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## THE HAWKSWORTH CONVERSION -- JACK HAWKSWORTH TRANSFORMS HIS FOURTH POLE OF THE SEASON INTO HIS THIRD VICTORY IN STAR MAZDA RACE 1 AT THE TORONTO INDY

Toronto, Canada / July 7, 2012 – Team Pelfrey driver Jack Hawksworth re-asserted his position in the 2012 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear with his third victory from the pole in Race 1 of the Star



Mazda double-header at this weekend's Toronto Indy. Controlling the race from flag to flag – despite a standing start that left two cars stalled on the grid and several race incidents resulting in full-course yellows – Hawksworth brought his #82 Team Pelfrey / TORGOEN Swiss Watches / EXA Networks Mazda home 0.295 second ahead of Zach Veach, who started 3rd in the #77 Andretti Autosport / K12 / Zakosi Data Backup Mazda, and 1.156 seconds ahead of Gabby Chaves, who started

7th in the #19 JDC Motorsports / CLARO / Marca Colombia / Tecpro Mazda. Chaves now has three podium finishes this season and moves up to third in the points; Veach has two podiums, with today's result his best so far.

With former championship points leader Connor De Phillippi falling victim to an ill-timed rainstorm in qualifying that saw him start 15th and a traffic-congested race that saw him finish 7th, Hawksworth regains the lead in the championship battle with 166 points to De Phillippi's 153.

"I was able to control the race and run the pace I wanted, even with all the yellows and re-starts," says Hawksworth, who set the fast lap of the race and thus won his second PEAK Performance pole award of the weekend. "The Pelfrey team did a huge job to get my car back together after my smash on the Iowa oval and there's no doubt I had the fastest car on the track all day. The re-starts were useful in teaching me where people will try to pass when the green waves again, but I'm sure everyone else learned the same lessons and even though I have the advantage of starting from the pole again tomorrow, I'm not taking anything for granted."

Success stories in the race include Juan Piedrahita who started 6th in the #9 JDC Motorsports / Petrosur / GFK Motors Mazda, Diego Ferreria who moved up from 11th on the grid to finish 5th in the #57 Juncos



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Racing / Team Viso Venezuela Mazda and Gustavo Menezes who slashed his way up through the field from 17th to finish 8th in his #83 Team Pelfrey / TrueCar.com / Oakley Mazda. Note should also be taken of Ferreria's teammate, Bruno Palli, who advanced from 18th to 10th in the #15 Juncos Racing / Team Viso Venezuela Mazda.

Suffering the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune were Sage Karam, winner on the Iowa Speedway oval two weeks ago and starting from the outside of the front row here today, who was left sitting on the grid as the field accelerated around him due to a broken differential. And Ryan Tveter, suffering exactly the same problem – though it took a little more time to fully manifest itself, stalled the #33 Team GDT / Rogers TV / Motorola Mobility Canada Mazda on the grid, got going, then pulled to the side of the track several laps when the differential finally made up its mind. He was credited with a 21st-place finish.

And Martin Scuncio, who won Race 2 at Barber Motorsports Park earlier in the season and came to Toronto third in the championship, stuck his front wing under the rear tire of a car he was attempting to pass. The resultant pit stop to change noses dropped him from 4th on the starting grid to 15th in the results, and cost him a spot in the points chase, dropping him to from 3rd to 4th.

Race 1 Results:

Pos No.	Name	Sponsor	Hometown	Team	Laps
1	82 Jack Hawksworth	TORGOEN Swiss Watches/ EXA Networks	West Yorkshire, England	Pelfrey	21
2	77 Zach Veach	K12.com / Zakosi Data Backup	Stockdale, OH	Andretti	21
3	19 Gabby Chaves	Claro/ Marca Colombia / Tecpro	Bogota, Colombia	JDC Motorsports	21
4	9 Juan Piedrahita	Petrosur / GFK Motors	Mexico City, Mexico	JDC Motorsports	21
5	57 Diego Ferreira	Team Viso Venezuela	Maracay, Venezuela	Juncos Racing	21
6	81 Petri Suvanto	Mazda Road to Indy	Nurmo, Finland	Pelfrey	21
7	2 Connor De Phillippi	ModSpace Racing / One24	San Clemente, CA	Juncos Racing	21
8	83 Gustavo Menezes	TrueCar.com	Coto de Caza, CA	Pelfrey	21
9	66 Zack Meyer	Partners III	Toronto, Canada	Aim Autosport	21
10	15 Bruno Palli	Team Viso Venezuela	Maracay, Venezuela	Juncos Racing	21
11	93 Stefan Rzadzinski	PoweredbyAlberta.com	Edmonton, Canada	JDC Motorsports	21
12	39 Corey Lewis	Monticello Motor Club / Bell Helmets	Nazareth, PA	GDT	21
13	91 Ashley Freiberg	TRUECar.com	Homer Glen, IL	JDC Motorsports	21
14	10 Jerimy Daniel	FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams	Chateauguay, Quebec	TRC	21
15	20 Carlos Linares	Mindeporte	Caracas, Venezuela	Linares Racing	21
16	23 Walt Bowlin	Tampa Bay Jaw Surgery	Tarpon Springs, FL	Aim Autosport	21
17	22 Martin Scuncio	Pullman Bus	Bahia Blanca, Argentina	Juncos Racing	20
18	53 Andre Mendez	GrupoKriterion.com / DataFile.com.co	Bogota, Colombia	Team GDT	19
19	21 Camilo Schmidt		Merida, Venezuela	Linares Racing	19
20	88 Sage Karam	Comfort Revolution	Nazareth, PA	Andretti	1
21	33 Ryan Tveter	Rogers TV / Motorola Mobility Canada	Oyster Bay, NY	Team GDT	

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





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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 2 scheduled for 9:50 – 10:30 am, Sunday, July 8.

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](http://www.StarMazda.com) and click the Star Mazda TV logo on the home page; or go to <http://intlvtv.espn.com/>.

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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](http://www.starmazda.com) and [www.mazdausa.com](http://www.mazdausa.com). For information, interviews and photos, please contact Star Mazda Communications Director Peter Frey at (818) 398-5733 or [StarMazdaPR@aol.com](mailto:StarMazdaPR@aol.com).

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