



Kirila's Front End Fails

Kirila Race Update 5-11-09

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It was a tough Friday night at Lernerville Speedway for the Kirila Race team. On Friday, May 8, 2009 our team headed to Sarver, PA for the weekly show.

Gene pulled a good "pill" (the number that determines starting line up for the heat races) which placed him in heat #3 in the 2nd place spot – outside pole. The heat was plagued with several yellows and Gene slipped back as he struggled to get a good restart. He finished the heat in 6th place.

To begin the feature race, Gene lined up in the 22nd position of the 24 car field. Bound to charge to the front during only his 3rd dirt modified race, he tried to make his way through traffic. There was a lot of banging as he tried to pass. The first 6 laps had 5 yellow flags making it tough to get started.



Gene on the track in his #007 dirt modified

By lap 12 of the 25 lap feature, Gene's left front shock mount broke and it sent the #007 into the turn 4 wall. The damage was minimal but required a tow truck to pull him off the track.

There were several altercations leading up to the lap 12 mechanical failure, but on lap 7 there was a wheel to wheel contact that sent the 007 jumping into the air. The wheel hop most likely caused the shock mount to weaken and ultimately the car failed.

The Kirila Gorilla race team was disappointed with the results but is geared up to get the car repaired and return to Lernerville over Memorial Day weekend.

Our team is running next Sunday, May 17, 2009 at Hickory Motor Speedway, in Hickory, NC. The ASA Southeast is hosting the race on Sunday which follows the Saturday night race of the NASCAR All-Star Shoot-out at Lowe's Motor Speedway. With the large crowds for the All Star race, it should draw a good race crowd on Sunday at Hickory. Hope to see you there.

THANK YOU!! - We really have wonderful fans and can't thank you enough for your continued support, well wishes and track attendance!