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Alex Yontz Returns for another Season in the UARA-STARs Series

Yontz Prepares for the New Season with an Old Friend

Lexington, NC — Alex Yontz has been in the Cardinal Motorsports shop day and night since he found out he would have the opportunity to run another season in the UARA-STARs series with longtime friend and mentor, Ed Berrier.

Yontz will run the full UARA-STARs series schedule in 2011 under Cardinal Motorsports, which is operated out of the JKS Motorsports facility in Lexington, NC. Cardinal merged with 3 Star Motorsports in 2009 bringing over 20 years of racing experience to the team. Berrier was one of the principals of 3 Star Motorsports and drove for them in the NASCAR Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Camping World Truck series in the late 1990's and early 2000's. When the two companies merged, Berrier took the helm as manager and crew chief for the team. He worked with Peyton Sellers in the Nationwide series in 2009 and 17-year-old Robert Johnson last year in the UARA series. Johnson earned the 'Rookie of the Year' and 'Most Improved Driver' honors by the end of the 2010 season.

Yontz also ran under Cardinal last season in two late model events. He captured the pole in the Greenville Pickens late model race in September and was running at the front of the pack when he was wrecked by a lapped car. When approached about running full time for Cardinal in 2011, there was no question for Yontz.

“When Ed came to me with the opportunity to race another season in the UARA series as well as several other events, there was no question. We work well together and he is a good friend. I’m looking forward to returning to the track with him in my corner,” said Yontz.

Berrier and Yontz have raced together in several late model divisions as well as the ARCA and NASCAR Camping World Truck series, earning multiple wins over the years. Yontz is the only late model driver to win at Bristol Motor Speedway and at Martinsville Speedway.

The two will return to the late model arena this season to compete among the best in hopes of capturing another successful season of racing together.

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The UARA-STARS series season opener is tomorrow at Hickory Motor Speedway. Grandstands open at 5 PM and the racing action begins at 7 PM.

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