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## JACK HAWKESWORTH TOPS MAZDA ROAD TO INDY TEST AT INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Indianapolis, Indiana (October 29, 2011). Making his first appearance in a formula car in the United States Jack Hawkesworth, from Bradford, United Kingdom, made quite an impression, setting the fastest Star Mazda lap of the weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in the Chris Griffis Memorial Mazda Road to Indy open test.



Climbing into the car for the first time on Friday morning, Hawkesworth posted a lap of 1:25.431 in the #11 Team Pelfrey Pro Formula Mazda around the 2.514-mile road circuit in the final practice session Saturday to take top honors.

“Making my debut here in the US at a track like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where drivers around the world want to race, and coming away with the fastest time is great,” Hawkesworth said. “Team Pelfrey put together a great car and it has been a good test working together and learning as I look to competing in the

championship in 2012.

Petri Suvanto, the 2011 USF2000 Championship national champion, posted the second fastest time of the weekend in the #81 Team Pelfrey Mazda, with a lap of 1:25.811 as he prepares for a funded season in the championship as the one of the Mazda Road to Indy scholarship winners. “We’re still learning a lot and I’m still learning to work with the team and the car,” the Seinajoki, Finland native explained. “It was a productive two days and a great opportunity to drive on this track.”

Zach Veach, who had topped the first three practice sessions of the weekend in his #77 Andretti Autosport machine was third fastest overall with a best time of 1:25.921.

### About Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear

For 2012, the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will be a major part of the [Mazda Road to Indy](#). The schedule has yet to be announced, but all races will be on major motorsports weekends and most with IndyCar. Rising stars from around the world will be watched by more than a million fans as they compete for prizes valued at \$1.5 million, including a scholarship to move up and race in the 2013 Firestone Indy Lights series. Drivers 16 and older are welcome to compete and the Star Mazda Championship also features the Expert Series for drivers 30 and older. The Star Mazda Championship features standing starts, wheel-to-wheel racing at 160 mph and budgets a fraction of other top open-wheel ladder series. For more information on the Star Mazda Championship please visit [www.starmazda.com](http://www.starmazda.com).



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