



Shane Hmiel Gains Valuable Experience, Stays on Track and Finishes 4th in Inaugural Mexico Road Race

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“To finish fourth in my first road race shows how good my WINFUEL team really is,” Hmiel said. “My crew chief, Todd Lohse, is an old road racer, so he knows a lot about this type of racing and he really helped to make up for my lack of experience. The WINFUEL Chevrolet drove great all day and my team worked so hard all weekend.”

The fourth place finish was the second top-five in a row for the WINFUEL team. “To come out of here with a top-five is a great points day for us, which will really help towards our main goal of winning the Busch series championship,” Shane said. “I want to win a Busch race so bad, and I know that this WINFUEL team is right on the edge of making that happen. I know that we can’t win every race, but we always give it all that we have trying.”

“If I had a little more experience, I think we could have finished even better, but I knew that Kevin Harvick was coming and I couldn’t catch Carl Edwards with out messing up, so I decided to be smart,” an exhausted Hmiel explained. “Although I would have loved to win the race, I thought realistically with my lack of road racing experience that we could run in the top-15 or so, and then to run fourth was amazing. We beat a lot of good guys today, and not because of pit strategy, we had a really good car. This was the most fun that I have ever had racing, but I can’t wait to go to Vegas, where I won the truck race last year.”

Road racing was not the only new experience for the WINFUEL team, who traveled outside of the United States to Mexico City to race at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez. “I’ve had an awesome experience here in Mexico City,” Hmiel said. “I came here with an open mind, but I thought it was probably going to be unorganized the first time. But NASCAR and Mexico City did a great job of organizing this whole event. I hope we come back for the next ten years because this is a great racetrack. Our American fans are great, but these Mexican fans sure do love stock car racing too.”

WINFUEL is ALL about Winning—and so are Shane Hmiel and Braun Racing. Follow all of the action this week as the WINFUEL team heads to Las Vegas to lay it all on the line as they gamble for their first win of the season. Live television coverage begins on FX at 3:30 p.m. EST.

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