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BIG DOGS TRADING BITES IN STAR MAZDA TUESDAY PROMOTER TEST DAY SESSIONS

Road Atlanta / October 16, 2012 – Connor De Phillippi, who won this race in 2010 was quick in the first of today's two Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear sessions, turning a 1:20.882 in his #2 Juncos Racing / ModSpace Racing / One24 Mazda. In the afternoon, it was Sage Karam, a three race winner in the



#88 Andretti Autosport / Comfort Revolution Mazda and currently 4th in the championship who turned the quick time of 1:19.352. Both are still well shy of the 1:18.328 set by Peter Dempsey in 2008... but there's still plenty of time to find that elusive tick of the stopwatch. In both sessions, it was Gabby Chaves, second in the championship and winner of Race 2 at Mazda Raceway two weeks ago, who turned the quick time in the #19 JDC Motorsports / CLARO / Marca Colombia / Tecpro Mazda; 1:20882 in the

morning and 1:19.447 in the afternoon.

Turning laps at the sharp end of the time sheet in both sessions were Finnish racer Petri Suvanto, the 2011 USF2000 champion racing this season in Star Mazda with scholarship funding from the Mazda Road to Indy, and Zach Veach, Karam's Andretti Autosport teammate who recently turned the top time in the Indy Lights test on the Indy Motor Speedway F1 circuit. Suvanto, 5th in the championship, drives the #81 Team Pelfrey / Mazda Road to Indy Mazda while Veach is 10th in the championship driving his #77 Andretti Autosport / K12 / Zakosi Data Backup Mazda.

The two new drivers in the field making their Star Mazda debut here this weekend, Colorado racer Scott Anderson in the #16 JDC Motorsports / Laser Nail Centers / Neuropathy Testing Centers Mazda, was 11th and 9th in the morning and afternoon sessions. Cali, Colombia hotshoe Juan Camilo Acosta in the #97 Team GDT / STF Group / Studio F Mazda was still working to get the feel of the car and track and brought up the tail end of the time sheet in both sessions.

Star Mazda on-track action at the Petit Le Mans weekend on Road Atlanta's 2.54-mile (4.088 km), 12-turn road course continues with a pair of half-hour sessions, at 10:15 am and 4:15 pm Wednesday, Oct 17. Qualifying for the PEAK Performance Pole Award takes place at 12:15 pm, Thursday, Oct. 18, with all the drivers aiming to the Star Mazda track record of 1:18.328 set by Peter Dempsey in 2008. The 2012 season



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finale of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear is scheduled for 50 minutes and will take the green light for the series' spectacular F1-style standing start at 3:45 Friday, Oct. 19.

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, November 24. For information on international and Canadian air times, click [here](#).

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Pos	PIC No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Speed	In Lap
1	2	Connor De Phillippi	1:20.579	113.479	9
2	19	Gabby Chaves	1:20.882	113.054	7
3	88	Sage Karam	1:20.892	113.040	7
4	77	Zach Veach	1:21.141	112.693	6
5	15	Bruno Palli	1:21.191	112.623	8
6	81	Petri Suvanto	1:21.344	112.411	6
7	83	Gustavo Menezes	1:21.739	111.868	5
8	91	Ashley Freiberg	1:22.327	111.069	8
9	9	Juan Piedrahita	1:22.391	110.983	6
10	57	Diego Ferreira	1:22.655	110.629	8
11	16	Scott Anderson	1:23.015	110.149	7
12	22	Martin Scuncio	1:23.334	109.727	2
13	53	Andres Mendez	1:23.675	109.280	8
14	82	Ryan Tveter	1:24.225	108.566	8
15	66	Zack Meyer	1:25.744	106.643	4
16	21	Camilo Schmidt	1:27.524	104.474	3
17	97	Juan Camillo Acosta	2:29.356	61.223	1

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1	88	Sage Karam	1:19.352	115.233	18
2	19	Gabby Chaves	1:19.447	115.096	30
3	2	Connor De Phillippi	1:19.484	115.042	17
4	81	Petri Suvanto	1:19.659	114.789	15
5	77	Zach Veach	1:19.964	114.351	16
6	9	Juan Piedrahita	1:20.262	113.927	25
7	15	Bruno Palli	1:20.339	113.818	17
8	83	Gustavo Menezes	1:20.413	113.713	20
9	16	Scott Anderson	1:20.658	113.368	27
10	57	Diego Ferreira	1:20.727	113.271	24
11	91	Ashley Freiberg	1:20.927	112.991	31
12	66	Zack Meyer	1:20.931	112.985	25
13	82	Ryan Tveter	1:21.574	112.095	21
14	53	Andres Mendez	1:21.597	112.063	24
15	21	Camilo Schmidt	1:22.703	110.564	12
16	97	Juan Camillo Acosta	1:22.987	110.186	20





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The Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear is a part of the [Mazda Road to Indy](http://www.mazdausa.com), the official driver development program for IndyCar. The 2012 schedule includes 17 races on 10 weekends, most with IndyCar. Rising stars from around the world are competing on road courses, street circuits and ovals in front of more than a million fans as they compete for prizes valued at \$1.2 million, including a scholarship to move up and race in the 2013 Firestone Indy Lights series. Drivers 16 and older are welcome to compete and the Star Mazda Championship also features the Expert Series for drivers 30 and older. The Star Mazda Championship features standing starts, wheel-to-wheel racing at 160 mph and budgets a fraction of other top open-wheel ladder series. For more information on the Star Mazda Championship please visit www.starmazda.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. Follow the series at <http://www.twitter.com/starmazdaseries> <http://www.facebook.com/starmazdaseries> and live timing at <http://starmazda.com/timing>



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