

## **Silas Prepares For USAR Return With Mark Gibson Racing**

**STUART, Florida (March 22, 2010)** - - On a normal weekend, Bryan Silas is racing against Mark Gibson of Mark Gibson Racing (MGR) on the track in the ARCA Racing Series. This weekend, Silas, a native of Stuart, Florida will drive for Mark Gibson Racing (MGR) in the No. 59 Palm Beach Grading-Rockingham Speedway Chevrolet in the 2010 USARacing Pro Cup Series season opener at Gresham (Ga.) Motorsports Park.

The alignment ensures a healthy team and a talented driver for the North Georgia 250. Over the past three years, Silas, a full-time competitor for Fast Track Racing (No. 11) in ARCA has dabbled in the short track sanctioning series while Gibson, after monstrous success in ARCA last year, is leaning towards making a new successful part time home for his Statham, Georgia based operation.

"I am very excited about this new partnership," said Silas, who plans to make his 15<sup>th</sup> career USAR start at the newly designed and renamed short track this weekend. "Mark has a great reputation in the racing industry and is very knowledgeable when it comes to racecars, so I am looking forward to being on the same team. I know it is not unrealistic to start out the season with a top-five run if not a win."

Gibson offered similar sentiments about having Silas as his pilot. "Everyone at MGR is looking forward to getting started on our Pro Cup season with Bryan," Gibson remarked. "I have watched him as he develops as a driver and I am impressed with the change in the last two seasons. Bryan will win a race this year, there is no doubt. Our goal is to give Bryan the opportunity to gain valuable seat time in a very competitive series and also win some races."

Since debuting in the series in 2006, Silas has competed in 14 events, finished a career-best eighth last October at Rockingham (N.C.) Speedway and has posted a career-best qualifying run of 17<sup>th</sup> at Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway in 2008.

With Gibson, a four-time winner on the ARCA tour calling the shots as crew chief, Silas is hoping to start this new opportunity on the right foot.

"I've heard that Gresham is a really nice place," said Silas. "Everyone seems to be a fan of the track and from what I understand it puts on a great show for the fans despite its tight racing conditions. We have expectations for the weekend; but the main priority is getting the communication rolling with Mark and having a good finish."

Gibson added, Gresham Motor Sports Park is our (MGR) home track. It is only twenty minutes from the shop. The Gresham's have done a great job with the renovations. It should be a great race. Our goal as a team is to run in the top-10 all day. If we can do that I feel a win is not out of the question."

In addition to Gresham (Ga.) Motorsports Park (twice), Silas and the MGR trio will also compete at New Smyrna (Fla.) Speedway, Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway, Rockingham (N.C.) Speedway, Langley (Va.) Speedway (twice), Lake Erie (Pa.) Speedway, Concord (N.C.) Speedway, Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway, North Wilkesboro (N.C.) Speedway and South Boston (S.C.) Speedway this season.

The 2010 season-opener for the USARacing Pro Cup Series is set for Saturday, March 27 from Gresham Motorsports Park. The action begins with two practice sessions set for Friday, March 26 from 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. and again from 5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Two additional rounds of practice have been etched in on race day beginning at 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and a final session set for 1:10 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Qualifying is slated for 4:00 p.m. with the North Georgia 250 set to take the green flag at 7:30 p.m. All times are local.

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