



**SPENCER PIGOT TOPS THE STAR MAZDA SESSION 1 TIME SHEET  
AT THE 2013 MAZDA ROAD TO INDY PRE-SEASON TEST**

Indianapolis Motor Speedway / October 10, 2012 – With ten young hotshoes from around the world all seeking to impress prospective teams for next season, it was USF2000 standout Spencer Pigot who topped the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear time sheets in the series' first on-track session at the second annual Chris Griffis Memorial Mazda Road to Indy Open Test on the IMS F1 circuit.



Driving for Team Pelfrey, the 2012 Star Mazda championship-winning team that also fielded Pigot's USF2000 effort, he turned a lap of 1.27.405, just 2/10th ahead of second-quick runner Shelby Blackstock, who turned a 1.27.598 in the Andretti Autosports car raced this season by Zach Veach. Rounding out the top-3 was South American pilot Renan Guerra, who drove Connor De Philippi's Juncos Racing car to a lap of 1.28:518.

"What a great learning experience, and to turn the quickest time with so much international talent at the test is a real confidence-booster, since I hope to race in Star Mazda next season," said Pigot, who won eight USF2000 races this season and finished 2nd in the championship. "I ran here in my USF2000 car during this test last year, so I know the track but this is my first time in a Star Mazda car. It's obviously quite a bit quicker, with more aerodynamics, better brakes and a sequential shifter, so it took a bit of getting used to. But one of the great things about a team that runs in several series like Pelfrey is that I know all the members of the team quite well already, so I was able to get comfortable fairly quickly and get down to the business of working with the team and putting in a good lap."

Pos	PIC No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Gap
1	1	81 Spencer Pigot	1:27.405	103.546	21		
2	2	77 Shelby Blackstock	1:27.598	103.317	23	0.193	0.193
3	3	2 Renan Guerra	1:28.518	102.244	20	1.113	0.920
4	4	97 Juan Camillo Acosta	1:29.031	101.654	25	1.626	0.513
5	5	83 Luca Orlandi	1:29.477	101.148	27	2.072	0.446
6	6	16 Jose Carlos Sandoval	1:30.450	100.060	27	3.045	0.973
7	7	33 Francisco Cerullo	1:30.497	100.008	21	3.092	0.047
8	8	53 Andres Mendez	1:30.517	99.986	26	3.112	0.020
9	9	22 Julia Vallario	1:33.278	97.026	22	5.873	2.761
10	10	82 Chris Yano	1:33.533	96.762	19	6.128	0.255
11	11	48 Patrick Linn	1:34.486	95.786	23	7.081	0.953

Star Mazda on-track activities continue with an afternoon session from 2:30-3:45 pm. And there will be two sessions tomorrow, 10:15-11:15 am and 2:30-3:45pm. Live timing is available at:

<http://starmazda.com/timing/>

