



TEAM AMR / YOKOHAMA CANADA

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LET THERE BE ROCK!!

THE 2011 DMCC CANADIAN PRO DRIFT SEASON (WEST) STARTED OUT IN CALGARY THIS PAST WEEKEND. RACE CITY SPEEDWAY IN CALGARY IS KIND OF LIKE THE WALL NEW JERSEY TRACK THAT FORMULA D USES. THE FORMAT FEATURES A STEEP BANKED FIRST CORNER ENDING WITH A SLOWER SECTION AS THE CARS TRANSITION INTO THE IN FIELD.

DAY ONE WAS MOSTLY WET, AND MOST OF THE DRIVERS WERE TAKING IT SLOW IN PRACTICE. THE YOKOHAMA S.DRIVE TIRES PERFORM WELL IN THE RAIN, SO I WASN'T REALLY WORRIED ABOUT TRACTION. I SPENT MOST OF THE DAY GETTING USED TO THE NEW CAR AND THE FEELING OF THE ROTARY POWERED MOTOR.

THANKFULLY THE RAIN STOPPED FOR DAY TWO AND WITH THE DRY TRACK THE SPEEDS GOT FASTER. MY TEAM MATE CONROY GANSON WAS HITTING TURN ONE FASTER THAN ANYONE ELSE! RIGHT BEFORE QUALIFYING ON MY LAST PRACTICE RUN I ENDED UP BLOWING UP 2ND GEAR IN MY TRANSMISSION... I ENDED UP QUALIFYING 10TH OVERALL USING 3RD GEAR TO DO THE WHOLE COURSE. CONROY WITH THE FASTEST ENTRY OF THE DAY, ENDED UP QUALIFYING 1ST! FOR TOP 16 I WAS MATCHED UP WITH JOHN, BUT WITHOUT SECOND GEAR, I COULDN'T KEEP THE CAR DRIFTING ON MY CHASE RUN WHEN HE SLOWED DOWN IN THE IN FIELD. SO I FINISHED THE DAY IN 10TH.

CONROY WAS LOOKING GOOD FOR HIS TOP 8 BATTLE AGAINST SHAWN HAWLEY, AND EVEN THOUGH SHAWN HAD SOME OF HIS BEST RUNS OF THE DAY, IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO HOLD OFF THE SPEED OF THE ROTARY! CONROY ENDED UP IN THE FINALS AGAINST LOCAL DRIVER KURTIS GOAT, WHO WAS ALSO THROWING DOWN SOME CONSISTENT RUNS ALL DAY. WITH CONROY QUALIFYING HIGHER HE LEAD THE FIRST LAP, AND ENDED UP SPINNING OUT AS HE PASSED THE SECOND CLIPPING POINT. THE CHASE RUN WAS GREAT, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE UP FOR THE FIRST RUN. CONROY WOULD FINISH THE WEEKEND IN 2ND PLACE AND TAKE HOME THE NOS ENERGY BONUS FOR FASTED ENTRY.

WITH A NEW TRANSMISSION ALREADY IN MY CAR WE ARE READY TO ROCK AGAIN! EVERYTHING ELSE ON THE CARS IS WORKING GREAT! THANK YOU AGAIN, WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF SUCH GREAT PEOPLE & PRODUCTS! NEXT STOP FOR THE TEAM WILL BE THE EDMONTON INDY TEAM DRIFT EVENT IN FRONT OF ABOUT 100,000 FANS! ITS GOING TO BE INSANE!!

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