



**MASTER OF THE SEE-SAW – IN A BACK-AND-FORTH BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY ON DAY 1 OF THE STAR MAZDA ROAD TO INDY PRE-SEASON TEST, SPENCER PIGOT TOPS THE TIME SHEET**

Indianapolis Motor Speedway / October 10, 2012 – In a back-and-forth battle that saw first Spencer Pigot, then Shelby Blackstock – and then the other way around – turning the quick time in the second session of



today's Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear testing at IMS, it was ultimately Pigot who turned the quick lap of 1:25.603 of the day in his Team Pelfrey machine. Not only was he the quickest driver on the track, by slightly less than half a second, but he was the only driver to break into the 25s, and wound up just 2/10ths off the unofficial Star Mazda lap record of 1.25.431 turned by 2012 Star Mazda champion Jack Hawksworth on day two of last year's Chris Griffis Memorial Mazda Road to Indy Open Test on the

IMS F1 circuit.

Hot on his heels, as he was in the morning session, was Shelby Blackstock, driving for Andretti Autosport, who held the top spot several times during the session, but ultimately came second with a 1:26.062. The surprise of the session was Kyle Kaiser, who made his Star Mazda debut two weeks ago at Mazda Raceway driving for World Speed Motorsports. His transponder was not working during the first session so he posted no official times, though he was in the top half of the field. In the afternoon, he turned up the wick and put in the third-fast time of 1:26.293.

Pos	PIC No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap	Diff	Gap
1	1	81 Spencer Pigot	1:25.603	105.725	25		
2	2	77 Shelby Blackstock	1:26.062	105.161	27	0.459	0.459
3	3	18 Kyle Kaiser	1:26.293	104.880	30	0.690	0.231
4	4	2 Renan Guerra	1:26.423	104.722	34	0.820	0.130
5	5	97 Juan Camillo Acosta	1:26.812	104.253	28	1.209	0.389
6	6	33 Francisco Cerullo	1:27.360	103.599	13	1.757	0.548
7	7	83 Luca Orlandi	1:27.489	103.446	32	1.886	0.129
8	8	16 Jose Carlos Sandoval	1:27.799	103.081	30	2.196	0.310
9	9	53 Andres Mendez	1:28.164	102.654	31	2.561	0.365
10	10	22 Julia Vallario	1:29.345	101.297	34	3.742	1.181
11	11	82 Chris Yano	1:30.194	100.344	28	4.591	0.849
12	12	48 Patrick Linn	1:31.006	99.448	24	5.403	0.812

Star Mazda on-track activities continue with two sessions tomorrow, 10:15-11:15 am and 2:30-3:45pm.

Live timing is available at: <http://starmazda.com/timing/>

