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Series Rookie Leads Podium Sweep By JDC Motorsports BOWMANVILLE, Ontario (July 12, 2015) –

Clark Toppe paced a JDC Motorsports tour de force Sunday at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, leading a sweep of the podium by the dominant Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda team with his second victory of the season. Toppe, from The Woodlands, Texas, drove his No. 10 JDC Motorsports entry to a 7.131-second victory over teammate and series points leader Kenton Koch. Matt McMurry finished third for JDC Motorsports, the runaway leader in the Lites 1 Team Championship of the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) Development Series.

The victory was the second podium sweep this season for reigning Lites 1 Team Champions JDC, which also took the top three spots in Round 3 in mid-April at NOLA Motorsports Park. JDC has placed at least two drivers on the podium in seven of the eight rounds this season. Toppe's victory ended the five-race winning streak of Koch, which started after Toppe won Round 2 in mid-March at Sebring International Raceway. "That was one heck of a race," Toppe said. "It was awesome. I have to give it up to JDC for giving me such a great car, Cooper Tires for hanging in through the entire race. It was a good day, good run. "Today I just put my head down more. I just really wanted it more today. Yesterday I thought I could get it, and I knew I just had to today to prove to myself and myself alone that I could do it."

Toppe, 17, started third but darted past pole sitter McMurry and Koch in Turn 1 after the start of the 45-minute race. "I just got a good start and made it stick," Toppe said. "I thought I could have it on the inside of Turn 1 and never looked back." The only caution period of the race started on Lap 1 when Lites 1 Masters drivers Michal Chlumecky and Joel Janco made contact in Turn 3, sending Janco into the tire barrier. There was no drama on the restart with 39 minutes left, as Toppe kept the lead.

But his JDC Motorsports teammates applied pressure for the next 25 minutes. Toppe, McMurry and Koch drove in lockstep around the 10-turn, 2.459-mile (3.957 km) circuit, ranging from five-tenths of a second to one second from each other. The lead trio's ferocious pace caused them to reach lapped traffic shortly before the halfway point of the race. All three navigated the slower cars in taut precision.

McMurry pulled side by side with Toppe in Turn 8 for two consecutive laps near the midway point of the race, but Toppe repulsed McMurry's moves. Then the logjam between Toppe, McMurry and Koch broke with 15 minutes left.

McMurry spun after braking slightly too late for Turn 5 while trying to gain ground on Toppe. Koch avoided the spin, but Toppe pulled away to a 2.305-second lead over Koch on the next lap. McMurry dropped to third. Toppe then pulled away to victory over the closing 14 minutes. He lapped all but four drivers in the field, setting a torrid pace in warm, sunny, humid conditions. Koch leads Toppe, 156-126, in the Lites 1 championship standings. McMurry's podium finish capped a superb weekend. He started on pole for both Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda races and teamed with 2014 Lites 1 champion Mikhail Goikhberg to finish third in the Prototype Challenge class of the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship race, a two-hour, 40-minute event that ended just 30 minutes before Round 8 of Prototype Lites started. "I left the TUDOR race on a good note, finishing third, and I didn't feel too tired getting in the Lites car," said McMurry, 17. "But these cars are a lot more physical than the PC cars because they don't have any power steering, so I was definitely getting tired by the end. But it was a very good day, walking out with two podiums." Up Next Rounds 9 and 10 are scheduled for Aug. 8-9 at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Round 9 is 30 minutes; Round 10 is 45 minutes. For more information on Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda, visit www.imsa.com, follow the hashtags #CTPL and #MRT24 on Twitter or IMSA on Facebook.

ROUND 8 POST-RACE QUOTES CLARK TOPPE (No. 10 JDC Motorsports, winner):

"That was one heck of a race, for sure. It was awesome. I have to give it up to JDC for giving me such a great car, Cooper Tires for hanging in through the entire race. It was a good day, good run. Today I just put my head down more. I just really wanted it more today. Yesterday I thought I could get it, and I knew I just had to today to prove to myself and myself alone that I could do it. So thank you so much to JDC Motorsports, Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda series, my dad, of course, for supporting me through this whole thing, my whole family and my coach Phil Lombardi. It's been fantastic." (About pass for the lead): "I just got a good start and made it stick. I thought I could have it on the inside of Turn 1 and never looked back. Matt was there for a while, and Kenton was right there. It was a good race."

KENTON KOCH (No. 60 JDC Motorsports, second): "Clark (Toppe) got an awesome start, and he caught me by surprise, and then I was just running third. I was doing my best to hang on the back of those guys. I was trying real hard to keep up with them. Matt (McMurry) spun out in front of me, which was a bummer. We were going to have a really good race. I was starting to reel him in a little bit. Clark was dealing with traffic really well, and I caught it at a bad time. It was a difficult race but a fun one. We've come out on a good points weekend. We didn't lose anything, but we didn't gain anything. JDC 1-2-3 is the coolest thing a team can have. I'm proud of this team and happy to be a part of it. Already looking forward to Road America."

MATT McMURRY (No. 20 JDC Motorsports, third): "I left the TUDOR race on a good note, finishing third, and I didn't feel too tired getting in the Lites car. But these cars are a lot more physical than the PC cars because they don't have any power steering, so I was definitely getting tired by the end. My left hand was killing me toward the end of the race. I was starting to run out of fuel at the very end, so I had to play it safe for the last two or three laps. But it was a very good day, walking out with two podiums."