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Daly fast but became a target

MAZDASPEED driver Conor Daly again showed his versatility by posting the 2nd fastest time in his qualifying session for the PRI-CKI All Star karting classic in Orlando, Florida, December 10th 2009. Driving his DeFrancesco Racing Alonso FA kart with Rotax power against the best karters in the country, Daly managed the wet/dry qualifying session almost to perfection by initially setting a competitive time on wet tires in the first six minutes of the 15 minute session. He then changed to dry tires for the final 7 minutes of the session and immediately became the pace setter. With one minute to go he set the fastest time of the session at 15.91 only to be eclipsed by the 2004 race winner, Matt Jaskol's final lap, when he posted a time of 15.88. Because the second qualifying session (for the other half of the field) was run on a dry track, the starting grid was lined up with each qualifying group in a line putting Daly on the outside of the second row for the heat race.

Daly was hit hard at turn two on the first lap and he fell back to 7th., right in front of Brazilian Gustavo Menezes. Several laps later Menezes suffered a brake failure and the resulting impact launched Daly's kart skywards and spinning. He fell back to 15th before battling his way back to finish 7th.

He started the final in 9th place and was again hit so hard from behind in the brake zone for turn 2 on the first lap that his kart was lifted off the ground and he spun - restarting in last place. He eventually finished in 16th place. *"this is always the wildest race of the year but there is so much contact that it is hard to escape unscathed, said Conor. "The only satisfaction is that we were fast and the Alonso kart is a lot of fun to drive. It was so bumpy, wild and hectic that I was sore for two days afterwards.*

Conor Daly finished third in the 2009 Star Mazda championship presented by Goodyear. In 2008 Conor won the Walter Hayes Formula Ford Trophy in England for Team USA, the Ontario Formula Ford Rookie of the Year title driving for Brian Graham Racing and the Mazda Skip Barber National championship. Conor is sponsored by: Mazda, INDECK, The College Network, Merchant Services LTD and Tom Lange Company. Conor has

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