

Bryan Silas Fifth In Points Heading To Lone Star State For 75th ARCA Start

JUSTIN, Texas (April 13, 2010) - - A solid 11th place outing at Salem (Ind.) Speedway this past Sunday afternoon propelled Stuart, Florida native Bryan Silas to fifth in the ARCA Racing Series championship standings heading into Friday night's Rattlesnake 150 at Texas Motor Speedway.

The Fast Track Racing (FTR) driver is off to his best start in his four seasons of ARCA competition and while short track racing is gone for six weeks, Silas is itching to get back to an intermediate track where he and newly returned crew chief Cal Boprey flexed their muscles in 2009.

The ARCA Racing Series returns to Texas Motor Speedway for the first time in 12 years but the 22-year old driver won't be completely blindsided this week. Silas gained experience at the extremely fast 1.5-mile speedway in a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS) event last fall. The Fast Track Racing team also participated in an ARCA sanctioned test there last month.



"You haul at Texas," said Silas. "I feel that our package on the mile and a half tracks were just as competitive with some of the other teams last year including the ones running Toyotas. Cal (Boprey) and I came to an understanding on what we needed to do to go fast at a place like Texas, so I'm anxious to get there this week and see if we can pick up right where we left off last year."

Overall, Silas, a well-liked driver in the garage is extremely pleased with the way his season has progressed thus far. "It's been a good year so far," Silas remarked. "We've kept our noses clean and have had some solid finishes because of that. We're looking for our first top-five of the year and there isn't a question that we have the opportunity to make it happen on Friday night."

When asked of the difference between Texas Motor Speedway compared to some of the other intermediate tracks he has competed on Silas commented, "Texas is a new beast. That's the best way to put it. It's extremely fast. You not only have to have a good motor but your setup has to be ideal for the racing conditions. I think the race will be interesting on Friday but hopefully we'll be leaving with a smile on our faces."

Whatever the outcome on Friday night, Silas won't have a whole lot of time to reflect as he'll quickly head east to compete in the USARacing Series event at New Smyrna (Fla.) Speedway on Saturday, April 17. Silas will be back behind the wheel of the No. 59 Palm Beach Grading-Rockingham Speedway Chevrolet for Mark Gibson Racing.

"It will be a busy weekend for sure," added Silas, who had an impressive showing in his 2010 USARacing Series debut at Gresham Motorsports Park before being sidelined because of an incident. "Mark is giving me some great equipment to drive and I'm learning more and I'm having fun. Hopefully we can go to New Smyrna and give them a run for their money."

Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Lioce P.A., MTW Services, Inc., Palm Beach Grading (PBG) and Rockingham Speedway will all sponsor Silas's Ford Fusion for his 75th career ARCA start.

The Rattlesnake 150 (100 laps / 150 miles) is the fourth of 20 events on the 2010 ARCA Racing Series presented by RE/MAX and Menards schedule. The second ever ARCA race held at Texas Motor Speedway is a two day show. Practice begins Thursday, April 15 with a two hour practice session planned from 12:30p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Menards pole qualifying presented by Ansell is set for later in the day slated to begin at 4:30 p.m. The event will take the green flag on Friday, April 16 shortly after 6:30 p.m. The race will be televised live on SPEED with additional race coverage including live timing and scoring and radio broadcast through the ARCA Racing Network (ARN) online at arcaracing.com. All times are local.

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