



## Second Time on the Dirt Brings 12<sup>th</sup> Place Finish

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The Kirila racing team was at the dirt track last Friday night, April 24, 2009. Lernerville Speedway in Sarver, PA hosts the races for the modified class every week.

It was Gene's second time racing at Lernerville and with his veteran crew chief Jim Corbin and Marty Belik both at the track supporting Gene, he was well coached and had a great set up on his car.



*Gene's wheelin' his car into the turn*

Gene started his heat race in the back. He drove great and was able to work his way up to 4<sup>th</sup> place of 7 cars during the 8 lap heat race.

During the feature, Gene was lined up in the 12<sup>th</sup> spot of the 23 car field. The race began and he drove smoothly and was able to pass a few cars. On lap 6, four of the cars ahead of Gene got together and just as Gene was about to get through the group of cars that spun, his bumper hooked one of the other cars and it brought him around. He had to restart in the back for his involvement in the incident.

Gene drove his way back up to 10<sup>th</sup> place and on lap 15 of the 25 lap feature, he was coming through turns 3 and 4 and spun the car. Keeping it off the

wall and out of trouble he was fine to continue, but in the back again.

Gene made a hard charge during the next 10 laps and drove his way up to 12<sup>th</sup> place to take the checkered flag. The veterans who were working with Gene complimented his driving and saw some of the skills he demonstrated as very advanced for someone just beginning in the dirt modified car.



*Gene on the track in his dirt modified*

Many of the drivers at Lernerville have raced there for 10 years or more. The experience Gene is getting by racing with these veteran drivers is excellent. He will work very hard this year to earn their respect by driving clean and with great responsibility.

Next weekend May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Kirila race team will be headed to Nashville, TN for the CRA late model race. The Budweiser All American 150 will be host to many talented drivers including NASCAR's Kyle Busch and other NASCAR talent. Gene will be racing his #05 late model with David Stremme Racing.

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