



STAR MAZDA STANDOUT PETER DEMPSEY TO MAKE PROTOTYPE DEBUT AT PETIT LE MANS

Road Atlanta / Sept. 22, 2010 – Irish Racer Peter Dempsey, a two-season open-wheel standout in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, makes his prototype debut in the upcoming 13th Annual Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta. Dempsey, winner of ten Star Mazda Championship races during



the 2008 – 2009 seasons, will join Indy Lights veteran Andrew Prendeville and Finnish rally and race car driver Harri Toivonen in the V-8 powered Radical SR9 fielded by Libra Racing in the LMP2 class.

Libra Racing's Team Principal, Ian Dawson, is developing not only a LMP2 racing car, but also young talent. "Introducing new drivers to sportscars has been a key focus over the past

couple of years for me and again we are very happy to be in a position to announce Peter Dempsey to the lineup. This will be Peter's debut in a sportscar and the plan is to see him adapt from formula cars and bring his undoubted speed to the program."

Dempsey, a top European karting competitor from 1995 to 2000, began racing open wheel cars in 2004, winning various European Formula Ford championships in both 2005 and 2006. In 2007, he raced in selected races of the UK and Irish Formula Ford 1600 season, winning the Martin Donnelly Trophy, the BRDC Golden Helmet, the Leinster Trophy and the Walter Hayes Trophy. Later this year, the Irish racing standout will return to the cockpit of the Ray GRS05 that he piloted to victory lane in both the 2008 and 2007 races, seeking to becoming only the second driver to win more than twice. Team USA scholarship drivers, who drive for Dempsey's father's Cliff Dempsey Racing squad, having won the past two Walter Hayes Trophy races. The Team USA winners will be announced at Petit Le Mans.



After winning five races, four of them with Juncos Racing, and leading the 2009 Star Mazda Championship going into the season finale - only to be bumped off course by another driver on the opening lap – Dempsey spent the 2010 season as the driver coach for the Juncos Racing team, working with 2010 championship winner Conor Daly and teammates Tatiana Calderon and Rusty Mitchell.

