

Bryan Silas Fourth In Points After Toledo Finish

TOLEDO, Ohio (May 19, 2009) - - It wasn't the finish that Bryan Silas wanted at Toledo Speedway on Sunday but he did manage a solid top-10 finish in the Menards 200 presented by Federated Car Care which propelled him to fourth in points after the sixth race of the 2009 ARCA season.

Silas's finish on Sunday at Toledo Speedway also continued a strong season for the Stuart, Florida native as he has racked up one top-five finish and four top-10 efforts a quarter of the way through his third year of ARCA RE/MAX Series (ARS) competition.

The finish though didn't come without its challenges throughout the weekend.

In practice, Silas mounted the 16th fastest effort after posting a lap of 16.781 seconds at 107.264 miles per hour. "Our Rockingham Speedway-Oasis Outsourcing Chevrolet is pretty decent," said Silas. "Cal and I are going to make some pretty easy changes and hope that it pays off in the race."



Silas didn't have to focus on qualifying as Mother Nature rolled in at the Toledo Speedway and soaked the half-mile oval which wiped out qualifying with Silas rolling off the field from the sixth position.

At the start of the 200-lap event, Silas quickly moved into the top-five and remained there for much of the event's first quarter. While running in the top-five though near lap 60, Silas would be an innocent victim in a multi-car incident which forced Silas to bring his machine down pit road for damage control.

Back on the track, Silas's car would prove to be a handful and would fall off the lead lap during the course of an expanded green flag run but Silas would prove to be the beneficiary of the "lucky dog" rule approaching half-way which put Silas back on the lead circuit.

Despite manhandling a mangled No. 11 Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS, Silas climbed up onto the wheel and headed back towards the front of the pack. Beating and banging in the process, Silas found himself sitting in the top-12 inside the final 10 circuits.

Two green-white-checked starts and a multi-car incident in turn four on the last lap allowed Silas to maneuver himself into the top-10 and cross the start-finish line eighth. It was Silas's second top-10 finish in six starts at Toledo Speedway.

"The top-10 finish wasn't pretty, but we'll take it," said Silas. "We got behind early in the scuffle in turn four but the Fast Track Racing team never gave up. The car was pretty tore up but we weren't going to let that incident ruin our weekend. I'm looking forward to Pocono next."

With his finish, Silas is fourth in the championship standings, just 60 points from third place competitor Frank Kimmel.

Before Silas turns his attention towards the next ARCA race at Pocono Raceway on June 6, the 21-year old driver and team will head to Michigan International Speedway next week for an open-test in preparation for the Racing For Wildlife 200 next month.

"Testing is crucial to strengthen this race team," Silas admitted. We're going to go to Michigan and test hard, turn good laps and show up for the race with a strong car."

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