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Alex Yontz Takes Fifth Place at UARA-STARs Season Opener

Cardinal Motorsports Off to a Good Start for the 2011 Season

Lexington, NC — Alex Yontz made a good showing at Hickory Motor Speedway Saturday night for the UARA-STARs season opener. The number 77 C&J Energy Services, Chevrolet Impala looked sharp on the track and was one of the strongest in the field.

Thirty cars showed up this weekend to race in the first event of the season. The practice session on Friday was the first time the teams were able to debut their cars and drivers for the 2011 season. There was lots of chatter about the #77 car design with its menacing black body and gray flames igniting down the side panels of the car.

Yontz was seventh fastest in practice on Friday and laid down a qualifying time of 15.147 for a ninth place starting position in Saturday's race. Once the drivers heard the call to 'start their engines' the action on the track heated up. With 30 cars in competition, there was sure to be some paint swapping, fender rubbing, and at times, rough racing going on.

There were a total of seven cautions throughout the night for wrecks and a handful of cars found themselves out of the competition before the final 20 laps of the race.

Yontz looked strong in the first 50 laps of the event as he swiftly moved from ninth position all the way to third with his powerful ECR engine. Around the halfway point, he began reporting that the car was starting to feel free. Yontz held onto it as long as he could before falling back to fifth place just before the checkered flag.

Crew chief, Ed Berrier was happy with car and driver's performance Saturday night and got a better idea of what they are capable of for the next event.

"The number 77 car is new, and saw its first race tonight. We know what it is capable of now. Alex is a seasoned driver and did a great job tonight. We look forward to seeing what we can do at Concord," said Berrier.

The next event is on Saturday, March 26th at Concord Speedway. Qualifying is at 5:30 PM and the race starts at 7:30 PM.

Race Results - Hickory Motor Speedway

Position	Car #	Driver
1	7	Brennan Poole
2	9	George Miedecke
3	31	Kyle Grissom
4	04	Ronnie Basset Jr
5	77	Alex Yontz
6	18	David Roberts
7	54	Kaleb Pressley
8	51	J.R. Allen
9	01	Andy Mercer
10	82	Paddy Rodenbeck
11	3	Adam Long
12	20	Matt DiBenedetto
13	48	Scott Turlington
14	33	Leigh Caruthers
15	36	Harrison Rhodes
16	17	Austin McDaniel
17	97	Jesse Little
18	11	Robert Johnson
19	26	Joey Herques
20	30	Jessica Murphy
21	92	Candace Muzny
22	99	Brandon Dean
23	81	Jeremy Burns
24	4	Clint King
25	1	Julia Dawson
26	15	Brandon Knupp
27	12	Becca Kasten
28	71	Brandon Rogers
29	19	Chad Finchum
30	2	Tyler English

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