



KIRILA RACE TEAM
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RACING NEWS UPDATE
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Kirila brothers both take firsts in their features on the same night at the Lowe's Motor Speedway during the Summer Shootout.

After being home 3 of the last 27 days, the Kirila race team has built a winning combination with some career highlight wins.

Gene won his first Legends race in grand style. Winning a 50 lap national qualifier at Shenandoah Valley Virginia on Saturday night June 16th was a spectacular way to win your first Legends race. This was a special event attended by hotshots from all over the eastern part of the country. It was a good turnout of race teams because the winner receives an invitation to the National Championships in Las Vegas Nevada in October 2007. So we will see you all in Vegas in October. Even Gene's 11 and 12 year old sisters, who were getting a little road worn from all the traveling, said racing is worth it, now that they get to go to Vegas.

On Tuesday June 26 the Kirila race team pulled into Concord NC's Lowe's Motor Speedway to run week 3 of the Summer Shoot Out. This televised event airs on Speed TV in the fall. It has competitors from all over the country fighting for air time. The Shoot Out is arguably the toughest series for Bandolero and Legends racing. The venue itself is intimidating because of pitting in the NASCAR garages, racing in the 150,000 seat race stadium, and many of the NASCAR drivers and crew are hanging out and coaching there kids. While the stands have maybe 5,000 people for the Tuesday night show, the lights, stadium size, TV cameras, and close to 200 cars competing, is an experience and especially for a young kid.

With the stage set, Jesse Kirila drove the number 55 bandolero out front all night. He won his heat therefore started on the pole for the feature. He drove a smart race to keep his car out front. As the weather changed throughout the night, lightening cracked over the skyline and rain was threatening. Even with the thunder, Jesse drove to his first Summer Shoot out win. At 10 he is among the youngest of drivers but even the Speed TV commentator commented that he interviews like a pro. We will get details out when the show airs in the fall on Speed TV.

Gene on the other hand had to work hard not to let his little brother be the only Kirila in victory lane. The Incredible Plastics [one of our new sponsor] Legend #5 started the night off by



having a good computer generated pill pull for the first time in the series. Prior to this week the #5 has been going from the rear of the pack and repetitively getting caught up in other wrecks that did not take him out but slowed his charge, this week proved different. Gene started his heat in 2nd and finished second, this placed him outside pole for the feature. Mother Nature then opened the clouds and after an hour lightening delay they resumed the schedule. The legends run in the rain so the crew prepared the car by using rain tires. As the green flag dropped the tires started slipping and sliding on the drenched track. The rain did not hold back the young lead foot racers who failed the patience test, Gene's car and others went spinning across the field before they reached the start/finish line. As the field reorganized Gene found himself in the back of the pack with rain pouring down. Everyone, including Dad, gave up hope on the race but no one told the 14 year old Gene about how it was really tough to pass on a rain soaked flat circle track. As the green flag dropped on lap 2 of the 20 lap feature Gene went into dirt track mode "slideways." We have spent the last year on asphalt breaking the old dirt track habits and now it was time to tap into that skill set. The next 19 laps were breath taking as Gene carved his way up through the field. With 4 to go he cued up behind the leader and waited for the moment, which occurred in turn 4 of the last lap as he practiced the old bump and run. Kirila "the gorilla" created his own hole to the inside. #5 passed on the drag race to the finish line winning his first ever "Shoot Out" and his second win in the legend car. Gene's won his last two starts.

The cool thing was the fact that both Kirila Boys drove to victory lane at the Summer Shootout on the same night. The officials are checking on history of a two brother win on the same night but we think it is a first. After 7 years of chasing racing, this month is a team milestone.

Kirila racing also thinks we had a rabbit's foot for the Shoot Out because we have a new team sponsor "Incredible Plastics" based out of Warren Ohio. Thanks to the President Ted Bloom the Kirila cars were able to carry the "Incredible" logo into the winner's circle and in front of the home town crowd of Lowe's employees who are an Incredible Plastics customer.

Congratulations to Incredible Plastics being in the winner's circle at Lowe's Motor Speedway .

We want to thank the entire team. The recent combination of players has benefited our two young drivers and we know that without the proper support team we go backwards fast. We have been blessed to gather the following team: Marty Belik, Gray Coble and Devo.