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TOLEDO SPEEDWAY PREVIEW

Athens, Ga. (May 16, 2008) — Express Notes-Toledo Speedway

Race Info:

Event: Hantz Group 200 presented by Federated Car Care

Date/Time: Sunday, May 18th/2:00pm

Distance: 200 laps/100 miles

Track: .5-mile paved, 18 degree banking

1st ARCA RE/MAX Series Race: 1963

Total ARCA Races Run: 62

Qualifying Record: Frank Kimmel, 16.359sec, 110.031mph, 2001

Race Record: 86.400mph, Frank Kimmel, 1998

Number of races won from the pole: 17

07' Race Winner-(May): Ken Butler III

07' Pole Winner-(May): Michael McDowell/109.296mph

Fast & Fun Facts:

- The RAB Racing team was unable to test at Toledo Speedway in preparation for this weekend's Hantz Group 200, so when the track goes green for practice on Saturday, May 17th John Wes Townley will be making his very first laps in the No. 09 Zaxby's Ford Fusion.
- However, Townley is no stranger to Toledo Speedway. He has previously competed at the track in an ASA Late Model Challenge Series race.
- When the green flag drops for the Hantz Group 200 at Toledo Speedway on Sunday, May 18th it will mark the 63rd start for the ARCA RE/MAX Series at the .5-mile oval.
- Of the drivers entered in this weekend's event only two, Ken Schrader and Frank Kimmel, are former winners at Toledo Speedway.

A look back-Kentucky: With an eighth place starting spot for the Drive Smart! Buckle Up Kentucky 150, Townley fought a tight car early on and fell out of the top-15, but after bringing the No. 09 Zaxby's/SPS/BB&T/Saxon Group Ford Fusion down pit road for adjustments, he soon began working his way back through the field. With only 20 laps to go and sitting 13th, Townley was poised to take home another top-15. However, a few late-race cautions allowed Townley to capitalize on the restarts and walk away with the first top-5 finish of his ARCA RE/MAX Series career.

Consistency Shows: John Wes Townley's fifth place finish at the 1.5-mile oval of Kentucky Speedway marked his sixth top-15 finish in six races in the ARCA RE/MAX Series. Daytona (11th), Salem (7th), Iowa (12th), Kansas (15th), and Rockingham (12th)

Made to Move: Townley's stellar finish at Kentucky Speedway moved him from fifth to third in the season-long ARCA RE/MAX Series Championship point standings. He is currently 40 points behind nine-time ARCA RE/MAX Series champion Frank Kimmel, who sits second in the title

chase. Townley trails Kentucky race winner Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. by 45 points. Robby Benton, owner of the No. 09 RAB Racing Ford, also moved up two spots in the owner's points from fifth to third. Benton trails Roush Fenway Racing's, Jack Roush and nine-time ARCA RE/MAX Series champion Frank Kimmel by 45 points.

RAB Racing at Toledo: RAB Racing has a proven record when it comes to Toledo Speedway. The team has one top-5 finish; Brian Campbell (3rd), 2004. Three top-10 finishes; Brian Campbell (3rd) in 2004, Michael Simko (6th) in 2006 and Justin Marks (7th) in 2007. The team also has an average starting position of 12.75 a finishing position of 9.60 and in five starts has completed 99.61% of the 1016 laps attempted. In the spring race at Toledo just one year ago Justin Marks qualified his No. 65 Construct Corps Dodge in the eighth starting spot. After pitting early in the race, Marks was working his way through the field when an altercation with another car caused Marks' tire to go flat. As a result, an unscheduled pit stop put the RAB Racing team a lap down to the leaders. Marks was able to dodge a few more accidents throughout the race, but after a few efforts to regain his lap, Marks and the RAB Racing team settled with an 11th place finish, one lap down.

Rookie Race: John Wes Townley was the third highest finishing SunTrust rookie of the year contender in the Drive Smart! Buckle Up Kentucky 150. He finished just four positions behind race winner Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. and three positions behind second place finisher Scott Speed.

Toledo Chassis: Robby Benton and the No. 09 team have chosen chassis No. 009 for this weekend's Hantz Group 200 at Toledo Speedway. This is an RAB Racing Chassis that Justin Marks piloted in 2007 at Berlin where he finished 11th, Toledo where he finished 11th in the Spring and 7th in the fall, Salem where he finished 20th in the spring and 9th in the fall, and Winchester where he brought home an impressive 5th place finish. This chassis has also been run in 2008 with John Wes Townley at Salem Speedway where the rookie driver finished 7th.

Double Header for Townley at Toledo: In addition to his duties behind the wheel of the No. 09 Ford Fusion John Wes Townley will be making his ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series debut at Toledo Speedway. Townley will be piloting the No. 4 Lifeguard Medical Supply-Dan Cava Toyota Sunoco Ford on Saturday May, 18th in the Champion Credit Union 50. John Wes is scheduled to make two more ALWTS starts this season; Cayuga Speedway Park June 28th and Illinois State Fairgrounds August 16th. ALWTS action begins at 11:15 on Saturday, May 17th with practice, followed by qualifying at 2:15 and the green flag will wave at 5:00pm.

John Wes Townley Live: If you are making the trip to Toledo this weekend John Wes Townley will be signing autographs on the front stretch in front of his No. 09 Zaxby's/SPS/BB&T/Saxon Group Ford Fusion from 12 Noon-1:15pm.

Up to Speed: The Hantz Group 200 weekend begins on Saturday, May 17th with ARCA RE/MAX Series practice from 12:30-2:00pm and SIM Factory pole qualifying starting at 3:30pm. The green flag will fall for the seventh race of the ARCA RE/MAX Series season at 2:00pm on Sunday, May 18th. All events throughout the weekend can be viewed on ARCA's LIVE timing and scoring board at www.arcaracing.com. MavTV will also be carrying the race in a tape-delayed, one-hour program on May 23rd at 8:00pm. MavTV is a new network with male-oriented programming targeting men 18-54. For more information on programming please visit www.mavtv.com.

No Off-Weekend for Townley: RAB Racing has two weekends off after Toledo but driver John

Wes Townley has an action packed two weekends ahead of him. Townley should be graduating from High School on Saturday, May 24th and instead of walking across the stage and receiving his diploma he will be making his NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series debut at Mansfield, Ohio in the No. 09 Roush Fenway Racing Ford. The Ohio 250 is scheduled to start at 12:30 and will be televised live on SPEED. The race will also be broadcast live on the Performance Racing Network (PRN) at 1:00pm. The following weekend John Wes will be competing in the USAR Hooters Pro Cup Series at the Milwaukee Mile. This is the fourth race for Townley in this series and he is currently scheduled to run a full season. The Sears Auto Center 150 will begin at 5:30pm on Saturday, May 31st.

What the team has to say:

John Wes Townley, Driver of the No. 09 Zaxby's Ford Fusion: "I'm excited to go to Toledo because our short track program is so strong and with our momentum and approach to each race, I think we can really contend for another top-5 or possibly a win. I love racing these types of tracks and I look forward to doing what I can to get the Zaxby's/SPS/BB&T/Saxon Group Ford Fusion up front."

Robby Benton, Crew Chief of the No. 09 Zaxby's Ford Fusion: "Toledo is a track I've always favored. It's important because it's in ARCA's back yard, but the track also yields some great racing. The competition is always stiff there and with the talent it draws like Ken Schrader, and David Ragan, it helps the series with popularity in general. I'm looking for another strong run to further solidify our run for the ARCA RE/MAX Series Championship."

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