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JDC MOTORSPORTS ENJOYS HIGH POINTS IN MID-OHIO MAZDA ROAD TO INDY WEEKEND

Thompson shines USF2000, Johnson returns to Pro Mazda action after injury

LEXINGTON, OHIO (August 11, 2015) – There was lots to smile about under the JDC MotorSports tent last weekend (July 30-August 1) during the Mazda Road to Indy event at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. The team welcomed back their Pro Mazda drivers Michael Johnson, who was returning to race for the first time since his hard wreck at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg in March. While Johnson focused on getting back up to speed, working muscles he hadn't in over a month, the squad's USF2000 driver Parker Thompson put in a stellar performance in the three series events that were on the docket at Mid-Ohio, posting a trio of top-five finishes. Johnson's Pro Mazda teammate Kyle Connery did not have any luck go his way, and he had a first lap off in Race 1 and was hit by another driver in Race 2.

Thompson's weekend was all about recovering from a tough streak of bad luck in Toronto, where he ran into trouble in the wet weather main events. The 17-year-old from Red Deer, Alberta has shown consistency throughout the season and he has developed his skills extensively, and they were on display at Mid-Ohio. After qualifying sixth, he handled the chaos of the starts in all three of the main events that took place during this unique tripleheader weekend, using his poise to remain calm during the hectic opening lap action. Thompson finished a strong fifth in the opening race on Friday afternoon and then came back on Saturday morning to card a fourth place result, matching his best finish from NOLA Motorsports Park earlier in the year. Parker capped an incredible weekend in Ohio by finishing fifth in the second race on Saturday, fending off a race-long attack from Team Pelfrey's Luke Gabin. As a single-car squad, the freshman and his JDC MotorSports crew are one of the great stories of the 2015 USF2000 campaign. With the consistent results, Parker closes to within 59 points of Anthony Martin for the Rookie of the Year crown, and now sits a comfortable fifth overall in the championship point standings.

In making his comeback after four months of rehabilitation, Michael Johnson was realistic in his goals for the weekend, knowing full well that he would need to work back up to speed. As the first and only paralyzed driver who is licensed by INDYCAR to compete in the series' developmental ladder program, the result of a flat track motorcycle racing accident at the age of 12, Johnson has unique demands put on his body and the Thursday test day proved valuable. Working muscles he had not taxed this aggressively in months, he quickly got back into the groove, pushing his limits. In qualifying, he gained another second on the leaders and would go on to post a pair of 15th place finishes in the doubleheader. He completed every lap of the weekend and will now look towards the series finale at Mazda Raceway in Laguna Seca to take yet another big step forward.

The 2015 has been up and down for the likeable Kyle Connery as the Florida driver has delivered some very strong top-five finishes. On this particular weekend in Mid-Ohio, nothing seemed to go his way. Despite the fact that he and JDC had a strong outing at the track in 2014, they were not able to find the speed they were looking for and this put him back in the field, where chaos often ensues. A first lap off track in Race 1 forced a pit stop and, after rejoining, Kyle focused on improving his qualifying for Race 2. Kyle was hit at the start of the second race on Sunday

morning, and he was forced to pit for repairs. Like Johnson, Kyle will reflect on the weekend and charge back to the front in the finale in California in September.

The entire JDC MotorSports team will now focus on preparing their race cars for the final event of the 2015 USF2000 and Pro Mazda seasons, which will take them to the spiritual home of Mazda in southern California – Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey. JDC MotorSports races with associate sponsorship from RedLineOil.com, HR Sportsweat and Showdown Displays.

JDC MOTORSPORTS – DRIVER INFORMATION:

Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship Powered by Mazda

Parker Thompson - #80

Qualified: 10th – 1:12.7305 (+1.951 secs)

Race #1: 5th

Race #2: 5^{4h}

Race #3: 5th

2015 Record:

Point Standings: 5th – 144 points

Best Finish: 4th – NOLA (Race 2)

Driver Quote: “I can't express how happy I am with the progress we made in Mid-Ohio. From Toronto to Mid-Ohio, we have improved in leaps and bounds together and it feels great for it to all pay off with three solid results. JDC MotorSports did a fantastic job in preparing and executing the whole week, and I had some solid drives that let us contend for three top-fives. I can't thank my partners and supporters enough for getting us to this point. I would also like to take the time to thank Surge Energy Inc. and Lapizta for coming on-board my partner program for the race at Mid-Ohio. I can't wait to see what the future holds heading into the last race at Laguna Seca!”

Pro Mazda Championship Presented by Cooper Tires

Michael Johnson - #54

Qualified: 15th – 1:21.156 (+1.747 secs)

Race #1: 15^h

Race #2: 15th

2015 Record:

Point Standings: 22nd – 22 points

Best Finish: 15th – Mid-Ohio (Race 1 and Race 2)

Driver Quote: “Mid-Ohio went alright, it wasn't the best result, but I'm glad I got back going and I'm back on-track. My confidence was improving every session, but I still have a ways to go to be back where the leaders are running. I hope that when we're at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, I feel better about my driving and can have some fun! I just can't thank JDC MotorSports and all the crew for getting the car put back together!!”

Kyle Connery - #91

Qualified: 12th – 1:20.497 (+1.088 secs)

Race #1: 18th

Race #2: 14th

2015 Record:

Point Standings: 14th – 107 points

Best Finish: 5th – St. Petersburg (Race 2)

Driver Quote: “Ohio was certainly not the weekend we were hoping for. After strong performances last year, despite an engine failure before qualifying, we just couldn't seem to extract the pace out of the car that we were looking for. Taking a couple weeks off to reflect and prepare for Mazda Raceway is a very good thing for myself. I am pushing to end on a high note for not only the team, or my family, but most importantly myself as well.

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About JDC Motorsports:

Involved in formula car racing since its inception in 1994, JDC Motorsports has established itself as one of the leading junior open-wheel teams in North America. Initially making its mark in the F2000 class of club racing competition, JDC Motorsports was soon a team worth watching in the pro ranks. Competing in the Formula Ford 2000 Zetec Championship, the team not only won races, but also helped develop multiple young drivers. In 2005, JDC Motorsports expanded its efforts, entering the Star Mazda Championship. Quickly becoming one of the top teams in the series, JDC captured both the driver and team titles in 2007, as well as Rookie of the Year honors, with Dane Cameron scoring a series-high three wins. In 2008, JDC Motorsports was the runner-up in the Star Mazda Championship and finished fourth in its inaugural season of F2000 Championship Series competition. The Minnesota-based team won the Star Mazda Championship title with Rookie of the Year Adam Christodoulou, and the F2000 Championship Series title with Chris Miller in 2009. The following year, JDC continued its winning ways, earning the Rookie of the Year award in the Star Mazda Championship with Connor De Philippi, and scoring a non-points win in the USF2000 National Championship. In 2011, the Minneapolis-based squad captured its third Star Mazda Championship title with Tristan Vautier, scored a win in the USF2000 National Championship, and made its Prototype Lites Championship debut, earning five podium finishes. JDC Motorsports added to its Star Mazda Championship win tally, USF2000 Championship podium total, and finished as the Prototype Lites Championship runner-up in 2012. Last year, the squad continued its run of Pro Mazda and USF2000 podium finishes, and was third in the Prototype Lites title fight.

Attachments:

Photo: JDC-PM-MidOhio-Report-Johnson.jpeg (1500 x 1000 pixels web-ready JPEG)

Possible Caption: Michael Johnson made his much-anticipated return to the Pro Mazda Championship at Mid-Ohio, and was successful in getting back up to speed after four months of physical rehab following his wreck in St. Petersburg in March
(Photo: Indianapolis Motor Speedway, LLC Photography)

Photo: JDC-USF-MidOhio-Report-Thompson.jpeg (1500 x 1000 pixels web-ready JPEG)

Possible Caption: USF2000 rookie Parker Thompson completed a stellar recovery from issues in Toronto by scoring three top-five finishes for JDC MotorSports in the Mid-Ohio tripleheader
(Photo: Indianapolis Motor Speedway, LLC Photography)