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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH – SHOWING THE SAME FORM THAT LET HIM DOMINATE AT IOWA SPEEDWAY TWO WEEKS AGO, SAGE KARAM SETS QUICK TIME IN STAR MAZDA PRACTICE 2 AT TORONTO

Toronto, Canada / July 6, 2012 – Sage Karam, the 2011 Star Mazda Rookie of the Year and race winner on the Iowa Speedway oval two weeks ago, showed that same dominant form in today's final Star Mazda

practice session at the Toronto Indy. His lap of 1:08.793 in the #88 Andretti Autosport / Comfort Revolution Mazda was 4/10ths clear of second-quick Petri Suvanto and just 4/100ths shy of the lap record of 1:08.755 set by Dane Cameron in 2007, the last year that Star Mazda raced in the streets of Toronto.



"The track picked up a lot of grip since this morning, but between the bumps and the heat this afternoon, I think this is the most physically demanding track we've raced on," said the Nazareth, PA native. "I wrestle at my high school when I'm not racing and think that kind of conditioning is ideal for these circumstances. If the track stays as good as it is, when we qualify in the cooler morning hours tomorrow, I think there's probably half a second left in the car and

the track... and the Andretti team is doing everything they can to help me find it."

Petri Suvanto, the Finnish racer who won the 2011 USF2000 championship and is racing in Star Mazda this season with scholarship funding from the Mazda Road to Indy, was second-quick with a lap of 1:09.201 in his #81 Team Pelfrey / Mazda Road to Indy Mazda. Karam's Andretti Autosport teammate, Zach Veach, who was quickest in this morning's session, again showed speed with a 3rd-quick lap of 1:09.286. Rounding out the top-5 were English racer Jack Hawksworth, currently second in the championship battle, with a lap of 1:09.336 in the #82 Team Pelfrey / TORGOEN Swiss Watches / EXA Networks Mazda, and Gabby Chaves, turning a 1:09.639 in the #19 JDC Motorsports / COMCEL / Marca Pais / Coldeportes Mazda. Home-town racer Zack Meyer was 12th-fast with a lap of 1:10.618 in his #66 AIM Autosport / Damis Partners III 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 event 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



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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 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.

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	Sponsor	Hometown	Team	Laps
1	88 Sage Karam	1:08.793	12		Comfort Revolution	Nazareth, PA	Andretti	15
2	81 Petri Suvanto	1:09.201	6	0.408	Mazda Road to Indy	Nurmo, Finland	Pelfrey	14
3	77 Zach Veach	1:09.286	11	0.493	K12.com / Zakosi Data Backup	Stockdale, OH	Andretti	17
4	82 Jack Hawksworth	1:09.336	5	0.543	TORGOEN Swiss Watches/ EXA Networks	West Yorkshire, England	Pelfrey	14
5	19 Gabby Chaves	1:09.639	8	0.846	Comcel/ Telmex/ Marca Colombia	Bogota, Colombia	JDC Motorsports	11
6	22 Martin Scuncio	1:09.766	12	0.973	Pullman Bus	Bahia Blanca, Argentina	Juncos Racing	12
7	2 Connor De Phillippi	1:09.897	4	1.104	ModSpace Racing / One24	San Clemente, CA	Juncos Racing	14
8	39 Cory Lewis	1:10.064	8	1.271	Monticello Motor Club / Bell Helmets	Nazareth, PA	GDT	14
9	9 Juan Piedrahita	1:10.094	12	1.301	Petrosur / GFK Motors	Mexico City, Mexico	JDC Motorsports	15
10	93 Stefan Rzadzinski	1:10.471	5	1.678	PoweredbyAlberta.com	Edmonton, Canada	JDC Motorsports	11
11	15 Bruno Palli	1:10.581	3	1.788	Team Viso Venezuela	Maracay, Venezuela	Juncos Racing	12
12	66 Zack Meyer	1:10.618	12	1.825	Partners III	Toronto, Canada	Aim Autosport	16
13	91 Ashley Freiberg	1:10.670	10	1.877	TRUECar.com	Homer Glen, IL	JDC Motorsports	13
14	57 Diego Ferreira	1:10.828	5	2.035	Team Viso Venezuela	Maracay, Venezuela	Juncos Racing	5
15	53 Andre Mendez	1:10.857	11	2.064	GrupoKriterion.com / DataFile.com.co	Bogota, Colombia	Team GDT	15
16	33 Ryan Tveter	1:11.488	4	2.695	Rogers TV / Motorola Mobility Canada	Oyster Bay, NY	Team GDT	6
17	21 Camilo Schmidt	1:11.652	10	2.859		Merida, Venezuela	Linares Racing	15
18	10 Jerimy Daniel	1:11.735	7	2.942	FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams	Chateauguy, Quebec	TRC	15
19	83 Gustavo Menezes	1:14.007	1	5.214	TrueCar.com	Coto de Caza, CA	Pelfrey	2
20	23 Walt Bowlin	1:14.813	4	6.020	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery	Tarpon Springs, FL	Aim Autosport	13
21	20 Carlos Linares		0		Mindeporte	Caracas, Venezuela	Linares Racing	





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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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