



## Klein Takes 8<sup>th</sup> at Road Atlanta

Long Grove (October 2, 2005) – Round 11 of the Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear, at Road Atlanta on October 1, had Jonathan Klein climbing out of the hole the series' powers that be put him in, to start the race seventh on the grid and finish in eighth place. Disappointing points deductions over the last few races has affected Klein's standings in the series, so he really had his work cut out for him concerning regaining ground at Road Atlanta. Practice times had him in the top third of the field.

Thursday's qualifying resulted in a seventh-place starting spot on the grid, with teammate Robbie Pecorari sitting on the pole. The entire race on Friday was run under green flag conditions, which is unusual for the highly competitive Star Mazda series. The field spread out soon after the start, while Jonathan worked his way up to fifth position. A right-rear suspension bearing began to fail, which significantly affected the handling of the car.

*"A bearing broke in my right-rear suspension during the race. The car became extremely loose, and the last few laps were really tough to drive. I just held on and tried to keep the car on the track to gain as many points as possible. It's too bad circumstances affected the outcome of the race, but Rossella and Scott did a great job setting up the car."*

*"Andersen Walko Racing drivers ended up with four of the top eight spots, so the team over-all had a great race. Now it's on to the season finale at Laguna Seca. It's nice to be heading into the last race with some momentum. I would love to finish the season with a great result for my sponsors who have given me their complete support throughout the season: Nexus Distribution Corp., Midwest Steel & Services, Ironclad and ProStar."*

The Star Mazda race at Road Atlanta is scheduled to be televised on Speed on November 6 at 1:00 Eastern time.

