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SOLAR RACING NEWS

Michigan in Sixth Day of American Solar Challenge

July 20, 2001 – During Day Six of the American Solar Challenge -- the 2,300-mile cross country solar car race from Chicago to Los Angeles – University of Michigan kept its lead, finishing its day of racing at the official checkpoint in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Although final daily results have not been released, as of 5:30 p.m. MST today, Michigan held a 45-minute lead over second-place University of Missouri-Rolla. University of Waterloo was in third place.

Rounding out the top ten, in order, were Queen's University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Principia College, Kansas State, University of Arizona, MIT, University of Missouri-Columbia.

Twenty-eight cars remain in the running.

The race began in Chicago at the Museum of Science and Industry July 15 and continues to Claremont, Calif., through 14 checkpoints in cities and towns along historic Route 66. The American Solar Challenge is an educational event in which participants build and race cars whose only source of fuel is the sun. The car with the fastest cumulative time will win the race.

Official daily results will be posted at www.formulasun.org/asc as early as possible each day. Final cumulative times are based on actual race time, plus time penalties for infractions and trailering. Cars can be tracked on the Internet at www.formulasun.org/asc/tracking/index.html July 15-25 through use of a global positioning satellite system that will pinpoint their location at any time.

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