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LATOUR TEAM MAKING STRIDES AGAINST TOUGH LATE MODEL FIELDS AT CARAWAY

ADVANCE, N.C. – The Latour Motorsports late model stock car team has switched from weekly wars at Hickory Motor Speedway in 2008 to a biweekly schedule at North Carolina's Caraway Speedway. The third-year team welcomed the challenge of tougher competition at the .455-mile Caraway oval, and on Saturday they put together their best 2009 effort thus far.

David Latour Jr. finished 13th and 12th in Saturday's twin 100-lap features at Caraway. Twenty-seven cars started the features, and ironically Latour was racing for eighth place in both races when he was spun out in both races. He charged back through the pack in both races to get up to respectable finishes of 13th and 12th.

“We changed a lot of things on the car this week, and now we have it really running,” said David. “We have a new crew chief in Ben and he helped us a lot right off the bat. We tested on Thursday and worked on some things and came back Saturday and were really fast. We hit it right off the bat with Ben and now we should be just fine tuning things with the car.”

While Latour was charging through the field throughout the second half of the races, his family-owned No. 89 was one of, and possibly the fastest car on the track.

Latour explains how much it means to run well at Caraway: “Finishing in the top five at Caraway is like winning at Hickory. There are a lot of cars and the competition is really tough. The races pay well, and that's why so many good teams are here racing. We're happy to say we can run with them and now we need to get the results to show how well we're running.”

Latour will race again Saturday, May 23 at Caraway. It will be a 200-lap event for the late models.

David's younger brother, Dillon, is also running well this spring. Dillon has driven the family's bandolero at Lowe's Motor Speedway's Spring Fling events and improved each week. Now in the young guns division on the bandoleros, Dillon is hoping for top-10 runs in this year's Summer Shootout at Lowe's.

David Latour Jr. is a 17-year-old late model racer originally from Riverhead, N.Y. Now residing with his family in Advance, N.C., Latour is in his third season racing late model stock cars. He has had numerous top-five finishes over two years while racing at Hickory,

and now is attempting to accomplish top fives and his first late model stock car win at Caraway and other southern short tracks. David is a former quarter-midget champion and dirt micro-sprint feature winner.

Latour and his brother, Dillon, are members of the Team Full Throttle Driver Development Program and are represented by Driver Development Services, Inc., Charlotte, N.C. Latour Motorsports' marketing partners are Jeffrey Cornatzer Auto Body of Advance, N.C., Hess Race Cars, Inc. and Global Graphics.

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