

The Lead Lap

5th Top 10 for the 28 team

Despite having the deck stacked against the DLR & Associates Chevrolet #28, the team rallied to finish 9th in last week's "DirectDrill 40" at Houston Motorsports Park. Driver Kevin Wiseman summed up the day as a "Full team effort with an above and beyond the call of duty helping hand from the David Racing #52 in order to get to the checkered flag." "We had our hands full from the time we unloaded" Wiseman says.

The 28 truck broke a rear end during the second practice session, leaving the team roughly an hour to replace the rear end before it came time to race in the heat race. "Luckily, Bob David, Crew Chief of the 52, Steve Moore, Team Coach, and several others jumped into action when I pulled into my pit. Those guys really went full speed to get the rear end changed before the heat race" Wiseman reports.

In the heat race, Wiseman drew the fourth spot in the first warm up race. As soon as the green flag dropped, the 28 truck dropped like a rock as Wiseman fought extremely "tight" conditions. With the limited practice due to the broken rear end, the 28 team had little handling information to work with in order to best set the truck up for the heat race. Wiseman eventually spun out on the last lap and finished 7th.

During the feature, Wiseman started in 15th place. Major suspension changes made after the heat race made the truck go from tight to extremely loose. Wiseman rode around at the back of the pack until lap 28, when the 72, 08, 19, and 50 trucks collected each other in a major accident in the center of turn three. After a short red flag stoppage to permit clean up, the green flag came back out with 12 laps to go. Wiseman gave it his all, but could not advance any further taking the checkered flag in the 9th position. With his 5th top ten of the season, Wiseman has taken sole position of 7th place, 4 points out of 6th place with 8 races remaining in the 2010 season.



Tell of the Tape for 2010

As Wiseman notched his 5th top ten of the season, we decided to detail the start and finishing position for the first 8 races of the season.

Race Date	Start	Finish
2/27	14	6
3/13	17	12
3/27	12	9
4/10	21	12
5/1	14	9
5/15	RAINOUT	RAINOUT
5/29	8	6
6/12	No race	No race
6/26	15	9



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DeMarino, shown above, is the crew chief and spotter for the #28 DLR and Associates Chevy Silverado

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Crew Chief Corner

Crew chief Matt DeMarino took a few moments to fill us in as the crew chief’s prospective regarding last Saturday’s race. “Kevin really struggled from the time we pulled in the gate” Matt says. “The new summer schedule has eliminated open practice, so we only had two ten minute sessions to get the truck right.” With the broken rear end, we really did not have much information from Kevin to make the truck handle the best and it showed in the heat race”. “During the Feature, I kept trying to get Kevin to get a bit more aggressive, especially with hitting the best driving line, and picking the outside lane to get track position under caution.” Despite trying to motivate the driver, Matt continued “I think he (Wiseman) was pretty much spent and just wanted to make it to the end of the race with the truck in one piece.” “The truck was so loose that we just couldn’t gain ground on the leaders.” Matt finishes by saying that “We’ll take another top ten for sure, but to say the least the whole team was a bit disappointed considering how well we ran in our previous race”.

Looking Ahead

As we head into next week’s “DDC 40”, the 28 team is going to make a few minor changes to the truck. “You know we were so loose during the feature, because of the extreme changes we made during intermission.” Wiseman says. “At least we know what is too loose and what is too tight. Kevin finished by saying, “Were going to look back at our notes from the May 29th race, and try to get as close to that set up as possible because the truck was hooked up that night.”

Crew Chief Matt DeMario says “I guess we will do what we can to make the truck drive better, because it sucks not being competitive.”

Recent Photos



The 28 truck traversing Turn 2 during practice.



View of the new front end paint scheme of the # 28 as it awaits a shot at practice.



View of the 28 truck taking the green flag during being chased by the 06 and the 54 trucks.



A less than enthused Wiseman peeks at the carnage that was the broken rear end.



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