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E3 SPARK PLUGS/ LUCAS OIL TEAM IGNITES THE OHSKOSH CROWD

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The first back to back night races on the WSORR schedule sparked light on the great race action of the WSORR series and the E3 Spark Plugs / Team Lucas / Toyo race team of Kevin and Jon Probst. The team came to Oshkosh with high hopes to carry the great momentum from the first half season of WSORR racing.

Racing was scheduled for Friday night and Saturday night under the lights of the ½ mile dirt raceway. The track layout was good and developed many lines to pass creating some of the best racing of the year.

Practice was scheduled for Friday afternoon and both trucks were fast and ready. Kevin and Jon both set fast times for practice in both the Pro Lite and Pro 2wd divisions. The team was ready to go and some different grooves and tires were tried for the evening races. The Pro 2wd used the Toyo Open Country M/T tires as usual, but with little grooving. We chose the Toyo Open Country A/T tires for the Pro Lite as the added rubber and lighter package were better suited to the short clay track.

The Friday races started and first up for the team was the Pro Lite class. At the green, Jon came through the first turn in 5th. Driving aggressively, Jon made several passes in turn one and made several more passes on the lead trucks in the infield right hand turn. Making the passes clean and coming through the infield rhythm section, Jon got off line hitting a K/Rail barrier ending the day.

The Pro 2wd race was up next and Kevin was starting in the 6th spot 3rd row inside. At the green, the trucks in the first 2 rows did not leave. Kevin was stuck following everyone into turn one coming through in 6th with Dan V taking the lead. Kevin worked on the field and after 5 laps in the 16 lap race, was in the #2 spot. Working to get close, the #99 E3/Lucas Oil Pro 2 was fast. Kevin worked every line to find a zone to take the spot and after nearly 4 laps, took the position from Dan V with a clean, no contact pass. #77 took the opportunity at the next turn to change his line and drive straight into Kevin's left rear tire. Officials missed the call for rough driving and Kevin, with a flat continued to keep pace with #77 and finished the day in 2nd. "I was disappointed the Dan decided to race that way" said Kevin in the post race interview, "I worked on him for 4 laps to pass clean and the next corner he hits my tire causing a flat. We will be ready for round 8!"

Saturday's races were again scheduled for night and the crowd loved the show. First for the team was Jon and the Pro Lite. At the start, Jon again made a great drive to come around the first lap in 2nd. During the 2nd lap, the shifter broke and left the #5 with only 2nd gear. Jon kept pace and eventually ended the day in 4th.

The Pro 2wd race was short for Kevin as he started in the 6th spot again, but this time made some great moves and took the lead right at the 2nd jump. Coming down the infield straight, Kevin's truck shut off. An electrical switch

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shorted out and shut down the ignition. End of day for the #99 and it really hurts the points to have a TG on the tally. Took greens are only 1 point.

“The team is refocused on the last 4 races” said Kevin “We need to finish as strong as the trucks have run to have a shot in the championships” “Both trucks have been fast and up front, we need to get rid of the new truck problems in the #99 and get to the top podium spots for the remaining races” said Kevin.

The next event is in Bark River Michigan on August 9th and 10th.

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