



## An Unexpected End at Laguna Seca

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Laguna Seca, CA) May 5, 2014** Set in the hills of Monterey, Laguna Seca race track is beautiful. This race weekend shaped up perfectly with not a cloud in the sky.

Starting Thursday the team worked through two practices with special attention being given to understeer issues on the car. The extremely smooth road surface becomes very dusty as cars go off track bringing sand back onto the track surface. Precision control is critical.

After two more practice runs on Friday and the crew wrestling with the understeer issues the car was much better ahead of qualifying Friday afternoon.

Though driver Martin Barkey had never been on this track he had prepared with hundreds of laps on the simulator. That preparation proved most valuable as he shaved away lap time.



By qualifying time the car was set up the best it had been. Martin was able to find some good clean track and laid down lap times almost a full 1.5 seconds off his practice session times.

Saturday race day presented perfect race conditions. The car was set up well and ready to run. With the drop of the flag the 08 car made a good start. Through turn one and approaching turn two a couple cars got tied up ending up off track. Unfortunately, one of the cars was our

Rebel Rock Racing 07 team car ending the race for one Rebel Rock entry. This did leave Martin room to move up the inside catching a position or two rolling into turn two.

Martin's portion of the race was a mix of racing and yellow flags. There were some good clean laps in between the yellow cautions. He was able to jockey for position as high as P17 from a P26 start. His stint came to an unplanned end though when his right rear tire blew as he was rounding turn 6.

He was able to wheel the car back to the pits where, after a quick tire change Kyle Marcelli took over. Moving up through the traffic quickly Kyle was looking very strong and the car performing well. But then after only five laps into his stint Kyle reported issues with the transmission. He had lost third and fourth gears and could not continue so he brought the car in to the pits.... ending the race.

The team's frustration was obvious. Driver Kyle Marcelli said it best. *"It's a disappointment for us to not finish the race due to a mechanical failure, however, we must stay focused on the positives. We have shown that we are quick and extremely competitive. Backed by great engineering and with Martin's skills improving with every lap expect us to be fighting for the podium very soon."*

*"I would like to thank Jon Pulli of Turn 14 and Tim Stewart of K&N for coming out to the race and for bringing some of their largest dealers as guests to our race weekend,"* said Martin Barkey, following Saturday's race. *"In spite of the results it was fun to mix it up with other automotive business people from our industry who share a passion for racing. I appreciate them coming out to cheer on our team."*

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