



Kirila Drives to a 9th Place Finish at the ASA South Watermelon Bowl 100

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The Kirila race team headed to Cordele, Georgia this past weekend to race at the Watermelon Capital Speedway for Gene's fourth 100 lap challenge and he rose to the occasion.

Our team was extremely excited about our 9th place finish. The car was set up and running great and our driver did an awesome job running up through the field.



Gene practicing at the Watermelon Speedway, Cordele, GA

The Kirila #05 began the weekend with practice on Friday night, May 9, 2008 running a top 7 time within the field of ASA South drivers. Saturday's practice proved the same with a top 7 car. Kirila was very fast and the team hoped for a good qualifier to begin the feature up front.

When it came time to qualify, our team's expectations were high, but we didn't quite get everything aligned to make it happen and we qualified 15th.

Starting in the 15th position, the race was underway and very early on, at lap 4, Gene was wrapped up in

a wreck which bent the front nose of the car causing a tire rub. Repairs were needed. Tony Blanchard, our crew chief made the call to bring him in to pit road under caution for a quick fix to the nose. This put him back out in the rear of the field.

Once they restarted the race, Gene drove aggressively as he wheeled the 05 through the seasoned crowd of cars. Avoiding all incidents, he was able to pass and move his way up to complete all 100 laps and finish in the 9th place spot. This was his first top ten in a 100 lap late model race.

Gene's driving impressed not only our team, but the race officials took notice of his patience and clean run. He was a "Hard Charger" of the event and really showed great skill. The tough competition from the ASA South, makes the finish that much more special.



Kirila in the #05 at Watermelon Speedway

Our team won't be racing for the next 2 weeks (some well-deserved time off). The Kirila race team will be headed to the Senoia Speedway in Senoia, GA the weekend of May 31, 2008.

We would like to thank our fans and team members
for all your support!!