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WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MOTHER NATURE, JACK HAWKSWORTH CLAIMS HIS FOURTH PEAK PERFORMANCE POLE OF THE STAR MAZDA SEASON FOR SATURDAY'S RACE 1 AT THE TORONTO INDY

Toronto, Canada / July 7, 2012 – With a little help from Mother Nature, and a record-setting hot lap, Team Pelfrey driver Jack Hawksworth and his #82 Team Pelfrey / TORGOEN Swiss Watches / EXA Networks Mazda took their fourth PEAK Performance Pole Award of the season this morning's qualifying in Race 1 of



the Star Mazda double-header at this weekend's Indy Toronto. Starting on the outside of the front row will be Sage Karam, winner on the Iowa Speedway oval two weeks ago in the #88 Andretti Autosport / Comfort Revolution Mazda. Hawksworth has won two races so far this season and is second in the championship. Karam, fourth in the championship, has won three races in his two seasons of Star Mazda competition (including two Milwaukee and Iowa in 2011), but has yet to win on a road course.

Filling out the second row will be Karam's Andretti Autosport teammate Zach Veach in the #77 Andretti Autosport / K12 / Zakosi Data Backup Mazda and Martin Scuncio, second in the championship and winner of Race 2 at Barber Motorsports Park in the #22 Juncos Racing / Pullman Bus Mazda. Fifth on the grid is where it all went sideways during the session; Petri Suvanto in the #81 Team Pelfrey / Mazda Road to Indy Mazda was on a flyer at the halfway point of the half-hour session when his trimmed-car clouted the outside wall on the exit of Turn 11, cleaning off his right-side suspension and producing a huge fireball as oil from the engine ignited on the headers. Then the threatening skies opened up and the rain came down, ending the session. Unhurt and undaunted, Suvanto, the 2011 USF2000 champion who is racing in Star Mazda this season with scholarship funding from the Mazda Road to Indy, will – presuming his crack team can get his ride patched together – start 5th, from the inside of the third row. His fast lap- which would have placed him 4th on the grid, was taken away due to his crash red-flagging the session.

Getting the short end of the wet stick was the current championship points leader Connor De Phillippi. He wasn't exactly puttering around, but the Juncos Team strategy called for letting everyone else set the pace early, then going out and blowing everyone away; unfortunately, at the point when the rain started falling, his #2 Juncos Racing / ModSpace Racing / One24 Mazda was sitting in pit lane; as a result, he will start 15th and faces an uphill battle to score a podium finish.



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"The pole was definitely a bit of a gift, but we had a great car and we're all in the same situation, aren't we," said Hawksworth, whose lap of 1:07.968 thoroughly destroyed the Star Mazda lap record of 1:08.755 set by Dane Cameron in 2007, the last time Star Mazda raced in the Streets of Toronto. "The weather can't seem to make up its mind if the race is going to be wet or dry, but having raced in England all my life, I do well in the wet, so we have a good chance of getting back the points lead whichever way it goes."

Returning to the 2.84-kilometer, 11-turn street circuit for the first time since 2007, 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 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 take the green light for the series spectacular standing start of 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	82 Jack Hawksworth	1:07.968	7		TORGOEN Swiss Watches/ EXA Networks	West Yorkshire, England	Pelfrey	8
2	88 Sage Karam	1:08.379	6	0.411	Comfort Revolution	Nazareth, PA	Andretti	7
3	77 Zach Veach	1:08.789	8	0.821	K12.com / Zakosi Data Backup	Stockdale, OH	Andretti	8
4	22 Martin Scuncio	1:08.872	6	0.904	Pullman Bus	Bahia Blanca, Argentina	Juncos Racing	7
5	81 Petri Suvanto	1:09.265	6	1.297	Mazda Road to Indy	Nurmo, Finland	Pelfrey	6
6	9 Juan Piedrahita	1:09.417	8	1.449	Petrosur / GFK Motors	Mexico City, Mexico	JDC Motorsports	8
7	19 Gabby Chaves	1:09.445	7	1.477	Claro/ Marca Colombia / Tecpro	Bogota, Colombia	JDC Motorsports	8
8	91 Ashley Freiberg	1:09.507	7	1.539	TRUECar.com	Homer Glen, IL	JDC Motorsports	8
9	39 Corey Lewis	1:09.572	8	1.604	Monticello Motor Club / Bell Helmets	Nazareth, PA	GDT	8
10	66 Zack Meyer	1:09.760	8	1.792	Partners III	Toronto, Canada	Aim Autosport	8
11	57 Diego Ferreira	1:09.761	6	1.793	Team Viso Venezuela	Maracay, Venezuela	Juncos Racing	7
12	93 Stefan Rzadzinski	1:09.968	6	2.000	PoweredbyAlberta.com	Edmonton, Canada	JDC Motorsports	8
13	53 Andre Mendez	1:10.432	7	2.464	GrupoKriterion.com / DataFile.com.co	Bogota, Colombia	Team GDT	7





14	10	Jeremy Daniel	1:10.496	8	2.528	FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams	Chateauguay, Quebec	TRC	8
15	2	Connor De Phillippi	1:10.603	3	2.635	ModSpace Racing / One24	San Clemente, CA	Juncos Racing	6
16	21	Camilo Schmidt	1:10.812	8	2.844		Merida, Venezuela	Linares Racing	8
17	83	Gustavo Menezes	1:10.904	6	2.936	TrueCar.com	Coto de Caza, CA	Pelfrey	6
18	15	Bruno Palli	1:10.947	5	2.979	Team Viso Venezuela	Maracay, Venezuela	Juncos Racing	7
19	33	Ryan Tveter	1:10.956	6	2.988	Rogers TV / Motorola Mobility Canada	Oyster Bay, NY	Team GDT	7
20	20	Carlos Linares	1:12.456	4	4.488	Mindeporte	Caracas, Venezuela	Linares Racing	5
21	23	Walt Bowlin	1:16.200	5	8.232	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery	Tarpon Springs, FL	Aim Autosport	5

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://intl.tv.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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