



The Grand Prix of Kansas

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Kansas City, KA) June 9, 2014 The Kansas Speedway is known for its 17-20 degree variable banking and for being a very fast track. The Rebel Rock Racing/MBRP team arrived on Friday determined to break free of the string of mishaps that had plagued it the previous few races. The crew had outfitted #08 with a complete new suspension set to gain some time on the track.

Martin Barkey and Kyle Marcelli shared the first one hour practice on Friday afternoon. Not finding the pace needed the crew reconfigured the car with a completely new set-up. By the second practice on Friday evening the car was much better and with a few minor tweaks at the pit wall both drivers felt like they had a car that could compete for the win.

This proved to be true at qualifying later Friday night as Martin was able to shave a full 1.5 seconds off his best practice lap time and earn a P19 slot on the grid. Running under the lights was a real thrill for Martin who had never had the experience, particularly on such a fast track as Kansas.



Waiting for the 6:15 PM start for Saturday's 2.5 hour race was extremely difficult for driver's and crew. All were eager to get the "show on the road". They knew that they had a good car and were chomping at the bit to get out on the track. They were able to keep themselves occupied, meeting with fans and signing autographs, but a part of their minds were very much focused on the clock counting down to the drop of that green flag.

Martin was so eager to get racing he pulled a jump start penalty requiring him to do a full drive through the pits before he could resume racing. From that point though the race was clean with only one yellow flag during the first one hour stint. That allowed for several great battles with competitors and consistent laps. As he battled up through the pack Martin was once again able to run his best lap times cutting 1.4 seconds off his qualifying times.

After the first hour of racing the Rebel Rock crew was flawless during the pit stop and with a clean, quick driver change Kyle was behind the wheel and on the track in no time.

With a good car under him Kyle battled hard and made up positions quickly. The real advance came with a mid-race pit stop that made all the difference for this race. The team brought Kyle in mid-race to top up fuel and only gave him right side tires. This strategy saved time in the pits and put #08 out in front of others that needed to pit for all four tires or fuel. Kyle was able to run to the end of the race and finish in fifth place, their best finish yet.

Martin Barkey was extremely pleased. *"What a weekend for the entire Rebel Rock Racing team. Crew, Engineers and Drivers all performed nearly perfect allowing the team to have its best finishes in its history, four cars in two classes finishing with two 3rd place and two 5th place finishes. At this level of racing this is something to be very proud of. Personally this was my most exciting race to date. I learned so much this weekend and cannot wait for Watkins Glen."*

Kyle Marcelli was very positive about their performance as well. *"Overall a great weekend for everyone at Rebel Rock/ MBRP Racing. Drivers and crew performed exceptionally and the result shows that. It was great to see the development of my co-driver Martin Barkey as he pushed the performance envelope, driving a great one hour stint to start the race. Our car was handling very well both on new and used tires giving me great confidence to push hard every lap. With a few more improvements you can expect that we will return even stronger for Watkins Glen. I'm looking forward to it!"*

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