



## Sharon Speedway, Rockingham and Lernerville Provide Kirila Excellent Experience

Kirila Race Update 6-15-09

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It's been a busy few weeks for the Kirila Racing Team. Gene made his dirt debut in Dwayne Clay's big block modified at Sharon Speedway in Hartford, OH on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He tested the David Stremme Racing's paved late model at Rockingham Speedway in Rockingham, NC on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Last Friday night, June 12<sup>th</sup> he raced the modified at Lernerville Speedway in Sarver, PA.

At Sharon Speedway in the dirt, Kirila lined up in 6<sup>th</sup> place for his heat race. He was held up by a car that spun in front of him and had to brake to miss it which placed him 7<sup>th</sup> to finish the 8 lap heat.

With Gene at the wheel of the Dwayne Clay #007 dirt big block modified, he lined up for the feature in 19<sup>th</sup> place of the 26 car field. As they took the green and came around through turns 1 and 2, there were 2 cars that spun directly in front of Gene this gave him nowhere to go and caused him to hit into one of the cars breaking his front end. It was a short lived night on the track.

Shifting gears into the #05 paved late model of David Stremme Racing, Gene's testing at Rockingham went very well. Spending a day at the track with his crew Chief Jim King, he was able to improve his lap times by the end of the day to bring him within 2 tenths of the fastest drivers who participated at the test day. He was running in the top 3 by the last practice that afternoon.

The test day was in preparation for the "Cherry Bomb 200" with the ASA Challenge series that Gene will run on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Rockingham test also proved Gene's ability to run the super fast high banked paved track. The David Stremme team was happy to see Gene's skill level and moved him one step closer to running an ARCA race in the near future.



*#007 Dwayne Clay dirt modified*

Last Friday night brought our team back to Lernerville to race the weekly show. Kirila started his heat race outside pole in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. He stayed with the leader for several laps and with the set up a little too tight, fell back throughout the heat race to finish 8<sup>th</sup>.

He lined up in the 16<sup>th</sup> spot as they took the green, Gene worked his way up to 8<sup>th</sup> place by lap 18. As the race continued with no cautions the track was slick and the car transitioned to loose. With the car not handling well, he fell back during the last few laps to finish 13<sup>th</sup> for the night. This was Gene's 6<sup>th</sup> dirt race and finishing the race was a small victory.

This weekend, June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, Gene will race Friday night at Lernerville and Saturday night at Sharon Speedway in the big block dirt modified. We look forward to some exciting racing and hope to see some of our fans at the track. Thank you as always to our great fan club members who give us so much support with your well wishes and true interest in Gene's racing experiences.



*#05 David Stremme Racing late model.*