

Kimmel Finishes Fourth at Kansas Speedway

KANSAS CITY, MO (October 1, 2009) – Frank Kimmel and the Ansell/Menards sponsored Kimmel Racing team turned in another solid performance in Thursday's Kansas Lottery 150.

After inclement weather the morning of the race forced ARCA officials to reconfigure the day's schedule, Menards Pole Qualifying presented by Ansell was cancelled and cars were lined up by owner's points.

Kimmel rolled off third in the Ansell/Menards Ford Fusion, but made an aggressive move on the first lap taking the leaders three wide in attempt to pass. While Kimmel wasn't able to make the move up, he settled into fourth place. The caution flag flew on lap four and Kimmel radioed the crew that his racecar was still too tight and needed to turn better. The restart on lap six gave Kimmel another opportunity to feel out his car and the veteran driver was able to make the move for third place over point's leader Justin Lofton.

On lap 29, Kimmel made a move for the second spot and got it with ease. Kimmel was riding in the runner-up spot on lap 30 when Crew Chief Bill Kimmel Jr. radioed his driver that he had just recorded his fastest lap of the race.

On a side note of interest, because of the midweek race schedule, several members of the Kimmel Racing over-the-wall crew were absent from today's event. Stepping in to pit for a racecar for the first time in nearly five years was Crew Chief Bill Kimmel Jr. who was needed to change rear tires during the scheduled stops.

When Kimmel pit on lap 41, the team, joined by Bill Kimmel Jr., gave him four tires and fuel as well as a slight air pressure adjustment. Kimmel returned to the track in 11th place and went to work on getting back into the top-ten during the restart on lap 44. Kimmel was up to ninth place by lap 46 and continued to battle towards the front. By lap 50, the halfway point of the race, Kimmel was shown in eighth place.

After some serious jockeying for position, while also navigating the lapped traffic, Kimmel was back into the top five by lap 62. Kimmel rode out the final laps of the race, which were uneventful, until the caution flag flew on lap 94. Still being shown in fifth place, Kimmel prepared for a green, white, checkered finish to round out the originally scheduled 100-lap event. At the restart on lap 101, Kimmel made a move for fourth place and secured the position as taking the white flag.

"Well that's another top-five, so it was a good race for us today," said Kimmel. "We just battled tight all day, but we really worked hard as a team to overcome some obstacles. First of all, the car just wouldn't turn in practice but Bill and the boys made some great changes and got the car handling a lot better by the time the race started. Then, with some of our crew guys not being here, everyone really stepped up and made the best of

the pit road situation. I'm just really proud of all these guys and proud to be racing this Ansell/Menards Ford Fusion."

With race number 20 in the books, the season finale ARCA RE/MAX Series event will take place next Sunday at Rockingham Speedway.

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