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CONNOR DE PHILLIPPI QUICKEST IN FINAL STAR MAZDA PRACTICE SESSION AT THE MILWAUKEE MILE – SINGLE-CAR QUALIFYING BEGINS AT 3PM TODAY

The Milwaukee Mile (June 18, 2011) – Connor De Phillippi, winner of two Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear races so far this season – including the Night Before the 500 at the Lucas Oil



Raceway oval on May 28 – has set the quick time in the final practice session before this afternoon's single car-qualifying. His lap of 27.331 (131.719 mph) in the Team Pelfrey / Justice Brothers Products / Trademark Garage Floors Mazda put him just 33/100ths of a second ahead of Sage Karam, who did a lap of 27.364 (131.560 mph) in the #88 Andretti Autosport / MAZDASPEED / Comfort Revolution Mazda.

Karam, the 2010 USF2000 champion and Mazda Road to Indy scholarship driver now competing in the 2011 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear,

topped the time sheets on Thursday and has been at the sharp end of the time sheets throughout. Nick Andries, who was quickest in practice yesterday, took third spot on the final practice time sheet with a lap of 27.563 (130.610 mph) in his #81 Team Pelfrey / Lithionics Battery / GS610 Brake Fluid / Trademark Garage Floors Mazda. Gustavo Menezes, who was 4th-quick on Thursday but fell back a bit on Friday, again moved up to the 4th slot on the time sheet with a 27.614 (130.369) in his #28 Juncos Racing / Truecar / Safety Park Mazda. As has been the case throughout testing and practice, all the top cars, including the top-10 today, have all been running within one second of each other.

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Gap	Sponsor
1	11 Connor De Phillippi	27.331	131.719	19			Justice Brothers Products / Trademark Garage Floors
2	88 Sage Karam	27.364	131.560	26	0.033	0.033	MAZDASPEED / Comfort Revolution
3	81 Nick Andries	27.563	130.610	37	0.232	0.199	Lithionics Battery / GS610 Brake Fluid / Trademark Garage Floors
4	28 Gustavo Menezes	27.614	130.369	49	0.283	0.051	www.truecar.com / Truecar, Inc.
5	5 Tristan Vautier	27.647	130.213	34	0.316	0.033	Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
6	60 Martin	27.672	130.095	7	0.341	0.025	Bia Comunicaciones / Cable Del Pacifico

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7	7	J.V. Horto	27.678	130.067	46	0.347	0.006	Programa LeiLoes
8	10	Tatiana Calderon	27.690	130.011	34	0.359	0.012	JAC Motors
9	20	Carlos Linares	27.905	129.009	11	0.574	0.215	Mindeporte
10	39	Joao Jardim	28.203	127.646	11	0.872	0.298	
11	26	Jérimy Daniel	28.507	126.285	8	1.176	0.304	FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams
12	27	Nick Mancuso	28.692	125.471	7	1.361	0.185	Jimmy Johns Sandwiches /Indeck / Lake Forest Sportscars

On-track action for the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear at the IndyCar225 at the Milwaukee Mile continues with single-car this afternoon from 3:00 – 3:40 pm Saturday, June 18. The one-hour Round 4 of the 2011 Star Mazda Championship will take the green flag at 11am, Sunday, June 19

About Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear

For 2011, the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will be a major part of the Mazda Road to Indy and will feature a 10-weekend, 11-race schedule, all on major race weekends and most with IndyCar. Two weekends are with the American Le Mans series, and one is a double-header with Indy Lights. 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 2012 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.

For more information on the Star Mazda Championship and its drivers, as well as the Mazda Motorsports ladder system, please visit www.starmazda.com and www.mazdausa.com. For information, interviews and photos, please contact Star Mazda Communications Director Peter Frey at (818) 398-5733 or StarMazdaPR@aol.com.

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