



In the Drivers Seat

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Super Stock #99**

Weekly Track - Cedar Lake Speedway

When was your first race?

I started racing go-karts at Flying Pines Raceway in 1997. We raced karts for a few years and then I bought a Street Stock from Charlie Weber. He actually had it sitting back in the woods. I bought the Street Stock in May of 2001, and then our first season was 2002.

How did you become involved in the sport?

Well, my dad owned Kevin Viebrocks cars for 13 years. I pretty much grew up at Cedar Lake Speedway. We would go to Cedar Lake every weekend.

What are some of the challenges you faced moving to another division?

I think the adjustments in the car have been the biggest thing. There are a lot more adjustments in this car. Usually I would do a spring rate change and maybe put a little gas in the car for the feature. Now we have turn of wedge in here, or a turn of wedge out there. There's way more adjustments on this car.

How much work was involved getting your new car ready?

I was actually really lucky, to tell you the truth. When I finally sold my car, I bought a car from Chad Finkbone in Grand Rapids, MN. Chad's been really helpful and the guys at Affordable Chassis have been really helpful giving base line setups. Where I really was lucky, was picking up a couple of pit crew guys. Greg and Than have been here every week helping me out. I also have Bernie, my crew chief. He's very meticulous and keeps up on the maintenance. Between the experience with Greg and Than, along with Bernie's maintenance, I think we're going to have a pretty good season.

Did you anticipate winning your very first race in a Super Stock?

No, we talked about it over the winter. I told the guys that I would probably start my first race in the back and feel things out. We went out for the first practice and I started to feel more comfortable in the car. A couple of the crew guys came up to me and said that I was pulling away from the other guys. I thought they were just totally joshing me trying build my confidence up. We went out for the heat race and lined up fourth. I said to myself, I've been racing with a lot of these guys like Dan Gullickson and Mike Loomis when they were in Street Stocks, and I can do just fine. Between the help from Affordable Chassis, my crew guys and Scott's Engine shop, we just had all of the right stuff. I just got lucky wheeling the car I guess.

What goals do you have for the 2009 season?

To be consistent and try to have top-5's and top 10-'s. My goals did change a little after the first week. I thought if we finished in the top 10, I would be excited. We went out and won the heat race, I thought wow, we can do this. They don't really have a Rookie of the Year, but I would like to be the top finishing rookie in the class.