

HAWKSWORTH WINS SECOND PEAK PERFORMANCE POLE AWARD IN A ROW WITH SPLIT-SECOND EFFORT IN WET STAR MAZDA QUALIFYING FOR RACE 1 AT BARBER – RACE DELAYED DUE TO WEATHER; RACE 1 AND 2 WILL RUN SUNDAY –

Barber Motorsports Park / March 30, 2012 – Englishman Jack Hawksworth, fresh off a win from the pole in Race 2 of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear season



opener at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg last weekend, has won his second PEAK Performance Pole Award in a row with a split-second effort on a soaking wet track here at Barber Motorsports Park.

Driving the #82 Team Pelfrey /

TORGOEN Swiss Watches / EXA Networks Mazda amid a flock of rooster-tails, he took the premium starting spot on the gird — if there can be said to be such a thing under these conditions — by a mere 93/100ths of a second over Martin Scuncio in the #22 Juncos Racing / Pullman Bus Mazda.

"All my racing in Europe has prepared me well for a wet race on a natural-terrain road course, but the key is going to be staying out of trouble," said Hawksworth, currently the Star Mazda Championship points leader. "It was a bit of a muddle heading into qualifying with the track announcer talking about severe storms on the way, but you just have to put that out of your head and get on with the job. There are a couple of adjustments we'll make for a wet race, but all in all we're feeling confident."

Due to ongoing rain showers and lightning in the area, all activities at Barber Motorsports Park were canceled for the remainder of the day. Star Mazda Race 1 is now scheduled to take the green light for the series' traditional – and always exciting – F1-style standing start at 10:20 am Sunday, April 1. Race 2 will take place after the end of the IndyCar race, with the start scheduled for approximately 4:45 pm.

Star Mazda races will be broadcast on Velocity TV and ESPN International; for air dates and times, go to www.StarMazda.com and click the Star Mazda TV icon.

Pos N	lo. Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Dir	ff Sponsor
1	82 Jack Hawksworth	1:29.729	92.278	9	TORGOEN Swiss Watches/ EXA Networks
2	22 Martin Scuncio	1:29.822	92.182	10 0.09	93 Pullman Bus
3	88 Sage Karam	1:29.999	92.001	5 0.2	70 Comfort Revolution
4	2 Connor De Philippi	1:30.050	91.949	8 0.3	21 ModSpace Racing / One24
5	19 Gabby Chaves	1:30.210	91.786	7 0.48	81 OMP
6	81 Petri Suvanto	1:30.365	91.628	3 0.63	36 Mazda Road to Indy / RKM Building
7	77 Zach Veach	1:30.719	91.271	8 0.99	90 Zakosi Data Backup / ADS IT Solutions
8	15 Bruno Palli	1:31.028	90.961	10 1.29	99 Team Viso Venezuela
9	9 Juan Piedrahita	1:31.224	90.766	11 1.49	95 Petrosur / GFK Motors
10	83 Gustavo Menezes	1:31.547	90.445	7 1.8	18 TrueCar.com
11	66 Zack Meyer	1:31.471	90.520	12 1.7	42 Partners III
12	93 Stefan Rzadzinski	1:31.595	90.398	10 1.80	66 PoweredbyAlberta.com
13	57 Diego Ferreira	1:31.872	90.125	10 2.14	43 Team Viso Venezuela
14	91 Ashley Freiberg	1:32.226	89.779	3 2.49	97 TRUECar.com
15	10 Jerimy Daniel	1:34.002	88.083	9 4.2	73 FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams
16	72 Larry Pegram	1:34.506	87.613	9 4.7	77 Foremost Insurance
17	20 Carlos Linares	1:35.485	86.715	7 5.7	56 Mindeporte
18	21 Camilo Schmidt	1:36.091	86.168	7 6.30	62 Mindeporte
19	23 Walt Bowlin	1:36.703	85.623	10 6.9	74 Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery
20	53 Andre Mendez	1:38.738	83.858	7 9.00	09 GrupoKriterion.com / DataFile.com.co