

Toledo Lights To DuQuoin Dirt For Bryan Silas

DUQUOIN, Illinois (September 5, 2009) - - Bryan Silas finished seventh Friday night at Toledo Speedway and while the team would like to further analyze ARCA RE/MAX 200 by Federated Car Care & Belle Tire, they won't be able to look back on the 16th race of the season as the ARCA RE/MAX Series treks to the Duquoin State Fairgrounds for Monday's Southern Illinois 100.

The run on Friday night at Toledo is exactly what the rising star needed to get his impressive 2009 season back on track. By scoring his third consecutive top-10 finish at the Toledo, Ohio short track, Silas has the momentum he needs heading into one of his biggest challenges of his junior year of ARCA competition.

From the standard beating and banging of Toledo Speedway, Silas must now refocus and get ready to swing and sway as the Fast Track Racing team switches gears and prepares for ARCA's traditional Labor Day feast.

The Stuart, Florida native isn't an accomplished dirt racer by any means but the 22-year old impressed many on the tour last year by running in the top-10 for a majority of the event and backed up the outing with a solid 10th place run in his fourth start on the dirt.



After feeling some of that success, Silas is itching for more as he gears for another top-10 run that will no doubt add to his impressive resume in 2009 but also help his team inch back up the ARCA RE/MAX Series championship ladder with just five races remaining.

"The run at Duquoin last year was a real confidence booster for me," Silas said. "You can't explain what it's like to run on the dirt until you actually experience it for yourself. It took me a little while to get used to the dirt but now that I'm getting the hang of it, I'm expecting a little more out of myself. I would be ecstatic with another top-10 run Monday afternoon."

The ARCA RE/MAX Series competes on two dirt tracks during its 21-race schedule with stops in Springfield, Illinois and DuQuoin, Illinois. While many think the tracks are very similar; Silas informs that the tracks are completely the opposite.

"You cannot compare Springfield and Duquoin," sounded Silas. "Springfield is a lot easier on the equipment with wider corners than Duquoin. Duquoin is a lot faster and is extremely hard on the tires. You need to have the rubber at the end of the race to be a threat. Our biggest challenge last year was keeping the tread on the tires. I'm taking everything I've learned over the past two and half years and hope it pays off with a top-five finish."

Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Lioce P.A., Holland Pump, Oasis Outsourcing, Palm Beach Grading (PBG) and Rockingham Speedway will all sponsor Silas's Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS for his 67th career ARCA start.

The Southern Illinois (100 miles / 100 laps) is the 17th of 21 events on the 2009 ARCA RE/MAX Series schedule. The 27th ARCA event held at the Duquoin State Fairgrounds is a one-day show. Practice begins Monday, September 7 with a one hour practice session planned from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Menards Pole by Ansell qualifying is slated to begin at 11:00 a.m. The field will take the green flag shortly after 1:00 p.m. The event will not be televised but broadcast coverage will be available live through the ARCA Racing Network (ARN) online at arcaracing.com. All times are local.

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