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VAUTIER REMAINS ON FORM IN FIRST STAR MAZDA PRACTICE AT G.P. OF ST. PETE

Grand Prix of St. Petersburg (March 25, 2011) – Continuing the fast form that saw him dominate five of the six test sessions during the Star Mazda series test during IndyCar spring training at Barber Motorsports Park, French racer Tristan Vautier set the quick time in the first practice session of the 2011 season opener at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. His lap of 1:11.558 (90.556 mph) in the #5 JDC Motorsports / Cecibon / Circuit du Laquais Mazda is well off the official track record set by last year's pole-sitter (and eventual race winner) Conor Daly at 1:10.352 (92.108 mph)... but the track has yet to 'rubber up' and develop the grip it will have in later sessions. The session took place under cloudless skies and temperatures in the high 70s.



Second-quick was Californian Connor De Phillippi, driving the Team Pelfrey / Justice Brothers Products / Trademark Garage Floors Mazda for Clearwater-based Team Pelfrey. He turned a lap of 1:11.828 (90.216 mph), followed by Brazilian driver J.V. Horto, with a 1:12.186 (89.768 mph) in his #18 Juncos Racing / Programa Leilões Mazda. Martin Scuncio, also consistently at the sharp end of the time sheets at

Barber was fourth with a 1:12.212 (89.736 mph) in the #60 Juncos Racing / Fuerza Chile Mazda. And rounding out the top-5 was Colombian racer Tatiana Calderon, the lone female in the field, with a 1:12.239 (89.702 mph) in her #10 Juncos Racing / JAC Motors Mazda. The quickest driver in the Expert Series for drivers 30 and older was 2010 Expert Series champion J.W. Roberts; he was 13th quick overall with a 1:14.983 (86.420 mph) in his #65 Team GDT / General Data Tech Mazda.

The next session is from 1:10 - 1:45 pm this afternoon, with qualifying scheduled for 8:05 – 8:50 am tomorrow morning. Round 1 of the 2011 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will take the green Saturday afternoon at 4:10 pm.



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Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Gap	Sponsor
1	5 Tristan Vautier	1:11.558	90.556	22			Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
2	11 Connor De Phillippi	1:11.828	90.216	16	0.270	0.270	Justice Brothers Products/Trademark Garage Floors
3	7 J.V. Horto	1:12.186	89.768	18	0.628	0.358	Programa LeiLoes
4	60 Martin Scuncio	1:12.212	89.736	18	0.654	0.026	Fuerza Chile
5	10 Tatiana Calderon	1:12.239	89.702	18	0.681	0.027	JAC Motors
6	81 Nick Andries	1:12.572	89.291	20	1.014	0.333	Lithionics Battery/GS610 Brake Fluid
7	48 Patrick McKenna	1:12.952	88.826	21	1.394	0.380	Mosport Ireland / Irish Sports Council / General Data Tech
8	39 Richard Heistand	1:13.112	88.631	20	1.554	0.160	Masney Auto Transportation
9	85 Chris Miller	1:13.346	88.348	15	1.788	0.234	Miller Milling, Red Line Oil
10	28 Gustavo Menezes	1:13.528	88.130	16	1.970	0.182	
11	27 Nick Mancuso	1:13.819	87.782	17	2.261	0.291	Indeck / Lake Forest Sportscars / F.A.S.T. Race Products
12	88 Sage Karam	1:14.756	86.682	3	3.198	0.937	Comfort Revolution
13	65 J.W. Roberts	1:14.983	86.420	16	3.425	0.227	
14	66 Zach Meyer	1:15.323	86.029	16	3.765	0.340	
15	20 Carlos Linares	1:15.990	85.274	17	4.432	0.667	Mindeporte
16	23 Walt Bowlin	1:16.335	84.889	17	4.777	0.345	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery
17	72 Larry Pegram	1:18.304	82.754	12	6.746	1.969	Foremost Insurance / Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery
18	26 J�rimy Daniel	1:20.792	80.206	2	9.234	2.488	FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams



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