

Kimmel Racing Prepared to Round out 2009 Season at Rockingham

CORNELIUS, NC (October 8, 2009) – As the 2009 ARCA RE/MAX Series season comes to a close, Kimmel Racing looks to finish out the 21-race season with another strong run in Sunday's ARCA RE/MAX American 200.

"I expect us to be able to be competitive and to be able to run with the top guys," said Kimmel. "Were not running anything we have before as far as setup, but I think that will actually give us an edge and will also help us in working on our program for 2010 by trying some new things out.

"Rockingham is a track that tears up tires, but it has some different qualities as far as the way you enter the turns and the multiple grooves you can run. If you're not running good in one line, you can search around and find another line that works and that makes it fun for the competitors."

Currently, Kimmel sits third in ARCA RE/MAX Series championship standings. Based on the points of the two drivers ahead of him, as well as those behind him, it's virtually impossible for Kimmel to gain or lose positions in points during this weekend's season finale. According to Crew Chief Bill Kimmel Jr., the point's situation gives the team the freedom to go all out for the win this weekend.

"We're going to Rockingham to win, because we know that we can't move up in the points and we can't fall back in the points, so we mine as well go after the win with gusto," said Kimmel Jr. "For us, our set ups have just been off at Rockingham and were hoping this package will give us the handling we're looking for in the race. At Rockingham, horsepower is important but for us, horsepower has not been an issue. The folks at Roush Yates have been really good to us all year and we've been extremely pleased with our motors."

According to Frank Kimmel, the one-mile high banked oval track is the perfect place to round out the race season.

"For me personally, Rockingham is a great place to finish out the season because it gives us a chance to put a new set up to the test that could definitely help us looking ahead to next season. Obviously we want to win the race, but we're already looking to 2010 and focused on getting Ansell and Menards the championship next season and the work towards that goal, begins now."

While veteran driver Kimmel, the all-time active winner in the ARCA RE/MAX Series, remains winless in 2009, the team remains focused on continuing to turn in solid performances as an organization.

"Winning is obviously important," said Kimmel. "But to be a factor week in and week out is also something we can be really proud of this year. This organization is only in its second year, so to be able to run with guys like Lofton and Kligerman, who have big organizations behind them, is an accomplishment in itself."

Kimmel Racing will unload a chassis they call "The Biff" this weekend at Rockingham Speedway.

“We’re taking “The Biff” because we’ve done a lot of work on this car over the second half of the season and I think it’s the best piece we have for this sort of track,” said Bill Kimmel Jr.

“As an organization, we’ve struggled at Rockingham these last few years so that makes preparation tricky. I can definitely say that we’ll have the best car we’ve ever had at Rockingham. We’re going with a completely different set up than we have in the past to try throw something at it that will get us headed in the direction.”

Coverage of Championship Weekend at Rockingham will be featured in live streaming audio at ARCARacing.com. In addition to live timing and scoring, live steaming audio coverage begins Saturday afternoon with practice from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. followed by Menards Pole Qualifying presented by Ansell at 2:30 p.m.

The Sunday afternoon American 200, scheduled for 1 p.m., will also feature live streaming audio coverage at ARCARacing.com. The American 200 will air on SPEED Channel at 10 p.m. Eastern.

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