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HANS NEARLY WINS; SCORES FOUR TOP TENS IN LAST FOUR RACES

With a month-long visit to North Carolina behind her, Andrea Hans returned home to Indiana for local short track racing two weekends ago, and it became obvious very quickly that she benefitted from her time in the South as she racked up four top tens in four starts.

In her first race back, Hans hit up the Speedrome but rain wreaked havoc with the schedule. Heat races were eliminated, giving Hans the outside pole for the feature. She pounced on the start, taking the lead and showing the way for 20 of the event's 25 laps. She ended the run in the third position.

On Saturday, Hans took her momentum to Illiana Motor Speedway where she started 13th for the feature and made her way through the field, finishing ninth in the 18-car field.

"I made my way up to fifth and with about 10 to go, I spun out. They didn't throw the caution so I had to make my way up," said Hans.

Prior to her double-feature weekend, Hans returned home from a month-long visit in North Carolina where she took in as much as she could in order to advance her racing career. From running events at Lowe's Motor Speedway in the Summer Shootout to working at a race shop, Hans chalked the extended vacation up as fruitful.

"I worked a lot at Kyle Beattie Racing at the shop. I learned a lot about my car. I learned how to attack the track a lot better and just be more aggressive with the car," she said.

Hans headed back to school this past week but that didn't slow down her racing schedule. She and her team split the weekend between Illiana Motor Speedway and Grundy County Speedway and showed what perseverance behind the wheel of a racecar truly is. She battled numerous issues with the steering throughout her first race on Saturday at Illiana before heading to Grundy, where a tight condition plagued her racecar. But problems aside, Hans muscled her way to solid top 10 runs in each.

Hans first finished third in the fast heat at Illiana on Saturday, lining her up on the outside pole for the feature. Troubles with the steering hindered her run, but she still finished sixth.

"We had a good car that night. There was a shim that made its way out of the steering so I wasn't able to turn as good," she said. "We found a place to go work on the car. We had to change gears and fix it. We found out the steering rack was broken. We got only about an hour of sleep. We had to get to Grundy."

In her first appearance at the track, she scored second in the heat, securing a sixth place starting position. She promptly got passed at the start of the race after getting caught in the outside, but she quickly bounced back, reclaiming lost position.

Despite a lingering tight condition in her car and the race being cut a few laps short due to rain, she steered the car to a seventh place run.

Andrea will again hit the track this week with stops at Speedrome on Friday and Illiana on Saturday.

About Andrea Hans

Andrea Hans is a 17-year-old legends car racer residing in Churubusco, Indiana. She is a former quarter-midget winner and is in her second season of racing legends cars. While still focused on gaining sea t time and experience, Andrea improved greatly throughout the latter part of 2008 and began 2009 in terrific fashion by winning her first legends car f eature at Concord Speedway in North Carolina. She continues to vie for top-five finishes while splitting her time between tracks in her home state of Indiana and North Carolina.

Andrea is a member of the Team Full Throttle Driver Development Program and is represented by Driver Development Services, Inc., Charlotte, N.C. Team Full Throttle is a Mooresville, N.C., based driver development program that specializes in all areas of personal and professional development, including leadership, teamwork, and communications as well as marketing, promotion, and on-track driving skills. TFT currently comprises over 30 racers who reside and race in all regions of the country.

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