:20.520	113.562	7	1.290	0.131	MLD/ATW/Molecule
11	28 Juan Piedrahita	1:20.925	112.994	9	1.695	0.405	Petrosur, GFK Motors
12	85 Chris Miller	1:21.008	112.878	20	1.778	0.083	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
13	18 Joao Horto	1:21.379	112.363	12	2.149	0.371	Wabash Capital Investments, BomBril - Programa LeiLoes
14	20 Carlos Linares	1:21.596	112.064	10	2.366	0.217	Instituto Nacional De Deportes
15	37 Dom Bastien	1:22.872	110.339	10	3.642	1.276	Andersen Race Park
16	72 Larry Pegram	1:23.087	110.053	21	3.857	0.215	
17	65 J.W. Roberts	1:23.342	109.717	17	4.112	0.255	General Data Tech
18	23 Walt Bowlin	1:23.578	109.407	16	4.348	0.236	AIM

Star Mazda Championship – Wednesday afternoon

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Gap	Sponsor
1	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:19.630	114.831	26			Mazdaspeed Motorsports, Skip Barber
2	22 Conor Daly	1:19.844	114.523	18	0.214	0.214	INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services Ltd.
3	60 Martin Scuncio	1:19.913	114.424	25	0.283	0.069	
4	38 Tristan Vautier	1:20.322	113.842	16	0.692	0.409	Moulin TP, Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
5	81 Nick Andries	1:20.575	113.484	23	0.945	0.253	Indy 500/ American Icon Team Pelfrey
6	9 Jorge Goncalvez	1:20.599	113.451	21	0.969	0.024	Wabash Capital Investments
7	19 Caio Lara	1:20.628	113.410	7	0.998	0.029	MLD/ATW/Molecule
8	66 Rusty Mitchell	1:20.730	113.266	20	1.100	0.102	Motorola, Petro Comm.
9	85 Chris Miller	1:20.814	113.149	22	1.184	0.084	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
10	20 Carlos Linares	1:21.276	112.506	20	1.646	0.462	Instituto Nacional De Deportes
11	28 Juan Piedrahita	1:21.591	112.071	23	1.961	0.315	Petrosur, GFK Motors
12	25 Tatiana Calderon	1:21.815	111.764	14	2.185	0.224	JAC Motors
13	18 Joao Horto	1:22.012	111.496	14	2.382	0.197	Wabash Capital Investments, BomBriL - Programa LeiLoes
14	65 J.W. Roberts	1:22.043	111.454	12	2.413	0.031	General Data Tech
15	37 Dom Bastien	1:23.198	109.906	17	3.568	1.155	Andersen Race Park
16	72 Larry Pegram	1:23.795	109.123	22	4.165	0.597	
17	23 Walt Bowlin	1:24.351	108.404	8	4.721	0.556	AIM
18	47 Anders Krohn	5:36.820	27.148	3	4:17.190	4:12.469	Norse Cutting and Abandonment, Trallfa Industries, Colosseum

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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