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ARCA Rookie, Scott Stenzel, Shines at Talladega Debut With 7th Place Finish

Talladega, AL – ARCA driver Scott Stenzel finishes 7th in his first stock car debut at Talladega Superspeedway.



Stenzel, a rookie driver in the ARCA REMAX racing series passed 10 cars in final 2 laps to record a top 10 finish in his first ever stock car race. Stenzel starting the race in the 28th position was Talladega's highest mover when he passed the finish line in the 7th position during the ARCA REMAX 250 at Talladega Superspeedway.

"What was impressive about Friday's performance was Scott's ability to avoid two major crashes and catch up to the leaders with 10 laps to go. You don't see many rookie drivers that come with that type of determination or poise in a debut race," said Agent Charlie Patterson.

Before the race Team Stenzel, faced adversity, when a last minute crew chief change could have proved to be very costly. Crew Chief, Jeff Spraker was unable to make the race, which gave David Efft, control over Team Stenzel. Efft's experience includes winning Talladega 5 times, was a former crew chief for Darrel Waltrip, Cale Yarborough and Buddy Baker. "I really enjoy working with these

young guys, even after being retired, I am still finding enjoyment in bringing up new drivers," Efft stated after the finish, "Scott ran a very smart race and he exceeded my expectations, he has everything it takes to make it in racing, talent, drive, determination and charisma."

Scott Stenzel's Agent Charlie Patterson, commented "Listening to experienced spotter Greg Newman was so very important, and Scott did just that. I am very proud to be a part of his 7th place finish."

Greg Newman father of NASCAR's Ryan Newman played an important role for Team Stenzel who spotted the entire race. Newman said, "Since this was Scott's debut we decided our goal was just to have avoid crashes and just finish the 250 mile race. Its was great that Scott finished in the top 10."

Stenzel had this to say after the race, "This is a dream come true, our goal was to finish the race. Dave said that if we finish we'd be in the top ten, but I never thought we'd be in position to possibly win the thing. What a day! I learned a lot behind the wheel and am excited to work with the same people again. I give all the credit to such a experienced team. Finishing 7th was like a win!"

Follow Scott's career by visiting the "Yellow Stripes Making the Driver" website: <u>www.makingthedriver.com</u>

Learn more about Scott by visiting his personal website: <u>www.scottstenzel.com</u>



Race Results - Talladega ARCA 250 - 04/23/2010 Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega AL

Pos	Car	Driver
1	22	Dakoda Armstrong
2	60	Patrick Sheltra

- Tim George, Jr. 3 31
- 81 Craig Goess 4
- 5 Mikey Kile 25
- 6 Grant Enfinger 09
- 7 42 Scott Stenzel
- 8 77 Tom Hessert
- 9 32 Justin Marks
- 10 35 Hal Martin

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