



Klein Scores Solid Points at Pike's Peak Oval

Long Grove (July 8, 2005) – Jonathan Klein headed west to Pike's Peak International Raceway in Colorado to race on July 3 in the Star Mazda Championship's only oval event for 2005. On Saturday, Jonathan was 3rd quickest for the day's practice times but with varying weather conditions including strong winds for qualifying, he had to work hard to put the car in sixth position for the start of the race.

At the green flag, Klein immediately jumped ahead two positions. He ran in fourth for almost ten laps, but was battling an ill-handling car. Klein ran throughout the race with eventual 3rd-place finisher Sean Guthrie and teammate Pablo Donoso. Jonathan finished right where he started, in sixth position, securing 7th-place in the championship points. His AWR teammates Robbie Pecorari and Graham Rahal finished 1st and 2nd, with Donoso finishing right behind Jono in 7th.

"It was a tough race but at the same time, fun. I was really struggling with understeer during the entire race, but still managed to do a lot of close, side-by-side racing with the other competitors. I love racing on an oval and I really felt this was a race I could win, but the wind was strong and gusty and our set-up was a little off. Congrats to Robbie and Graham on bringing the team two more podiums and our first win."

In addition to great action on the track, the Andersen Walko Racing team participated in FanFest in downtown Colorado Springs on Friday night, talking with fans and signing autographs, with Jonathan's #26 car on display. On Saturday afternoon, Graham, Robbie and Jonathan visited patients at Children's Hospital in Colorado Springs, as part of the Think First initiative that the AWR team is participating in. The Think First National Injury Prevention Foundation targets children and teens with its public education efforts to teach about personal vulnerability and risk taking. The organization's website is www.thinkfirst.org.

