

Gene Finishes 15th for His First 100 Lap Race

Kirila Race Update 4-7-08

This past weekend the Kirila race team headed to Cordele, Georgia for our first regular race of the 2008 season with the late model. Watermelon Capital Speedway was host of the Watermelon 100. Racing was originally scheduled for Saturday, April, 5th but due to rain was rescheduled for Sunday, April, 6th.



Gene's 05 late model at the Watermelon Capital Speedway in Cordele, GA

With Gene's finish of 15th place, despite many "hurdles" the team endured, we were very happy with the results.

"We had a fast car, but it was having some trouble just before qualifying." Said our rookie driver. The 05 qualified 25th and after coming off the track, it was discovered that there was a broken shock on the car.

Since only the top 24 qualifiers are guaranteed a position in the main feature, Gene would have to run in the last chance

race to try and get the 2 remaining spots left in the feature.

He won the last chance race taking it green to checkered in 1st place. This win put him in the feature 100 lap race starting in the 25th spot.

Gene drove hard and was able to miss many wrecks in front of him. He continued to move up positions throughout the race. At about lap 60, his right front tire went down and caused him to have to pit in order to change the tire which put him two laps down.

The remaining laps went well and he completed the race finishing 15th.

It was a great weekend and the experiences our driver got were excellent. This weekend's race will be televised and we will let you know when (around May 10th) and what channel as we confirm the details within the next few weeks.

A special thanks to our crew chief, Tony Blanchard and assistant crew chief, Marty Belik.