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ZACH VEACH TOPS THE TIME SHEET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN STAR MAZDA PRACTICE 1 AT INDY TORONTO

Toronto, Canada / July 6, 2012 – Rookie Zach Veach, driving the #77 Andretti Autosport / K12 / Zakosi Data Backup Mazda, set the quick time in Star Mazda Practice 1 for this weekend's Indy Toronto with a lap of 1:10.584. This is Veach's first trip to the top of the time sheets this season, though he has a podium finish at the Night Before the 500 on the Lucas Oil Raceway oval and is 9th in the points.



"The ovals were pretty good to us, but I'm happy to be back on a street circuit, particularly this one," says native of Stockdale, Ohio who is still in high school. "Most street circuits, like St. Pete and Baltimore are pretty much stop-and-go, but his course flows more; I think it suits my driving style better and I'm looking forward to a good result here."

Second on the time sheet was Veach's Andretti Autosport teammate, Sage Karam, winner of the last Star Mazda event on the Iowa Speedway oval, with a lap of 1:10.616 in the #88 Andretti Autosport / Comfort Revolution Mazda. Third was Petri Suvanto, the 2011 USF2000 champion who is racing in Star Mazda this season with scholarship funding from the Mazda Road to Indy; he turned a lap of 1:10.718 in the #81 Team Pelfrey / Mazda Road to Indy Mazda.

Rounding out the top-5 were Martin Scuncio, third in points and winner of Race 2 at Barber Motorsports Park; he turned a lap of 1:10.962 in the #22 Juncos Racing / Pullman Bus Mazda. Fifth was current championship points leader Connor De Phillippi with a lap of 1:11.088 in the #2 Juncos Racing / ModSpace Racing / One24 Mazda.

Returning to the 2.84-kilometer, 11-turn street circuit for the first time since 2007 – a race won by Dane Cameron, who went on to win the series championship – the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear heads into a run of three straight Canadian street races – beginning with this weekend's Toronto Indy.

This weekend's 5th weekend of the 2012 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will include rounds 7 & 8 of a 10-weekend, 17-race 2012 schedule that includes a well-rounded menu of ovals, street circuits and natural-terrain road courses. Most, such as the Indy Toronto, are with IndyCar and most are double-headers with two races per weekend and the quickest lap of each car in Race 1 setting the grid for Race 2. Star Mazda uses standing starts on street circuits and road courses. This is the first of three



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Canadian races in a row, followed by Indy Edmonton on July 21 – 22, and then by the legendary GP3R Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres, August 3 – 4, where Star Mazda will share the stage with Indy Lights.

On-track Star Mazda action continues with a second 30-minute practice session from 1:05 – 1:35 pm this afternoon. Star Mazda drivers from eight different countries and three continents will qualify for Race 1 from 8 – 8:30 am Saturday, July 7, with Race 1 scheduled for 12:10 – 12:50 pm Saturday afternoon. Star Mazda Race 2 will take place 9:50 – 10:30 am, Sunday, July 8.

Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	In Lap	Diff	Gap	Sponsor	Hometown	Team	Laps
1	77 Zach Veach	1:10.584	17			K12.com / Zakosi Data Backup	Stockdale, OH	Andretti	21
2	88 Sage Karam	1:10.616	18	0.032	0.032	Comfort Revolution	Nazareth, PA	Andretti	21
3	81 Petri Suvanto	1:10.718	20	0.134	0.102	Mazda Road to Indy	Nurmo, Finland	Pelfrey	20
4	22 Martin Scuncio	1:10.962	18	0.378	0.244	Pullman Bus	Bahia Blanca, Argentina	Juncos Racing	21
5	2 Connor De Phillippi	1:11.088	21	0.504	0.126	ModSpace Racing / One24	San Clemente, CA	Juncos Racing	21
6	39 Cory Lewis	1:11.121	21	0.537	0.033	Monticello Motor Club / Bell Helmets	Nazareth, PA	GDT	21
7	19 Gabby Chaves	1:11.396	20	0.812	0.275	Comcel/ Telmex/ Marca Colombia	Bogota, Colombia	JDC Motorsports	21
8	15 Bruno Palli	1:11.461	20	0.877	0.065	Team Viso Venezuela	Maracay, Venezuela	Juncos Racing	21
9	9 Juan Piedrahita	1:11.566	15	0.982	0.105	Petrosur / GFK Motors	Mexico City, Mexico	JDC Motorsports	18
10	83 Gustavo Menezes	1:11.609	16	1.025	0.043	TrueCar.com	Coto de Caza, CA	Pelfrey	17
11	82 Jack Hawksworth	1:11.670	8	1.086	0.061	TORGOEN Swiss Watches/ EXA Networks	West Yorkshire, England	Pelfrey	9
12	93 Stefan Rzadzinski	1:11.821	17	1.237	0.151	PoweredbyAlberta.com	Edmonton, Canada	JDC Motorsports	18
13	57 Diego Ferreira	1:11.952	15	1.368	0.131	Team Viso Venezuela	Maracay, Venezuela	Juncos Racing	21
14	91 Ashley Freiberg	1:12.175	17	1.591	0.223	TRUECar.com	Homer Glen, IL	JDC Motorsports	19
15	66 Zack Meyer	1:12.485	18	1.901	0.310	Partners III	Toronto, Canada	Aim Autosport	19
16	10 Jerimy Daniel	1:13.146	16	2.562	0.661	FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams	Chateauguay, Quebec	TRC	19
17	33 Ryan Tveter	1:13.331	16	2.747	0.185	Rogers TV / Motorola Mobility Canada	Oyster Bay, NY	Team GDT	19
18	21 Camilo Schmidt	1:14.092	15	3.508	0.761		Merida, Venezuela	Linares Racing	18
19	53 Andre Mendez	1:14.534	18	3.950	0.442	GrupoKriterion.com / DataFile.com.co	Bogota, Colombia	Team GDT	19
20	23 Walt Bowlin	1:16.197	17	5.613	1.663	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery	Tarpon Springs, FL	Aim Autosport	19

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Star Mazda Championship cars all carry two Replay XD1080 cameras to provide exciting driver POV footage for races that are broadcast tape-delayed on Discovery's Velocity Channel and globally on ESPN International. In the U.S., the race will air on Velocity at 12 Noon, Saturday, August 4. For international dates and times, please visit www.StarMazda.com and click the Star Mazda TV logo on the home page; or go to <http://intltv.espn.com/>.

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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