

50 Karl Weber *The Flying Farmer*

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Weber Takes 7th At Hickory Speedway

Hickory Speedway, North Carolina - -

15 Year Old Karl Weber entered his second race of the young season and came home in 7th place in a field of 20 cars. The 50-Lap event was run by Carolina Competition Sports (CCS) as a support race to the Pro All Stars race (PASS) on Saturday, April 9th. Hickory Speedway is known as the Birthplace of NASCAR Stars.

Weber qualified 10th for the race which had 4 restarts which the young driver talked about. "I've learned that on the restarts I have to ease onto the throttle and not 'flat-foot it' as I did in karts. I've learned not to spin the tires on restarts, that is for sure."

Weber says that he has a grip on being more aggressive in his passing on short tracks and says, "I am going deeper into the corners and getting under the car ahead of me. I am also more comfortable with nudging the next car so I can pass. It is very unlike open-wheel racing but I like it for sure."



Comments From Blanchard

At Hickory, the words of the day were focus and feedback. After last week's truck win, this was a much bigger show. Karl ignored the distractions of outside factors of the event and concentrated on his job at hand and understood what he had to do. Focus and Feedback. In other forms of racing, such as open-wheel, the driver has a lesser role in feedback because the engineer downloads performance information. Karl has learned how to communicate more because we don't have onboard computers. He is learning to communicate on everything...he tells us "this did this, this did that."

Karl employed all of the elements of a good driver and it is a 3 step process. In Step One: Focus (ignore outside distractions), In Step Two: Educate Yourself (restarts, passing, learning the track). In Step Three: Take a leadership role in communicating with the team. Karl did all of this at Hickory.

My Home Schooling

It is nearly impossible for a race driver at my age to test, practice and travel to races while attending a local school at the same time. I have been Home Schooling for nearly five years and can tell you that I work very hard at my studies. In some ways Home Schooling is more difficult than normal schooling because I have to be disciplined in my attitude. It is kind of like racing in that way. Self-discipline is important in both areas. Many people don't understand Home Schooling but it has grown from nearly nothing to more than 2 Million school-age students so I am not alone!

My goal is to attend Purdue University to study Agriculture and eventually take over my family's farm operation or start one of my own - - - or both. That is why I am associated with The Farm Journal Legacy Project Supported By Pioneer. You can see their logo on my new PASS Car.

I am happy to be Home Schooled because studies show that Home Schooled students who enter college earn an average of 3.37 GPA compared to normal school students who earn a 3.08 GPA. My Mom and Dad make sure that I finish my classwork. They are harder on me than Tony! Knowing that Home School is a path to success, I am happy to have my computer as my classroom.



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