

Kirila keeps it up front for the latest road course races at Lowe's Motor Speedway with a 2nd and 3rd place finish last Saturday and Sunday.

Gene raced rounds 6 and 7 of the Winter Heat series at Lowe's in Charlotte, NC on 1/19/08 and 1/20/08. Saturday he finished 2nd and Sunday finished 3rd.

During Saturday's events, Gene started in 4th place for Heat number 1 and finished 5th. Heat number 2 ran with the full field of cars and Gene was starting in the back in 13th. The rain came just as they were starting heat 2. Gene was able to avoid 2 wrecks in turns 2 and 3 and moved quickly up into 7th place. With another pile up of cars ahead of him, Gene missed it and moved into the 3rd spot and kept it there for the finish. The feature race was run in a full downpour of rain. Gene started in 4th place. As the drivers started, many of them spun their tires, but Gene kept good throttle control to keep from spinning and moved right up into 2nd place. He was unable to pass the first place car during the next 7 laps of the feature and he finished 2nd.

During Sunday's events, with only 1 heat race and then the feature, Gene started the heat in 17th place. There was a large pile up that he was able to get around, he moved right up through the field. Missing 2 more wrecks during the next 4 laps, Gene worked his way up to finish the heat in 4th place. He started the feature race in 4th place and at the start was able to gain a spot. He ran hard throughout the race and remained in 3rd to take the checkered.

It has been a very exciting time during this series. Gene is getting great "seat time" and experience running against some of the best Legend drivers in the country. The last race for the Winter Heat series at Lowe's is this Saturday, January 26th.

The Kirila team will be headed further south to Florida for Speed Week preparations. Our schedule will be:

New Smyrna Speedway near Daytona: 2/6/08 – 2/10/08 (Late Model)

Orlando Speedworld near Orlando: 2/11/08 – 2/16/08 (Legend)

We will be posting our schedule on the website also: www.kirilaracing.com

Thanks!!

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