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## A RECORD-BREAKING FIRST PRACTICE AS JACK HAWKSWORTH CONTINUES HIS STREAK OF QUICK TIMES IN THE FIRST STAR MAZDA ON-TRACK SESSION FOR THIS WEEKEND'S 43rd ANNUAL GP3R

Trois-Rivières, Quebec / August 3, 2012 – English racer, who has proven to be the 'man to beat' in both practice and the race so far this season, got another great start to this weekend's Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear race at the 43rd annual GP3R at Trois-Rivieres. He – unofficially,



since lap records can only be set in qualifying or the race – trounced the Star Mazda lap record of 1:01.341 set in 2009 by Rusty Mitchell with a lap of 1:00.991 in his #82 Team Pelfrey / TORGOEN Swiss Watches / EXA Networks Mazda.

Second quick, after trading fast time back and forth with Hawksworth several times during the session, was Sage Karam with a lap of 1:01.396 in the #88 Andretti Autosport / Comfort

Revolution Mazda. Karam finished 4th in Race 1 and 5th in Race 2 here last year, and went on to become the 2011 Rookie of the Year. Third-fast was Connor De Phillippi, who won Race 2 here last year, with a time of 1:10.705 in his #2 Juncos Racing / ModSpace Racing / One24 Mazda.

The 'ringer' in the field, two-time Trois-Rivieres race winner (2009 and 2010) Alex Ardoin, only completed six laps before an off-course excursion put an end to his session and he would up 12th with a lap of 1:03.302 in the #51 Team GDT Mazda. This is his first race of the season.

Star Mazda on-track action at the GP3R at Trois-Rivieres continues with qualifying from 5:35 – 6:20 pm this afternoon for the PEAK Performance pole for Saturday's Race 1. Race 1, scheduled for 45 minutes, will take the green light for the series' spectacular F1-style standing start 1:20 pm - 2:10 pm 45 minutes on Saturday, August 4. Race 2, also a 45-minute contest with the starting grid determined by each car's fastest lap on Race 1, takes the green at 11:00 am on Sunday, August 5.

Star Mazda Championship cars all carry two Replay XD1080 cameras to provide exciting driver POV footage for races that are part of the Mazda Motorsports Hour broadcast tape-delayed on Discovery's Velocity Channel in the U.S. and globally on ESPN International. In the U.S., the race will air on Velocity at 12 Noon, Saturday, September 1. In Canada, the Mazda Motorsports Hour airs on Rogers Sports Net; please check your local listings for date and time, or go to <http://www.sportsnet.ca/tvschedule>.



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Pos No.	Name	Best Tm	In Lap	Diff	Gap	Sponsor	Team	Laps
1	82 Jack Hawksworth	1:00.992	30			TORGOEN Swiss Watches/ EXA Networks	Pelfrey	30
2	88 Sage Karam	1:01.396	22	0.404	0.404	Comfort Revolution	Andretti	25
3	2 Connor De Phillippi	1:01.715	22	0.723	0.319	ModSpace Racing / One24	Juncos Racing	22
4	81 Petri Suvanto	1:01.773	29	0.781	0.058	Mazda Road to Indy	Pelfrey	30
5	9 Juan Piedrahita	1:02.113	29	1.121	0.340	Petrosur / Colombia es pasion / GFK Motors / Lamd Link	JDC Motorsports	29
6	83 Gustavo Menezes	1:02.205	24	1.213	0.092	Team Pelfrey / Safety Park / Oakley	Pelfrey	24
7	77 Zach Veach	1:02.213	30	1.221	0.008	K12.com / Zakosi Data Backup	Andretti	31
8	19 Gabby Chaves	1:02.216	26	1.224	0.003	Claro/ Marca Colombia / Tecpro	JDC Motorsports	28
9	57 Diego Ferreira	1:02.462	29	1.470	0.246	Team Viso Venezuela	Juncos Racing	30
10	33 Ryan Tveter	1:02.677	27	1.685	0.215	Rogers TV / Motorola Mobility Canada	Team GDT	29
11	20 Carlos Linares	1:02.990	31	1.998	0.313	Mindeporte	Linares Racing	32
12	51 Alex Ardoin	1:03.302	6	2.310	0.312	Chuck Diesel Performance Systems / General Datatech	GDT	6
13	53 Andres Mendez	1:03.419	30	2.427	0.117	GrupoKriterion.com / DataFile.com.co	Team GDT	32
14	15 Bruno Palli	1:03.589	9	2.597	0.170	Team Viso Venezuela	Juncos Racing	9
15	10 Jeremy Daniel	1:03.682	24	2.690	0.093	FixAuto / Sherwin-Williams	TRC	33
16	91 Ashley Freiberg	1:03.729	24	2.737	0.047	TRUECar.com	JDC Motorsports	24
17	66 Zack Meyer	1:04.026	29	3.034	0.297	Partners III	Aim Autosport	29
18	22 Martin Scuncio	1:04.209	4	3.217	0.183	Pullman Bus	Juncos Racing	6

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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