



Jessica Clark Racing Newsletter



Hello Again!

Between school and racing, there hasn't been much time to sit down and share my thoughts. Thanks for being patient – here we go!



On September 1st, I was invited to Indianapolis to attend the Lyn St. James Women in the Winner's Circle Awards Ceremony to be recognized for my achievements in racing this year. It was also a networking opportunity and chance to meet some incredible women who are making their mark in motorsports. I was truly honored to be a part of the event, and I thank Lyn St. James for including me. I also visited the Indianapolis Hall of Fame Museum and drove around the track at the Brickyard. Maybe someday I'll get to race at the Brickyard - I dream big!

The following weekend we headed to All American Speedway in Roseville for twin Focus Midget races. We were testing a new setup that we hoped would allow us to run different lines on the track during race conditions. Ultimately, it didn't prove to be as effective as we anticipated. I qualified 5th and finished 6th in both features. The car just wasn't happy, and I was physically exhausted from trying to keep it in one piece. Even though it wasn't a super successful weekend, we recognized the need to get out of our comfort zone and try to find a car that would give us a podium finish.

Our next race was at Madera Raceway on September 17th. On Saturday we were one of the fastest cars on the track. We thought the car needed just a little more grip for qualifying. It's amazing how three - eighths of an inch change on the roll center can drastically affect the performance of the car. Needless to say, qualifying turned out ugly – I was 7th. The good news is that we got back on track for the heat race, and I easily came through the checkered flag in first place. Since I qualified poorly, I had to start towards the back for the feature. I worked my way through the field until I reached the first two cars. The three of us put a significant gap between ourselves and everyone else, which proved to be important at the end of the race. Here's what happened – on the final lap of the race, the driver in second place made a dive underneath the leader going into turn one.



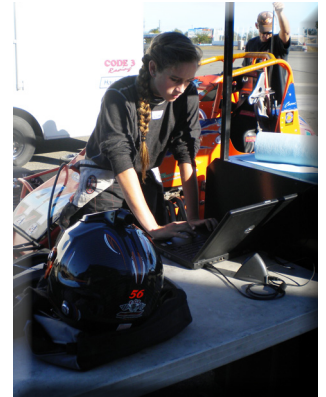


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I knew this wasn't going to end well! Neither driver would give an inch, so they collided. One flew up the track while the other flew into the infield. I hoped to navigate my way between them but ended up being clipped and taken into the infield with the other two cars. Somehow, I managed to get my car back on the track, and fly to the finish line in third place. The gap we created was just enough to allow only two cars to get by. I was pleased with the aggressive driving and clean passes I made during the race.

On September 24th we were back at All American Speedway in Roseville for another pair of twin features. I qualified 3rd then started the first feature towards the back due to a high invert. The car was tight, difficult to turn through the middle of the corner, and I finished 8th in the first feature. We ran much better in the second feature and came in 4th place.



The season is winding down with only four races left. I haven't been to school on a single Friday since the year began. I'm so grateful for my understanding teachers. We're very close to earning two championships and seeing all the hard work pay off. I owe so much to my crew for their tireless efforts to provide me with the best possible car week after week. The talent in the Focus Midget series runs deep, and we are really pleased with 17 top five finishes this year. We'll talk again in October!

Thanks to everyone for their kind words and good wishes!

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