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Juncos Racing Places Three Cars in Top-Eight in Race Two at GP3R



TROIS-RIVIERES, QUEBEC (August 7, 2011) – Juncos Racing had a great overall weekend at the Grand Prix Trois-Rivieres; the team was fastest in official practice with J.V. Horto, qualified second and scored a second place finish with him in race one, and was able to close out the weekend placing all three of its cars in the top-eight positions in race two. Horto started today's race from second position, but he fell back to

fourth when both Team Pelfrey cars eventually overtook him, going on to finish in first and second positions. Horto's finishing position today had a direct effect on his championship standing as well; after moving up to third yesterday, Horto's result today, though good, caused him to drop back to fourth in the points. Nonetheless, the championship battle has tightened up after this weekend, and Horto remains hopeful that the final three races will play out in his favor.

J.V. Horto on the race: "The weekend was good overall. We were really hoping for a win today, but we just couldn't get it. We are still hanging in there in the championship, and it's a lot closer now, so we are going to keep fighting for the lead. There are still three more races to go, so a lot of things can happen. We are going to keep working hard and focus on keeping our good momentum going, as I've said before. Thanks to Juncos Racing for a great weekend."

It was said yesterday that "six" seemed to be Gustavo Menezes' number of the day, but it appears that it was the number of the weekend for the 16-year-old Californian. Menezes once again started today's race in sixth position, and even though he experienced position changes throughout the 45-minute event, he still finished the race in sixth position. Menezes put on a few good showings chasing down cars, losing and gaining positions, and even avoiding contact with a spinning car. By the end, Menezes

and his teammates had seemed to settle into the solid rhythm that carried them to the end with commendable finishes.



Gustavo Menezes on the race: “It was a really difficult race. We had a great start and went three-wide going into turn one. I moved up to fifth and was fighting with (Sage) Karam, but my clutch went out and he got by me. After that, I was losing some time on the straights, but my tires came in really well about halfway through, so then I was doing my fastest lap times. I caught back up with Sage (Karam), but my clutch

faded away slowly, and I lost no-lift shift which hurt my race because I couldn't go flat out. That aside, the car was really perfect, and I want to thank the crew, especially Peter Dempsey because without him talking me through the race, I probably would have broken down! It was a good challenge to overcome and a good result for the championship points. Good job to J.V. (Horto) and Tatiana (Calderon), too.”

After a DNF in yesterday's race, Tatiana Calderon's priority today was to finish the race and gain some valuable championship points. Her next to-do item was to battle her way to the front of the field and gather another podium finish. Unfortunately, Calderon found she was running alone for most of the race and did not really have the opportunity to challenge other drivers for position. She did, however acquire one position on track, and by the end she had started to catch up to the No. 39 car of Joao Jardim but ran out of time to make any moves for position. Calderon ended today's race in eighth position and remains seventh in the championship behind teammate Gustavo Menezes in sixth.



Tatiana Calderon on the race: “It was a pretty tough weekend for me, especially coming out of Mosport where I had such a great result. I was really expecting to do better than I did here, but I still learned a lot this weekend and appreciated the challenge. I will keep working hard so that I can be on the podium again this year. I can't wait to go to Sonoma now. We are testing there before the race, so

we will have some experience going into the race weekend there which will be great. I am really looking forward to it.”

Juncos Racing regrettably lost their lead in the team championship after today but are favorably only one point behind the new leaders, Team Pelfrey. Three rounds of racing

still remain in the 2011 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear which means the team has three more chances to recover their position as team leaders.

Next for Juncos Racing is an official test at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, California on August 17. The following weekend, August 26-28, the series will be racing on the west coast road course alongside the IZOD IndyCar Series. The team would like to extend its continued thanks to OMP Racing for its support in providing top of the line racing gear for the team's drivers. For more information, please go to www.juncosracing.com.

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João Victor Horto, #7 Juncos Racing / Programa Leiloes

Session	Started	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Race 2	2 nd	4 th	1:02.764	87.224

Tatiana Calderon, #10 Juncos Racing / JAC Motors

Session	Started	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Race 2	9 th	8 th	1:03.126	86.724

Gustavo Menezes, #28 JR/TRUECar/SafetyPark/Oakley/Racing Optics

Session	Started	Finished	Best Lap Time	Best Speed
Race 2	6 th	6 th	1:02.840	87.118

About Juncos Racing: Juncos Racing is centrally located in Fort Pierce, Florida, U.S.A. to offer diverse levels of racing year round. Juncos Racing operates out of a state of the art facility which houses vehicles suitable for all levels of racing, from go-karts to open wheel Formula race cars. It is one of the few teams in the United States which offers a development program starting from racing go-karts to racing professional open wheel race cars. The team's goal is to provide young and older drivers alike with a foundation upon which they can build a career in motorsports. Juncos Racing offers two and three-day racing schools which cover theoretical and hands-on driving techniques. With your dedication and the team's expertise and advanced training techniques, Juncos Racing is confident that you will achieve and master the fundamentals of racing. For more information, please visit www.juncosracing.com.