

Lee USA Speedway June 3rd 2011

All in all, a good night! We showed up at Lee USA Speedway for the first time in a pro stock. Austin picked up the track very well and was setting some good lap time in practice.

Austin did not get a very good draw for starting position in the heat, so just as in the first six pack race at Canaan, Austin started last in the heat. With the drop of the green flag, Austin made his way past a fellow competitor and finished in the seventh position.

After the heat, the feature line up was posted and Austin was slated to start in the 12th position. As the field of pro stocks were preparing to get in their cars to stage for the feature, the starting line-up was changed. **Austin was now on the pole!** With Austin being young and new to the pro stock division, fellow competitors, Dad, and track officials were nervous. However, Austin was prepared, excited and had no worries that he would do fine. To his credit, he did a terrific job. With a nice smooth start, Austin led the field down into turn one with a one car length lead, the second place car was able to make a run on the outside of turn two and clear Austin for the lead. On a quick note, Austin and crew would like to send a big thank you out to Scott Zig Geno, for having all the patience in the world as he was in the third starting position and did not hit Austin once or try any three wide dive bomb moves. As the race continued, Austin held a very smooth but cautious line for the first seven laps. From that point on, Austin started getting faster and faster. It even took last week's feature winner five laps to move around him. This allowed a few racers to pass Austin on the outside, dropping him back to ninth position when a caution came out on lap 17. On the ensuing restart Austin fell to tenth place where he would run for a very long time. At one point, he even caught back up to the lead pack of cars. Unfortunately, on lap forty, Austin spun coming out of turn four. He was able to hold the car down and spin into the infield grass bringing out the caution. This would end our night, as we had brake failure AGAIN (which is what contributed to his spin). The crew will work very hard to rectify this on-going problem.

For the next race, we are off to Canada to enter our second PASS race. Wish us luck and hopefully the brake problem will be resolved!