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## **JDC MOTORSPORTS REVISITS USF2000 PODIUM AT ROAD AMERICA**

### **Goikhberg finished second in both rounds of the Wisconsin doubleheader**

ELKHART LAKE, WIS. (August 24, 2010) – JDC MotorSports returned to the *Cooper Tires presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda* podium over the weekend (August 21-22), scoring two runner-up finishes during Rounds Nine and Ten at Road America. Rookie standout Mikhail Goikhberg led the Minnesota-based team charge on its home track, taking home two second place trophies. Fellow rookie star Raphael Abbate showed his talents behind the wheel as well in Wisconsin, adding a pair of top-five results. Unfortunately, Martin Sala was forced to watch from the sidelines, following racing injury in practice.

Whenever JDC MotorSports travels to Road America, it always has the same goals...run up front and challenge for wins. With that in mind, the talented trio of Goikhberg, Abbate and Sala spent the opening two days of testing and practice in Wisconsin working on developing their cars for the always entertaining drafting battles around 4.0-mile road course. For Goikhberg and Abbate things went exactly as planned, with both drivers among the top-eight in all four sessions. Unfortunately that was not the case for Sala, as late in the Friday morning practice run he crashed, impacting one of the concrete barriers lining the circuit. While the Colombian was able to exit the car under his own power, he was transported to a local hospital where it was determined he had a slight fracture in his foot, ending his race weekend.

Putting the injury to their teammate out of their minds, Goikhberg and Abbate focused on turning a fast lap when the lone qualifying session commenced on Saturday morning. Goikhberg proved to be one of the stars of the session, earning a front-row starting position with the second quickest time around the high-speed road course. Not far behind on the speedcharts, Abbate posted the fifth best time, securing a row three grid position.

Returning to the cockpits of their JDC MotorSports steeds a short-time later for Round Nine, both racers were immediately involved in multi-car battles for positions when the green flag waved. Thanks in large part to the draft down the long straights at Road America, passes for position occurred virtually corner to corner. In the end, Goikhberg secured second place with a well-timed last lap pass in his No. 10 Chetverg/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports entry, earning his fifth podium finish of the season. Abbate likewise emerged from the entertaining race in the same place he started, crossing the stripe fifth in his No. 11 Avery Dennison/Alphacolor/Red Line Oil/JDC MotorSports car.

With each driver's fast lap from race one determining their starting position for race two of the Road America doubleheader, Goikhberg and Abbate once again lined up second and fifth respectively for Round 10 in Wisconsin.

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The Sunday morning race proved to be a near repeat of the opening affair at Road America, with both Goikhberg and Abbate engaged in heated battles for position right from the get go. Showing good speed, and perhaps more importantly racecraft behind the wheels, the duo ultimately crossed the stripe in the same positions as race one, second and fifth. Goikhberg as a result now has six podium finishes on his 2010 USF2000 National Championship resume, and lies third in the title fight. Abbate is right behind his teammate on the point charts, having finished among the top-five five times during his rookie campaign.

The inaugural *Cooper Tires presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda* season concludes on September 30-October 1, with Rounds 11 and 12 at Road Atlanta. JDC MotorSports enters the season-finale doubleheader in Georgia second in the Team standings.

Additional information on JDC MotorSports can be obtained from the team's website @ [www.jdcmotorsports.com](http://www.jdcmotorsports.com) For direct contact, please contact John Church @ 952-233-3075

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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 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.

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