

Alex Lloyd back to Racing at Kentucky

21 year old Alex Lloyd was back in the seat at Kentucky Speedway in the Indy Pro Series on the weekend of 12th-13th August. Alex had been out of the car for the previous 2 races due to an inner ear infection, so this was his first race back since his race win at Indianapolis on June 1st.

Qualifying took place on the Saturday, and as Alex left the pits it was clear that the car was not running correctly. There was a fuel pick-up problem which meant that he couldn't complete a time, and therefore would have to start the race from the back of the field.

"Today was a bad day," said Alex. "We missed the test here and so were starting the weekend at a big disadvantage. On an oval such as Kentucky where it is easily flat out all the way round, the driver makes very little difference, and so it is primarily that whoever has the best car will be quickest. With our troubles in qualifying, it is going to make the race really tough, but we knew beforehand that, without any testing at all, this weekend would be a struggle so we will just do the best job we can and hope we have a good car in the draft to enable us to move up in the race."



On the Sunday, race day, Alex knew he had a lot of work to do starting from the back of the field. As the race started, Alex felt he might have had a car that could be at least semi-competitive, but unfortunately on lap 2 of the mile and a half oval, the driver in front of Alex slammed his brakes on into turn 3, giving Alex nowhere to go (he was tucked under his gearbox about to overtake) and he spun in avoidance, ending up in the wall.

"I can't believe that on an oval like this someone would brake anywhere, let alone Turn 3" proclaimed an annoyed Alex. "There was no one in front of him and I was tucked right up behind him. I tried my best to avoid him, but in doing so I lost the back of the car. Unfortunately these things happen when you start at the back - you're racing with guys who don't really know what they're doing and therefore can be dangerous. Right now I am just looking forward to Sonoma in a couple of weeks to put this weekend behind us and get on to the road course at Infineon." (Previously known as Sears Point)

Alex will be in action for the double header weekend at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma California on August 26th and 27th.

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