



Solid First Outing For Tom Dyer at Daytona in the 2012 Grand-Am CTSCC

January 27, 2012 - The 2012 Grand-Am Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge series kicked off with round one of the ten race schedule at the Daytona International Speedway January 27, 2012. Tom and co-driver, Izzy Sanchez, got the season off to solid start with a 5th place finish in the ST class driving the #32 i-Moto Mazda Speed 3. The race was won by Tom's teammate in the #31 i-Moto car.

"Overall I'm pretty happy with this race and we're off to a good start with our new team" commented Tom. "My co-driver Izzy did a good job beginning the race in tricky rain conditions and handing over the car unscathed, which is exactly what you want. From there I was able to get to 5th after going up and down the order with the pit stops and secure a good points paying position ."

New to the i-Moto team and cars both Tom and Izzy's main goal was to adapt to the front-wheel drive Mazda Speed 3 cars. Both drivers paced well in practice and Izzy qualified 18th out of 41 cars in the ST class. Race day dawned with rain and wet conditions. A total of 81 cars (40 GS/41 ST) took the green flag with Izzy going to work steering away from trouble and moving up a few spots in the #32 until the races first caution period occurred on lap 12 setting up the first pit stop and driver change. Tom took over and drove until the end of the race. Unfortunately, time and track position was lost during the second and final pit stop later in the race with refueling issues dropping the #32 back down the order. Coming back up to 5th at the races end, Dyer crossed the finish line 7.9 seconds back of the leader.

"My goal is to be challenging for race wins and podium finishes, which we didn't achieve at this event. We had the pace to be on the podium, but missed it by a couple positions. We will be hard at work to get there between now and the next race. I'm looking forward to Round 2 at Barber Motorsports Park. I'm excited to be in the seat for the entire season and confident the team and I will make the necessary gains to consistently be battling up front. From a team perspective it was a great race with all three cars finishing in the top five, as well as winning the race."

The television broadcast of the race airs Saturday February 4th at 9am PST / 12pm EST on SPEED.

You can follow Tom and the team's progress throughout the 2012 Grand-Am CTSCC season at:

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