

Mooreville, N.C. (07-05-2010) – In his first road course race, NASCAR K&N Pro Series East rookie driver Zach Germain finished 16th in the No. 24 Germain.com Camry. The results were a handsome payoff for the 25 year-old from Columbus, Ohio, who finished just a couple spots behind some of the instructors that had tutored him on the mechanics of racing at the 1.54-mile Lime Rock Park circuit in Lakeville, CT.

“I really enjoyed my first road course race. It was an extreme challenge for my physical endurance and mental stamina, but I think our finish showed that the driver and the crew were up for the test. I prepared for the K&N 100 by attending the Skip Barber Racing School. Getting to know the course helped so that I could focus on technique and getting the car adjusted for the race. Tom Ackerman, our shock specialist on the No. 30 Germain.com Tundra, came to Lime Rock with us this weekend. He and the No. 24 Germain.com Camry team made some great adjustments to the car. It handled the right-hand turns very well,” said Germain who ranks 15th in the K&N Pro Series East points standings after six races.

The weekend kicked off with Germain hearing a new but very familiar voice on his team radio as he put the No. 24 Germain.com Camry in the top-20 on the practice charts.

“My dad did a great job in his spotting debut. He had no idea he was getting put to work when he got to the track, but we needed extra spotters for practice. He did a great job. When I heard his voice, it reminded me of the virtue that he and my mom preach to me when they are at the race track – patience,” smiled Germain. “After the first run in practice, I had a lot of confidence

in our team and in what I'd learned about getting around the course. At other new tracks we've gone to, I've had to commit time in first practice to learning the lines around the track. At Lime Rock, I already knew the line from the Skip Barber school and it worked very well for the Germain.com Camry. I was comfortable in the car and could focus on pedal technique and positioning the car for each corner."

The 66-lap race was slowed by only three cautions for a total of eight yellow-flag laps. The long green-flag runs allowed the 29-car field to space out over the mile and a half circuit.

"The long green flag runs worked out great. The field spaced out pretty quickly and I was able to get in the zone so well that the cars around me didn't bother me at all," explained Germain. "We had one bobble. I didn't get the Germain.com Camry slowed down heading into the chicane on lap 35. I spun but was able to keep the car on course. It wouldn't re-start and it cost us a couple laps waiting for a push-start. If there was a disappointing moment in the race weekend, I guess that was it. But, the weekend was a great experience. The guys did a great job with adjustments and we're all anxious to get to our next race at Lee."

Watch Saturday's Lime Rock Park NASCAR K&N Pro Series East race on Thursday, July 8th at 6:00 PM on SPEED. The next race on the K&N Pro Series East schedule is July 30th at Lee USA Speedway.

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