

Mooresville, NC (08/02/2010) – Germain Racing's rookie driver, Zach Germain, put in hours and hours of preparation before heading to Lee USA Speedway. It showed. Germain had the No. 24 Germain.com Camry in very competitive form at the New Hampshire short track where he turned in his best qualifying effort to date and spent many of the 125 laps of Friday night's race dicing it up among the top-ten race cars and picked up a spot in the series points standings when the checkered flag waved.

"I have to say that Lee USA Speedway was a pretty good combination of the two tracks we used for testing. The banking was similar to Hickory, but the shape was a little more Caraway. I was prepared for the worst as far as grip, and it was good because I felt like the track had more grip than I expected it to," said Germain who moved up to 14th in the K&N Pro Series East standings following his 17th-place finish at Lee.

When one thinks of a 3/8-mile short track, beating and banging are much more top of mind than finesse and accuracy. Germain learned that he actually was going to have to have a perfect blend of all of these at Lee.

"The track was the most line-sensitive track I've raced yet. Even more so than the road course. And while you're trying to focus on the line, there are cars running into the back of you, the side of you, you are running into cars ahead of you. It was intense. We've raced short tracks this year, but, I think Lee was the most exciting race this year," said Germain, who wished the team

could've finished in the top-ten, where he had spent much of the 125 laps racing.

Qualifying was a big victory for Germain and the No. 24 Germain.com Camry. With a previous best in qualifying coming at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, the Columbus, OH, native posted a 12-place time in qualifying which was 3/10s off of the pole speed.

“What I’m learning is that qualifying is about who has the most confidence, and at Lee, I felt a lot more confident. I think I made a lot of progress, overall. My car control is better and I’m feeling more confident in the car. We tried to put the car on the edge and we got 12th. We have room for more improvement, of course, but as a team we are definitely moving in the right direction,” said Germain.

Germain’s biggest fans, mom, Kim, and dad, Steve, agreed Lee was a huge transformation for their son.

“My mom and dad actually watched the race from the grandstands at Lee. My mom sent me a ton of text messages afterward telling me how excited she was – that she was screaming ‘go Zach go’ and that it was really fun for her watching how are team performed at Lee,” said Germain.

Watch the Lee USA Speedway action on Thursday, August 5th, on SPEED at 6:00 PM Eastern.

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