Mooresville, NC (06-08-2010) – NASCAR K&N Pro Series East rookie Zach Germain raced Sunday afternoon in the rain-shortened event at Martinsville Speedway. The Ohio native raced his way through the field to ninth-place before getting caught on pit road by the rainfall and then finishing 15th in his fourth NASCAR career start. The weekend was a unique and intense learning experience for Germain who had what he considered to be an all-star crew.

“Our Germain.com Camry team learned and accomplished more than I could have hoped for this weekend at Martinsville Speedway. A lot of that is due to our teammates on the No. 30 Valvoline Tundra crew that came straight to Martinsville on Saturday after winning the race in Texas on Friday night. For me and my team, having them there allowed us to learn in very controlled steps throughout the practice sessions, qualifying and the race. We achieved our team goal of completing all of the laps and we really competed this weekend. It was wild. There was a lot of beating and banging but that’s Martinsville,” said Germain.

Germain received driver-coaching from Truck Series champion Todd Bodine and learned that sometimes different setups simply require different driving styles.

“At first, I had a tough time figuring out my braking and throttle points through the corners. Todd Bodine was generous enough to come out first thing after his Texas win and help me. He was very helpful when it came to a fast line around the track. Mike Hillman Jr. made great changes to the Germain.com Camry and during the last five laps of the first practice I finally figured out my style of driving around Martinsville. It was a great feeling,” explained Germain.

Mike Hillman Jr. didn’t plan to go to Martinsville Speedway to handle the crew chief role for the rookie driver and young team, but, Hillman loves being a crew chief and doing anything he can to make Germain Racing a success on the race track. Hillman explained that he used a different approach with Germain than he does with his regular driver, Bodine.

“The way I approached Saturday and Sunday was a lot different than the way I approached Thursday and Friday because then I was working with Todd Bodine, and I know by the tone of Todd’s voice what he needs changed. Working with Zach, in my first K&N Pro Series East race, I knew that it was our first race together, and I knew that what’s most important is completing all of the race laps, all of practice – every lap possible. With Zach being a rookie driver at a Cup Series facility like Martinsville, track time is extremely valuable. I listened to Zach’s feedback,

made changes and listened to hear him react to and understand those changes. It worked great and we improved the car every time," said Hillman.

Hillman and his crew members had been anxious to work a K&N Pro Series race since the season began, but Martinsville was the first time the scheduling worked out.

"I love racing. I love being a crew chief. Working with Zach and the 24 crew, and our sister team, the No. 77 Camry with Jeff (McClure) and Miguel (Paludo) in the East Series was really fun. We have two great teams competing in the K&N Series and this weekend made me even more proud to work for Germain Racing," said Hillman.

Watch Sunday's race on SPEED on June 10th at 6:00 PM Eastern.

Zach Germain races the No. 24 Germain.com Camry next on Friday, June 25th at another Sprint Cup Series track – New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Qualifying is at 3:15 PM ET on June 24th. The New Hampshire race will air on SPEED on July 1st at 6 PM ET.

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