



Kromer Poised For 1st Career Championship Event

The Mountain Motorsports #76 USAR Hooters Pro Cup North Team & Driver Kevin Kromer are poised to run in their first ever Championship Series event at Jennerstown Speedway, the BF Goodrich Tires 250 presented by Hess Racing Products, tomorrow night at 7 pm...

Albrightsville, PA ([PRWEB](#)) September 28, 2004 -- The momentum Kromer and the 76 team are carrying over from the season best 13th place finish at Adirondack International Speedway, will be an important factor in Team 76 making the field for Jennerstown, said Car Owner Grant Andrews, Jr.

"With all the bad luck we've had this season, it's hard to stay focused and build that momentum" said Andrews. He added, "At South Boston a few races ago, we got lucky lining up by points, giving us a good starting position in the field. The car was pretty good, then around lap 182 the cam broke and parked us early."

Although Mountain Motorsports wrapped up it's best regular season in team history, Andrews can't help wondering about the team's untapped potential.

The season opener at South Boston Speedway saw the #76 Tempstar Monte Carlo behind the wall early due to a few broken valve springs and bent valves, and the team had to sit out the next few races, waiting for the engine shop to put together a new motor.

Kromer strapped back in at Lake Erie Speedway, qualifying 19th, only to have a brand new oil line get punctured, and finish 21st on lap 127.

Then it was off to Kil-Kare Speedway, with a Top 15 finish in sight, when the oil pump locked up, causing Kromer to park the car on lap 211.

Team 76 headed down south next to Motor Mile Speedway, where a flat right rear tire put Kromer down multiple laps, pitting under the green. The Tempstar Monte Carlo took the checkers in a disappointing 21st spot.

Mansfield Motor Speedway brought the team back up north, where Kromer posted his best qualifying run, 24th out of the large 36 car field. But Lady Luck frowned on the team again when a rocker arm stud sheared off after a restart around lap 84.

Add to that the broken camshaft at the second South Boston visit, and the #76 losing two cylinders during the regular season finale at AIS, due to burnt spark plug wires, it's easy to see what Andrews is talking about.

Added Kromer, "I thought we had the bad luck thing kicked. At the start of the race at Adirondack, the car was faster than it ever has been. Then two laps in it dropped a cylinder. The car just bogged down. Bean (Andrews) and the crew looked at it under yellow, but the sleeves over the plug wire boots we hiding the melted boots. They weren't sure what the problem was, electrical, fuel, or whatever, so they put me back out to try and salvage a good finish."

Said Andrews, "It was one of those things where there wasn't anything obvious wrong, the motor wasn't making noise like a valve or spring let go. So we just had to ride it out and keep looking for the problem. We (the crew)



knew there might be problems or difficulties with other cars in the field later in the race, so we just kept plugging away, making laps."

"The toughest thing about this whole season has been not having the opportunity to show what this team can do" said Kromer. He added, "It's critical to earn and keep the respect of the other drivers in this series. We race each other week after week. You don't want to get in anybody's way if your car develops problems, but sometimes you can't control that. We just want to race."

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