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Alex Kennedy Gains Experience at Dover

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The NASCAR Camping World East Series event at Dover International Speedway presented an opportunity for Alex Kennedy to gain experience on a high-banked concrete track. Having never seen this ultra-fast one mile facility, it was amazing to see the sixteen year-old place the Spraker Racing #37 in the top-5 during the second practice session. States Kennedy: “It’s an incredible experience to run at Dover - Jeff Spraker helped to prepare me for what it would be like, and he gave me a really fast car to run - it’s really a great opportunity for me!”

With over 30 cars entered, qualifying would be the first issue for Alex to address on the day of the event. Rolling off 20th, he posted a great lap of 149.440mph, which placed him 12th overall on the starting grid. Again, an exceptional run for the young rookie, who had logged about 40 laps of practice the previous day. Comments Team Owner and Crew Chief, Jeff Spraker: “It never ceases to amaze me, just how quickly Alex adapts to new tracks. And, his qualifying effort this week was outstanding for a driver with such limited experience at Dover. He has tremendous potential and an insatiable desire to learn more at each new track, and further develop his driving skills.”

The race itself presented some challenges from the drop the green with Alex reporting an engine issue that was eventually diagnosed as a “kill switch” problem. That was quickly remedied, but resulted in losing some laps to the lead cars. Undaunted, the Aztec, NM native forged through the field, recording laps time equivalent to the leaders and logging valuable laps on the “Monster Mile”. Then on lap 60, the “Monster” reared his ugly head when Alex was caught up with a spinning car coming off turn two. The #37 suffered terminal damage for the day, and retired to the pit area.

In all, both Alex and the Spraker team agreed that this was an extremely worthwhile experience, and further solidified Alex’s capability at this level of competition.