

An Extremely Busy Off-Season For Bryan Silas

STUART, Florida (January 13, 2010) - - For veteran driver Bryan Silas the 2009-2010 racing off-season has been anything but dull. After a successful junior season on the ARCA Racing Series presented by RE/MAX and Menards tour, the Stuart, Florida native has been hard at it preparing what he is hoping will be his best season yet.

Returning to the driving reins of the No. 11 Palm Beach Grading-Rockingham Speedway Ford Fusion this year; Silas has armored himself with a new crew chief, self-confidence and a new cheerleader atop of the pit box.

After boasting one top-five and 10 top-10 finishes in 2009, Silas and car owner Andy Hillenburg were determined to make the new racing year more successful than the last. While the team enjoyed success with former crew chief Cal Boprey – the two parted ways in December leaving an open door for Bryant Frazier to lead the team.

So far – the chemistry has been explosive.



"I've enjoyed working with Bryant," said Silas, who also spent the 2009 season competing in a limited NASCAR Camping World Truck Series schedule. "You would think it would take a little bit of time to get used to working with a new crew chief but Bryant jumped in and we haven't missed a beat."

Silas continued, "We had our best superspeedway test ever in December at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway. Our Ford Fusion was fast and we're not done yet. If you listen to the communication between Bryant and I – you would think we have been working together for 10 plus years. It's just that good. Without a doubt, his leadership and assurance have raised this team to a new level heading into the 2010 season."

The 22-year old Silas laid out his biggest goal for the approaching season. "It's time to win," he said. "Fast Track Racing proved last year that we could go to a big track, a small track and even a dirt track and be competitive. Unfortunately, despite our competitiveness we weren't able to seal the deal – this year; I feel we'll conquer the goal. As much as it is important to win a race – a championship would be even sweeter. Our team is championship material. We have the resources and knowledge to be in the hunt and with a little luck; we'll find ourselves in that battle."

Happy with a 20-race schedule this year, Silas says quality not quantity has been the strength of the ARCA Racing Series. "We've had a lot of great racing in ARCA lately. I know that the series has had more races in their line-up but I'll take a few less races if it results in better competition. I'm looking forward to seeing what the new year has in-store for us starting in Daytona."

Finally, before the engines rev up for the 10-month tour, Silas took the opportunity this past weekend to marry his girlfriend Misty Vance in a private ceremony in Hamlet, North Carolina on Saturday, January 9. The reception was held none other than at the legendary Rockingham (N.C.) Speedway.

"Marrying Misty was one of the happiest days of my life," sounded Silas. "My wife is just an awesome person and she supports me 100 percent in racing. I am truly a lucky man."

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