



Rusty Mitchell Makes Miller Motorsports Park Debut

Strong opening laps to kick off round 3

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(Tooele, UT) 20 May, 2009—After having an all-too-short race weekend at VIR when he was crashed out of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear race on the very first lap, Rusty Mitchell was just looking to get a clean start to the race this weekend at Miller Motorsports Park.

After qualifying on the tenth row, Mitchell did exactly that as he made the most of the race start to move up to 11th just three laps into the race, which was the young Texans very first on the Salt Lake City-area facility. But that strong start was dealt a big setback as the tight racing saw Mitchell take evasive action to avoid another spinning car, sending him back to 26th in the order.

While a full course caution would have helped Mitchell make forward progress, none came into play, although his pace saw him able to regain some nine spots before the checkered flag fell to close out the event.

“After getting the start that we did, I was certainly hoping for a top ten or even better,” said Mitchell. “But with no yellows, it was just impossible to make up all the ground that we lost. But after the race we had at VIR, it was good to at least make it to the checkered flag today. I really liked the track-it was pretty flat, but still a lot of fun to drive.”

Mitchell will now look forward to some oval testing as the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear heads to Milwaukee for a series test.

“The only oval racing I’ve done is on dirt, so this should be a fun experience,” said Mitchell, who will race on the oval on June 20 as part of the NASCAR Nationwide and Truck event. “I think it’s going to be interesting to see how these cars are on an oval. There is a lot of downforce of course, but I think managing tires is also going to be really important. I just want to get a good feel for it and build my speed and be as ready as I can be for when we come back there to race.”

Rusty Mitchell//Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear
Round 3, Miller Motorsports Park—May 17
Qualifying- P20/1:45.698-seconds
Race-P17/BL 1:46.000

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