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NICK ANDRIES TOPS FIRST OFFICIAL PRACTICE OF WEEKEND AT MILWAUKEE MILE

The Milwaukee Mile (June 17, 2011) – After setting the fifth fastest time in Thursday’s unofficial test session, Nick Andries, of St. Petersburg, Florida, made some overnight adjustments and posted the fastest time in the first official practice session on the Milwaukee Mile for Round Four of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. Driving the #81 Team Pelfrey / Lithionics Battery / Trademark Garage Floors Mazda, Andries posted a time of 27.574 to earn the top spot in the lone session of the day as part of the IZOD IndyCar Series Milwaukee 225 race weekend.

The competition looks to be intense this weekend as Brazilian JV Horto, in the #7 Programa Leiloes / Juncos Racing Mazda was only four-thousandths of a second off the pace set by Andries, followed by series rookie Sage Karam in the #88 MAZDASPEED / Comfort Revolution / Andretti Autosport Mazda who posted a time just fifteen-thousandths off of the lead after lapping within sight of the track record on Thursday.



“I’ve got to thank Team Pelfrey and Dale Pelfrey for putting this operation together and for all their hard work. The guys did a good job of not getting flustered yesterday when we were not where we wanted to be but we came back strong today working as a team,” Andries explained. “At the end of the day yesterday we watched a lot of video from the session and my engineer made a series of little changes to get the car where it was this morning but we still have a bit of work to do to keep getting better.”

The 45-minute session was held under sunny skies and mild temperatures with a single red flag period after Nick Mancuso made contact with the wall at the exit of turn four and damaged the rear suspension of his #27 Jimmy Johns / JDC MotorSport Mazda.

The Star Mazda Championship drivers return to track for two sessions on Saturday, with a forty minute final practice session scheduled to get underway at 11:00 AM Central time, followed by single car qualifying at 3:00 PM. Round Four of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear is slated to take the green flag at 11:00 AM Central Time on 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



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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 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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Round Four
Milwaukee Mile
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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Official Practice #1

Pos	No.	Name	Best Tm	Speed	Diff	Sponsor
1	81	Nick Andries	27.574	130.558		Lithionics Battery / GS610 Brake Fluid / Trademark Garage Floors
2	7	J.V. Horto	27.578	130.539	0.004	Programa LeiLoes
3	88	Sage Karam	27.589	130.487	0.015	MAZDASPEED / Comfort Revolution
4	60	Martin Scuncio	27.689	130.016	0.115	Bia Comunicaciones / Cable Del Pacifico
5	5	Tristan Vautier	27.722	129.861	0.148	Cecibon, Circuit du Laquais, Fontanel
6	11	Connor De Phillippi	27.738	129.786	0.164	Justice Brothers Products / Trademark Garage Floors
7	28	Gustavo Menezes	27.81	129.45	0.236	www.truecar.com / Truecar, Inc.
8	10	Tatiana Calderon	27.984	128.645	0.41	JAC Motors
9	27	Nick Mancuso	28.158	127.85	0.584	Jimmy Johns Sandwiches /Indeck / Lake Forest Sportscars
10	20	Carlos Linares	28.276	127.316	0.702	Mindeporte
11	39	Joao Jardim	28.4	126.761	0.826	
12	26	Jérimy Daniel	28.537	126.152	0.963	FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams



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