



Good Result for Klein at Portland

Long Grove (August 3, 2005) – Round 8 of the Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear, at Portland International Raceway on July 30, brought Jonathan Klein a solid finish to put him back in the top 10 in the Championship standings. Working with the Andersen Walko Racing crew, Klein posted top ten positions on Thursday's Test Day and Friday's practice, placing as high as 4th on Friday.

Saturday's qualifying resulted in an eleventh-place starting spot on the grid, and the start of the race had the usual shuffling and jockeying for positions that is so typical of Portland. There was plenty of contact amongst the cars in the first few corners, and the #26 Nexus Distribution, Midwest Steel & Services, Ironclad and ProStar car did not emerge unscathed. A bent front wing and broken nose box made for a poor handling car throughout the race and with no time to pit Jonathan battled, running as high as sixth, to finish a strong 8th place.

"I would have liked to finish higher than eighth, but considering the circumstances, eighth is pretty good. The race was crazy, really busy at the initial start and on each re-start. I had a driver coach for the first time at Portland, Rocky Moran, Jr. Rocky has lots of experience coaching and driving, including driving in the Toyota Atlantic series, and he really helped me refocus after the Sonoma weekend. Now it's on to Road America in a few weeks, the track where I learned to drive race cars and the site of my first race."

Upcoming races scheduled for broadcast on Speed TV are: Montreal, August 7 at 2 pm EST; Sonoma Race 1, August 14 at 1 pm EST; Sonoma Race 2, August 27 at 1 pm EST.

