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# TK MOTORSPORTS WEEKLY UPDATE

## USAC National Sprintcar Series at O'Reilly Raceway Park – June 10, 2010

TK Motorsports made their first ever start at O'Reilly Raceway Park as part of the USAC National Sprintcar tour. This year, TK Motorsports is competing against the 410ci aluminum-block engines of the USAC National series, using a steel-block 360ci Toyota engine. The event at ORP marked the debut of TK Motorsports two-car Toyota Sprint car effort. Qualifying went well, as both Kody and Tanner timed in the "Top 10," with Kody's #75 in 5th, and Tanner's #17 in 9th. In preliminary action, Tanner moved his #17 to the 3rd position, and transferred to the evening's feature event. Unfortunately, Kody didn't fair so well in his heat race. On lap 2, Kody moved to the outside of another car off of turn 4, when the other car lifted off the throttle, and sent Kody through the air and into the outside retaining wall. The damage was extensive, ending the night for Kody and his #75. Tanner lined up 8th for the night's 30-lap feature event, and at the drop of the green began moving forward. Tanner moved as high as 6th before the handling on his #17 began to go away, and Tanner began to lose positions. With 3 laps to go, Tanner had faded to just outside the Top 10 when he spun with another car in turn 4 and ended his night. For TK Motorsports their first event at ORP was a tough one, and will serve as a race to learn from.



## USAC National Sprintcar Series at Berlin Speedway – June 12, 2010

TK Motorsports continued their USAC National Sprint tour at Berlin Raceway, in Marnette, Michigan only two days after their struggle at ORP, and looked to turn their season around. The TK Motorsports and Team 6R Racing teams worked hard, and repaired Kody's damaged #75 good enough to "make laps" as teammate to his brother in the #17. Of the 18 car field, Tanner qualified in the 8th position, while Kody timed in 14th. The brothers were in the same preliminary heat race, with Tanner driving up to a 3rd place finish and Kody holding on to 5th, for both to transfer to the feature event. For the 30-lap feature, Tanner would start in the 8th position, with Kody back in 14th, hoping to make their way toward the front. At the drop of the green, the brothers did just that, as Kody moved up toward the 12th position while Tanner moved toward the Top 6. As the race played out on the tricky 7/16 mile paved oval, the brothers did their best to gain positions, with Tanner completing the pass for 4th coming to the checkered flag, to earn Toyota their first "Top 5" USAC National Sprint finish. Even with a bent-up racecar, Kody drove the #75 up to a solid 10th place run to cap off solid runs for the TK Motorsports team in Michigan.



# TK MOTORSPORTS WEEKLY UPDATE

## USAC National Midget Series at Gas City I-69 Speedway – June 16, 2010



Kody Swanson and the TK Motorsports/Team 6R Racing team kicked off the 2010 version of USAC Indiana Midget Week with a great start, qualifying in the 3rd position of the 37 cars entered at the ¼ mile dirt track. By virtue of his qualifying position, Kody would start in the 6th position in his preliminary heat race and needed to finish at least 4th or better to transfer directly to the night's feature event. In the ten-lap race, Kody moved up to a battle for 4th, and secured the pass going into the final corner of the event, earning himself a 4th place starting position in the night's feature event. At the start of the 30-lap race, Kody jumped to the 3rd position, and set his sights on the leaders. In the first 10-laps, Kody was able to pressure the 2nd place car, but never could make a pass. As changing track conditions continued to worsen the handling on his #19 midget, Kody faded to the 5th position before getting upside down in turn 4 on lap 21. Although the end result wasn't what the team was hoping for, Kody still had a really strong run on the dirt in his Team 6R/TK Motorsports #19 Toyota.

## USAC National Midget Series at Lincoln Park Speedway – June 17, 2010

Looking to "bounce back" from their previous night's acrobatics, the TK Motorsports/Team 6R team headed to Putnamville, Indiana for Night #2 of Indiana Midget Week. During this set of events, the midget series utilizes "group qualifying procedures" for time trials, lining up a set of competitors for 4 timed laps. In Kody's group, a slower car got in the way, and prevented him from getting a clean run, and resulted in a 17th place qualifying effort in the 40 car field. Kody lined up his #19 on the outside of row 1 of his preliminary heat race, and took the lead on the start. After leading the first 4 laps, the Toyota powerplant under the hood of the #19 began to experience mechanical issues, and Kody was forced to retire from the event. Although it was an unfortunate ending to Indiana Midget Week, the TK Motorsports/Team 6R Racing team represented themselves well with a pair of strong runs in the ultra-competitive USAC National Midget series.



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## **USAC Western Midget Series at Bakersfield Speedway – June 26, 2010**

Kody Swanson headed back to California to compete for Shannon McQueen Racing in the USAC Western States Midget series event at Bakersfield Speedway. In his previous McQueen Racing appearances, Kody set two fast times, and was looking to go 3-for-3 when he timed in 2nd during qualifying, only to his teammate, Shannon McQueen. After a strong qualifying run, Kody would have to come from the back of his preliminary heat races to 5th to transfer to the feature event. In the heat race, Kody jumped from 6th to 4th in the opening laps, and finished a solid 3rd place. In a special event trophy dash, Kody finished in the 6th position to earn his starting spot for the 30-lap feature event. In the opening laps, Kody shot to the outside, and began battling into the Top 5 cars. He was running 4th just 5 laps into the event when a car started to spin in front of him, and he nearly stalled his #75 trying to avoid a potential incident. When the car finally re-fired, Kody had fallen to the 9th position, and lost a lot of ground to the leaders. He quickly began making his way through the field, and had broken back into the Top 4 just after the half-way mark. In the final 5 laps, Kody was able to pass into the Top 3 and earn a solid 3rd place finish in the feature event, giving himself 3 “Top 3” finishes in his only 3 events for McQueen Racing.



## **USAC National Sprintcar Series at O'Reilly Raceway Park – July 1, 2010**

When the USAC National Sprintcars returned to pavement racing, it would be a Thursday night event at O'Reilly Raceway Park. The TK Motorsports team was hoping to rebound after a tough go in their previous ORP race just three weeks prior. In qualifying, Kody led the team with a 6th place effort, while Tanner timed his #17 in 13th. The brothers would need “Top 5” finishes in their preliminary heat race to transfer to the feature event. Each in their own heat race, both of TK Motorsports' Swanson brothers came out with 3rd place finishes to earn their spot in the feature. By virtue of his 6th place qualifying effort, and an invert of the 6 fastest qualifiers, Kody started the 30-lap feature from the pole position, while Tanner lined up 13th. At the drop of the green, Kody shot to the lead in his #75, and led the next 4 laps until USAC Triple Crown Champ Jerry Coons Jr. was able to make the pass for the lead on lap 5. Kody remained in the 2nd position until a lap 12 restart, when eventual winner Shane Hmiel was able to get by the 75, and send Kody back to 3rd. Meanwhile, Tanner was battling among runners in the “Top 10,” looking for a way to get his #17 to the front. For the remainder of the event, Kody chased after the two leaders, but was never able to make a move for 2nd, and had to bring the #75 home in 3rd, while Tanner suffered from handling issues and ended up 13th. It was a great run for the TK Motorsports team, and gave Toyota their first ever “podium” feature finish in the USAC National Sprintcar series.



# The **FINAL LAP**

## USAC National Sprintcars at Toledo Speedway – July 2, 2010

Just after their event at O'Reilly Raceway Park, TK Motorsports and the USAC National Sprintcars traveled to Toledo, Ohio for a second straight night of competition. Being their first ever sprint event at Toledo Speedway, the TK Motorsports team wasn't quite sure what to expect. During series qualifying, Kody Swanson took his #75 around the 1/2 mile oval in 14.664 seconds, setting quick time and a New Track Record for the USAC National Sprintcars. Kody was using his 360ci steel-block Toyota sprint car engine, and out-qualified the field full of 410ci aluminum-blocks to give Toyota their first-ever fast time award and track record in the Sprintcar division. After qualifying 13th, Tanner gave his #17 a solid 2nd place run in his preliminary heat race to earn his position in the feature event. In that same heat race, Kody finished in the 6th spot and would earn a 7th place start for the 50-lap feature. After starting 13th, Tanner began to move quickly through the field, entering a battle for the 10th spot in the first 10 laps when he experienced a minor set-back. While battling for position, Tanner was pushed down the racetrack by another car, and clipped the infield grass off of turn 4, a spun to a stop to bring out the caution. With 10 laps in, and 40 to go, Kody was running 9th with Tanner at the tail and 19th. Although Kody was never able to really move toward the front, he made it to 7th by half way, and was running solidly in that position. However, the real show re-started from the tail as young Tanner Swanson began carving up through the pack, moving into the Top 15 in only a few laps. By race's end, Kody remained in 7th, while Tanner had driven his #17 all the way back to a 10th place finish, to give the team two "Top 10" finishes on the night.

### Hard at work—



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The TK Motorsports Crew has to make a pit stop towards the end of the June 10th ORP race after Tanner spun into the wall with only three laps to go.

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