



## WINFUEL Team Bitten Again

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"We're definitely not satisfied with 9th, but we did pick up quite a few spots in points. It's kind of like poker, sometimes you just get a run of bad cards, you know," says McFarland. "These last two races have been unkind."

McFarland should plan a trip to Las Vegas soon because his luck has to change. After leading the first 102 laps, he brought the car down pit road to tires and fuel. A slow pit stop set him 5th when the race went back to green and McFarland wasted no time carving his way to 3rd. Then, on lap 209, Clayton Rogers cut a right-front tire down while leading in what would be a cruel hint of foreshadowing for the JR Motorsports crew.

"When Clayton blew the tire I got up on the wheel a little more and that's when we lost a cylinder. We had a fire from some rubber buildup that burned a (spark) plug wire, but we were actually better on just those seven cylinders," said McFarland.

On those seven cylinders, McFarland was able to get under then-leader, Shane Huffman, but blew his right-front tire before completing the pass.

"I don't know if we made contact or not," sounded McFarland. "The (BF Goodrich) tire guy told me it might have been brake heat that caused the sidewall to separate. It was unfortunate. That was one of the best cars I have ever driven. It is a lot of fun to be up there racing with Shane and Clayton because you know they will race you hard and clean. I apologize to Shane if there was contact, there at the end, but it was just wicked loose on the bottom."

The next stop for the Southern Division of the USAR Hooters Pro Cup Series is April 2nd at the historic, Greenville-Pickens Speedway.

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