

Eddie MacDonald Posts Fourth Place Finish at South Boston Speedway

Eddie MacDonald scored his second top five finish in three races in NASCAR's Camping World East Series with a fourth place run in the Strutmasters.com 150 at South Boston Speedway in Virginia. The Rowley, Mass driver was competing in his 100th start in the series.

MacDonald said after the race, "We are very happy with our finish especially after getting spun out around lap thirty. The car was pretty good but we were off just a little because it was tight in the center of the turn. Rollie and the crew did a great job working on it in practice and it was better in qualifying."

When the green flag waved, MacDonald was in the 16th spot and was maintaining his position when he was hit from behind causing him to spin out. No caution was thrown so by the time MacDonald gathered the Grimm Construction Chevy back up, he was at the tail of the field.

"There was a wreck in front of me and I slowed down but someone got into me. We went to the back and we just decided to take it easy, stay out of the wrecks, and pass cars one at a time when we could. It worked out pretty good and we were able to get a good finish out of it. The tires were used up pretty bad after coming from the rear so we didn't have much left to challenge the leaders. This place is pretty neat. It's like a cross between Lee USA Speedway and Thompson International. It was a lot of fun racing here because Rob Grimm gives us great cars and equipment. I also want to thank NEMO, A&B Vending, Waymart Building Center, and all the people who give us so much help and support," said a very pleased MacDonald.

The car was 21st fastest in the first practice session and after making some adjustments, MacDonald improved to 17th fastest. After more adjustments, the Grimm Construction Chevy cut nearly a half-second of the first practice time.

MacDonald said of the effort, "The car wasn't great at the beginning but Rollie just kept after it and it got a lot better. Of course, everyone says it could be better, and we could have, but this is what we had and we were able to make it work. We were decent on the outside so I was able to make the passes."

With the fourth place finish at South Boston Eddie and Robert Grimm Racing is in fourth place overall in points. The team will be busy preparing for the June 8th race at Watkins Glen International. MacDonald has a third place finish in his debut at the famed road course and hopes a repeat performance is in the cards to continue his climb in point to become the leader.