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Frenchman Michel Disdier Moves One Step Closer to His American Dream



SALEM, Indiana (4-15-08)--Michel Disdier made his ARCA RE/MAX debut at Salem Speedway on Sunday with an impressive 13th place finish. Disdier stated before the race, "I want to finish and finish well." Mission accomplished.

After a successful test at the Toledo Speedway last Thursday, Disdier and the Jack Bowsher & Associates Motorsports team was anxious to take the green in Sunday's Kentuckiana Ford Dealers 200 by Federated Auto Parts.

Mother Nature was not cooperating with the teams on Sunday morning at Salem Speedway. A long awaited break in the weather allowed ARCA to drop the green flag two hours after the original start time.

Strapped into the famed No. 21 Jack Bowsher & Associates Motorsports Ford in the 24th starting spot, Disdier was eager to learn the ropes of a tough short track. After starting the race under caution, the green was thrown on lap 16. Cautious driving rewarded Disdier by avoiding a major pile up coming off of turn two on lap 30 where more than 10 cars were involved. He moved to the 18th position when he took the green flag again. The Nice, France native was more determined than ever to move forward through the field.

Just past the halfway point, the yellow flag dropped again. Disdier would pull in the pits under caution where the Jack Bowsher & Associates Motorsports team changed four tires and fueled the car.

After avoiding several more pile ups with his quick instinct, he knew what he had to do. Becoming more comfortable with each lap, Disdier powered his way to a spectacular 13th finish.

After the race Disdier states, "In 2002, I went to my first NASCAR race in Homestead, Florida and that's when I knew I could do this job. My dream is starting to come true. I'm touching it and now I am a little closer. The Jack Bowsher & Associates Motorsports team is wonderful and they will help me with my dream! It's been very hard to find the "right" team. I now know that this (Jack Bowsher & Associates Motorsports) is where I belong."

Team manager/spotter/mentor, Todd Bowsher added, "I feel Michel did a great job and we were very pleased with the progress of the entire weekend. The 13th place finish was icing on the cake. We look forward to a promising future."

After this weekend, Disdier added his name to the growing list of international drivers entering stock car racing in the United States.

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