

Germain Wanted Better Results at Greenville but Team is Inspired for Future

Mooresville, N.C. (04-04-2011) – When Zach Germain put his personal Toyota Camry in gear and drove toward Greenville, South Carolina, he had an idea of how he wanted the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East season opener to go. Last year, he had a plan for the 150-lap event, and the plan worked. This year, from the first trip to Greenville to the return trip for the rain-postponed event, Germain concedes his plans seemingly had no bearing on the weekend's outcome.

“We had a plan for this weekend, but, it didn't work out at all. Still, for me, for my team and several of the NASCAR K&N Pro Series drivers, the visit to Shriners Hospital was the highlight. We were fortunate to have one of the children attend Greenville-Pickens Speedway to visit with us and it put things into perspective. I enjoyed seeing our new friend Andrew Gregory come out to the track. His positive outlook inspired me to take my 'bad day at the race track' in stride and to really look forward to racing at South Boston,” said Germain, who left Greenville with no damage to his No. 24 Camry despite the 11 caution flags that flew in the 150-lap event.

Germain explained that from practice, through qualifying, through the start of the race what he and his team learned in Greenville was to remain flexible so they can adapt to changing circumstances.

“Our car wasn't very good in practice. My qualifying run didn't go well and at the start of the race, the No. 24 Camry absolutely wouldn't turn left leaving turn four. In short, that tells the story. What it doesn't say is that Jamie Jones and the crew never gave up on me or our car. We pitted several times, including under green, to address the lack of front grip. That put us some laps down, but, we were able to make adjustments that kept us on the same pace with the race leaders for the remainder of the event. The car really got better as the race was in its last 50 laps or so,” said Germain.

Crew chief Jones says he knows his car needs to be different and better when they unload at South Boston.

“Zach did an excellent job, but, unfortunately, we needed to have our Camry better before we went to Greenville. We learned some things that we will take with us to test at South Boston. For race number two, we have to have a car that turns better for Zach,” said Jones.

Zach Germain started 27th and finished 25th in Saturday’s race. He ranks 25th in the K&N Pro Series standings after one event. His next race is April 16th at South Boston Speedway.

Follow Zach Germain’s racing season at the team website or become a fan of Germain Racing on Facebook or @GermainRacing on Twitter.

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