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## **2011 Star Mazda Championship Drivers at the Grand Prix of Baltimore – Capsule Bios**

### ***Nick Andries / St. Petersburg, FL / #81 Team Pelfrey/ Lithionics Battery / GS610 Brake Fluid / Trademark Garage Floors***

*He is currently third in the championship with six podium finishes, two fastest race laps and one start from the pole. He finished 3rd in the previous race at the Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma.*

Nick Andries is in his second season of Star Mazda Championship competition, and driving for the new, Clearwater, FL-based Team Pelfrey (formerly a competitive IndyCar team in 1998-2001 and now fielding a 2-car Star Mazda team). He scored four top-10 finishes in a partial 2010 season, during which he also competed full-time in the Skip Barber Pro Series. He was the 2009 winner of Skip Barber Karting Shootout and Skip Barber Summer Series Champion, Both an honor student and captain of the wrestling team at Pinellas Park High School until he graduated last June, Andries is currently a student at St. Petersburg College with a major in mechanical engineering. He was born November 19, 1990 and lives in St. Petersburg.

### ***Walt Bowlin / Master Series / Tarpon Springs, Florida / #23 AIM Autosport / Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery***

*He is currently 2nd in the Expert Series championship for drivers 30 and older with one in-class win in round 6 at Mosport. He finished 13th overall and 3rd in class in the last race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma.*

Walt Bowlin, an oral surgeon with a doctorate from Loyola, is a returning competitor in the Star Mazda Championship Expert Series for drivers 30 and older. He ran eight races in 2009, and six events in 2010. This will be his 6th race of the 2011 season. His hobbies include race cars, golf and motorcycles. His racing heroes are Mario Andretti and Michael Schumacher. He was born January 23, 1963 in Richmond, Kentucky and lives in Tarpon Springs, Florida.



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**Tatiana (Ta-ti-ana) Calderon / Bogota, Colombia / #10 Juncos Racing / JAC Motors Colombia**

*She is 7th in the championship with two podium finishes and seven top-10s. She finished 5th in the previous race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma.*

International karting champion Tatiana Calderon is in her second season of Star Mazda Championship competition in 2011 and scored her first-ever podium finish in Round 2 at Barber Motorsports Park. Now 17 years old she competed with Juncos Racing in karting five years ago and re-united with the team for the 2010 Star Mazda season where she scored six top-10 finishes and tied for 10th in the championship (with JDC Motorsports driver Chris Miller). Her resume includes substantial karting credentials and she made racing history as the first female competitor to win the Snap-on Stars of Karting Divisional Championship when she took home the JICA Eastern Division title in 2008. She is a student, fluent in Spanish, English and German and her goal is to become an F1 driver. She was born March 10, 1993 in Bogota, Colombia.

**Jérimy Daniel / Châteauguay, Quebec / #26 FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams**

*Despite having missed three races in the middle of the season, he is 10th in the championship with four top-10 finishes. His last race was the street circuit at Trois-Rivières, where he finished 10th.*

Jérimy Daniel, born on August 10, 1993 in Châteauguay, Quebec, started racing at age 5 -- and now, at the tender age of 18, is a 13-year veteran of karting and open-wheel racing in Quebec. He was chosen as one of the Stars of Karting finalists in 2006, and in 2007 was the runner-up in the Eastern Quebec karting championship. He graduated to open-wheel cars in 2008 in the Quebec F1600 series and in 2009 was the Rookie of the year in Formula Ford with one win and five podium finishes. He moved up to professional open-wheel racing in 2011 with the Star Mazda Championship, driving for the Daniel family team, called The Racing Company. The Racing Company is a Quebec-based, family owned and run team formed in 2010 to campaign Jérimy Daniel and the #26 FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams Mazda in the 2011 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. Jocelyn Denoncourt (father) and Josée Denoncourt (mother) have been working in the collision repair industry for more than 30 years and own two Fix Auto body shops on the south shore of Montreal/Quebec. They opened the first branch of Fix Auto in the collision repair Industry 18 years ago. Jocelyn does all the planning and supervision of the mechanical side of The Racing Company while Josée handles administration, registration, logistics and trip planning as well as coordinating Jérimy's school and racing schedule.



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**Connor De Phillippi (Fa-lip-e) / San Clemente, CA / #11 Team Pelfrey / Justice Brothers Products / Trademark Garage Floors**

*He is 2nd in the championship and the only three-race winner so far this season, including St. Petersburg, the Night Before the 500 at the Lucas Oil Raceway oval and the GP3R at Trois-Rivieres. He finished 2nd in the last race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma.*

This is De Phillippi's second season in the Star Mazda Championship; he drives for the newly-revived Team Pelfrey, a Clearwater, FL-based team that was competitive in the IZOD IndyCar series from 1998 – 2001 and is now fielding a 2-car team in the 2011 Star Mazda Championship. His teammate is St. Pete native Nick Andries. De Phillippi was the 2009 Skip Barber Pro Series champion and raced in Star Mazda in 2010 with scholarship backing from the **MAZDASPEED** Motorsports Driver Development Ladder. He won the final race of the season from the pole, scored three podium finishes as well as eight top-5s and finished 3rd overall in the championship. He also won the 'Rookie of the Year' title. He began his career with karting in 2001, switched to open-wheel racing in 2007 and won the Skip Barber Scholarship Shootout in 2008. 2009 saw him add another accomplishment to his resume; the prestigious Walter Hayes Memorial Race, where he is the youngest driver and only the second American to win this race. He was born on December 25, 1992 in Temecula, California and currently lives in San Clemente, California.

**Joao (Jo-aw) Victor (JV) Horto / Londrina, Brazil / #7 Juncos Racing / Programa Leilões**

*He is 4th in the championship having scored his first Star Mazda career win in Round 6 at Mosport. He also has three podium finishes and six top-5s. He finished 6th in the last race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma.*

This will be Joao Victor Horto's second season in the Star Mazda Championship, and his first with the championship-winning Juncos Racing team where he will be part of a four-driver squad. 2010 was his second-ever season of open-wheel racing; after winning Brazilian karting championships in 2004, 2006 and 2007, he completed one Formula Ford test in Brazil prior to jumping into the Formula BMW Americas series in 2008. Moving up to the Star Mazda Championship in 2010, he scored four podium finishes, five top-5 finishes and nine top-10 finishes to finish 7th overall in the championship. He was born in Londrina, Brazil in 1990.



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**João (Jo-aow) Jardim (Har-deem) / Sorocaba, Brazil / #39 JDC Motorsports / Shopping M**

*He missed the first two races of the season, joining the Star Mazda Championship full-time in Round 3 at the Night Before the 500 at Lucas Oil Raceway. He is 9th in the championship with five top-8 finishes. He finished 7th in the last race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma.*

Brazilian driver João Jardim began racing karts in 2007 and was twice runner-up in the most important shifter kart championship in his home country - the Brazilian National. In 2010, he made his debut in cars, competing in the Brazilian Formula Future series where he finished 3th with 1 pole position and two wins. In 2011 he raced a Formula 3 car on the F3 Brazil Open and finished 6th in his rookie race. Also in 2011 he tested four times with the European Formula Renault 2000 series before making the move to the U.S. and the Star Mazda Championship. His goal is to compete in the Mazda Road to Indy and to become a professional driver in USA.

**Sage Karam / Nazareth, PA / #88 Andretti Autosport / Comfort Revolution**

*He is 5th in the championship with two wins, two pole positions and six top-5 finishes. He finished 4th in the last race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma.*

Sage Karam, who will turn 16 just before the beginning of the 2011 Star Mazda Championship season and is the youngest driver in the series, won the 2010 USF2000 National Championship with Andretti Autosport. He has previously competed in various karting series, eventually becoming a 35-time World Karting Association and IRL Stars of Karting National champion. At the age of 13, Karam was the youngest driver to win the annual Skip Barber Karting Scholarship Shoot-out. In addition, he was the only American driver to compete in both a national karting championship and an open-wheel professional series fulltime in 2009. His interests include iRacing, dirtbikes, quads, fitness, going to movies, video games and listening to music. He is also involved in 'Operation Smile,' a children's charity that has been treating facial deformities such as cleft lips and cleft palates all around the world since 1982. He was born March 5, 1995 in Nazareth, PA.



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***Carlos Linares / Maracaibo, Venezuela / #20 Linares Racing / Mindeportes***

*He is 8th in the championship having finished every race but two in the top-10. His best finish so far was 5th in Round 2 at Barber Motorsports Park. He finished 11h in the last race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma.*

This will be the second season of Star Mazda competition for Carlos Linares; he scored one top-10 finish in 2010, as well as ten top-15s, and was 13th in the championship. He drives for Linares Racing, owned by his father, Gustavo Linares; this is the first-even Venezuelan-owned team in the Star Mazda Championship. Linares has been karting since age 7 and competed two seasons in the Venezuelan FF1600 series before winning the championship in 2009 with a record of two victories and seven podium finishes. He has also tested with the Campos Racing F3 team in Spain. He was born on June 20, 1992 in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

***Gustavo Menezes (Men-zees) / Coto de Caza, California / #28 Juncos Racing / Truecar / Clearbook / SafetyPark / Oakley/ K1speed / K1racegear / Performance Physixx / CXC Simulations / Fitness Concepts***

*He is 6th in the championship with one podium and has finished every race of the season in the top-8. He finished 8th in the last race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma.*

16-year-old Gustavo Menezes is the youngest member of the 4-car Juncos Racing team.... And the second-youngest driver in the series after Sage Karam. The American started his racing career at age six and became the California State Champion in go-karts that same year. At age 11, Menezes became the youngest driver to win a JICA Snap-On Stars of Karting race. The following year, he headed overseas to race karts in Europe—while still maintaining a U.S. racing schedule. In 2009, he was awarded the Jim Russell Future Driver Award and 2010 saw his first-ever test in an open-wheel car. Menezes is a factory driver for the famous Italian-based Tony Kart, where past drivers have includes the likes of F1 veteran Jarno Trulli, current F1 world champion Sebastian Vettel, and 7-time F1 world champion Michael Schumacher. Thanks to his worldwide competition schedule, he is fluent in several languages, including Portuguese, Spanish, Italian and English. He was born September 19, 1994 and lives in Coto de Caza, California.



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***Larry Pegram / Expert Series / Columbus, Ohio / #72 AIM Autosport / Foremost Insurance Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery***

*He has only run four races so far this year, scoring three in-class wins – including the last race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma; he is third in the Expert Series championship and 16th in the overall series championship with three top-10 finishes overall.*

Larry Pegram is one of the top motorcycle racers in North America (currently 5th in the AMA Pro American SuperBike championship with eleven top-6 finishes). He was brought into the series by his friendship with fellow Expert Series driver Walt Bowlin. Earlier this year, Pegram, his family and his motorcycle racing team were the focus of a 6-episode reality show on Discovery HD Theater called "Superbike Family." He was born September 5, 1973 in Columbus, Ohio and currently lives in Baltimore, Ohio.

***J. W. Roberts / Expert Series / Dallas, Texas / #65 Team GDT / General Data Tech***

*He leads the Expert Series championship with four in-class wins... and is 14th in the overall series championship with two top-10 finishes in six races. He finished 12th overall in the last race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma and 2nd in the Expert Series.*

Texan J W Roberts is both team owner and driver at Team GDT where he scored nine in-class victories and won the 2010 Expert Series Championship for drivers 30-44 years old (Note: for 2011, the Expert Series for drivers 30-44 and Master Series for drivers 45 and older have been combined into a single Expert Series class). Roberts is a veteran Formula Mazda racer in the Southwest Region where he was Rookie of the Year in 2005; he has competed on the national scene in the Star Mazda Championship Expert Series for the past three years, finishing second in 2008 and fourth in 2009 when he ran only three events, scoring one in-class victory. He plans a more comprehensive campaign in 2010. When not racing, he is the CEO of General Data Tech, a top computer company in the Southwest. He was born March 10, 1965 in Dallas, Texas.



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**Tristan Vautier (Vo-tee-a) / Cornec, France / #5 JDC Motorsports / Circuit du Laquais / Cecibon / Moulin TP / Club des Partenaires**

*He leads the Star Mazda championship battle, and has led it since his first victory in Round 2 at Barber Motorsports Park. He has three wins and four pole positions – including his win from the pole in the last race at Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma. He has finished every race in the top-5.*

This will be Tristan Vautier's second season of Star Mazda Championship competition; in 2010, driving for another team, he won two races, including the season-opener at Sebring, scored three podiums, five top-5 finishes, ten top-10s and finished 5th in the championship. He came to the Star Mazda Championship with experience in the FIA Formula Two Championship and Formula Palmer Audi where he finished 4th in the 2009 championship. In 2008, he was the runner-up in the French Championship in Formula Renault 2.0 and in 2007 he placed fifth in the Formula Renault 2.0 Championship. He is a college student, fluent in French and English and enjoys all types of sports, especially fitness training, racing cycles and mountain bikes, running and cross-country skiing. He was born August 22, 1989 in Saint-Martin-d'Hères, Isère, France and currently lives in Grenoble, France and Bradenton, Florida.



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