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Latour Team Bring Out 'Black Car' and Notch Top 5 at Ace

(Altamahaw, N.C.) –Third-year late model racer David Latour Jr. and his Latour Motorsports team put together their best night of the season Friday at Ace Speedway in Altamahaw, N.C. Latour qualified fifth for the 15-car, 75-lap feature and drove a solid race on his way to a fifth-place finish – his best of the 2009 season.

For Latour, who this year has driven his family-owned late model mostly at the ultra-competitive Caraway Speedway, the race was his second of the season at Ace's tight three-eighths-mile oval.

“This is a tough little track to get around and a lot of people who haven't been here might not realize that,” David commented after Saturday's event. “This was a short race for us because running at Caraway we're used to either twin 100s or 200 lappers. It was a pretty good day, all around. We were fifth fastest in practice, qualified fifth and finished fifth, so I guess we had a fifth-place car!”

Latour, a Hickory Motor Speedway regular in 2007 and last year, has been focusing on Caraway while driving the team's primary car and occasionally running at Ace with their backup, tagged “The Black Car” because of its plain, black body. The Black Car may slowly be winning them over, though, and the Latour team believes they may have a better shot at a top spot at Caraway with it.

“We've decided to give The Black Car a chance at Caraway this weekend. We've been running it at Ace and we have a fifth and a sixth in two races there. We've been around the top 10 with our No. 1 car at Caraway and that's saying something because the fields are so competitive there. But we'll give the backup a try to see if it goes any better and maybe we can get up to the top five or around there.

“I want to take a minute to thank the crew – my mom, dad and brother Dillon, Brad Powell, Aaron Mizell, Team Full Throttle, Dennis and Wayne. Billy Hess for the chassis and Charlie and Robert Long for the great horsepower. And a ‘get well soon’ to Wayne. He's had emphysema and he'll be back in a few weeks.”

The Latour team will be back this weekend for another big 200 lapper this Saturday at Caraway. David will be looking to improve on recent 11th-place finishes at the .455-mile high banked oval.

About David Latour Jr.

David Latour is a 18-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.

Team Full Throttle is a Mooresville, N.C., based driver development program that specializes in all areas of personal and professional development, including leadership, teamwork, and communications as well as marketing, promotion, and on-track driving skills. TFT currently comprises over 30 racers who reside and race in all regions of the country.

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