

Toyota NGOTS Dover Quotes -- Austin Hill

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How challenging is Dover?

“This is my favorite race track by far that we go to all year. I’ve had a lot of success in the K&N Series – got two wins and was going to have three I felt like, but blew a motor the last time we ran here. Truck side of it, we’ve just had a lot of misfortunes happen. Last year I felt like we had a strong truck. We were running 10th and got taken out. Then the year before that, a lapped car wrecked right in front of us and we had nowhere to go.

What are the challenges of racing at Kansas?

“I’ve only had one start at Kansas and it was last year. I felt like we had a decent truck there. Kansas is a cool race track because you get to move around a little bit. I know there at the end of the race, the top-five were running right there against the fence. That was cool. We had good speed, we kind of played the fuel strategy deal and it kind of bit us there at the end.

Tell us about the special paint scheme on your Tundra this weekend at Dover?

“We’ve got the TRD 40th anniversary

paint scheme on there and it looks sweet too. I’d love to run it every weekend if we could. I think it’s the coolest paint scheme that we have all year so far. It’s really special to be able to have TRD on the truck and be able to celebrate it with these guys. Especially the first year running with Toyota – it’s really special to me to have them.”

What are some of the main things you have to pay attention to at Dover?

“Pitting under green is huge. It’s probably the hardest place to pit under green just because you’re in the center of the corner and you’re turning down onto the apron. It’s a really rough transition, but this track it can bite you at any second. You have to be up on the wheel every lap, every second. You can’t let it catch you off-guard because if you do, it’s going to be big.”

Why do you like Dover so much?

“I don’t know, just the first time I ever came here was in a K&N car and we won. I can’t tell you what it is about the track that I like, it’s just something that fits my driving style. I’ve always loved this place. We haven’t had great trucks here in the past so coming here with HRE and having the speed that we had yesterday, it’s just been a lot of fun here already. I can’t wait

to get going in the race.”

Does liking the track make racing here more comfortable?

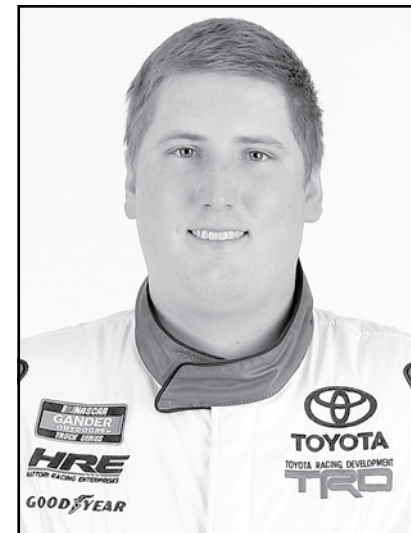
“You’re on edge, but if you can get the truck handling right, it actually slows the track down. You don’t feel like you’re going that fast when your truck is handling right. When your truck is loose or tight and you’re sawing on the wheel, it feels like you’re flying around the race track just because you’re holding on for dear life. When that thing is turning good and it goes over the hill and it lands good and you’re able to pick up the gas, it just feels like the whole track slows down.”

Is there a rhythm to getting around Dover?

“My mindset going into the weekend yesterday was just the first two or three laps, just attack the race track and see what it would give you and just be ready for it to step out or get tight or something to happen. I think the second lap on the race track was my fastest lap of the whole day. When you have a month off, that’s something that you have to do, you just have to man-up and just hope it sticks and as long as it does then you’re a hero.

Can you assess your overall performance this season?

“We started off with a bang at Daytona.



Atlanta was good, we were just one of the guys that restarted on the outside lane in Atlanta. It’s hard to restart on the outside lane so we ended up seventh and that was a decent day for us. The last three races we’ve had have been tough. In Vegas, we ran third and then we started overheating with a motor issue. Martinsville, we were going to run eighth or ninth and got booted out of the way, that’s just Martinsville, it’s just rough and we just had the bad end of the stick.

Four Drivers Selected for NASCAR Drive for Diversity Youth Driver Development Program

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (May 1, 2019)

– Four talented youth drivers have been selected to hone their racing skills as participants in the NASCAR Drive for Diversity Youth Driver Development Program after a national talent search in March.

NASCAR and Rev Racing hosted a youth driver combine at GoPro Motorplex in Mooresville, N.C., where drivers ages 12 to 16 were evaluated during practice

sessions and heat races.

Four drivers were selected to the 2019 class, including Rajah Caruth, 16, an iRacing competitor from Washington D.C., with aspirations of a traditional racing career. Among the new participants are Lacy Kuehl, 12, of Sarasota, Fla., who has experience racing dirt oval flat karts, and Blake Lothian, 16, a World Formula Kart driver from Wellesley, Mass.

Fourteen-year-old U.S. Legends car



driver Isabella Robusto of Fort Mill, S.C., returns to Rev Racing having trained with the youth driver development program in 2017 and 2018.

“We were very impressed with what we saw from these drivers at the combine in March,” said Jusan Hamilton, NASCAR director, racing operations and event management. “Each driver demonstrated strong potential and we believe will be successful in racing. The four selected stood out based on their abilities both on and off the track, have great experience and left quite the positive impression on our evaluators.”

NASCAR Drive for Diversity and Rev

Racing seek the highest quality candidates from diverse backgrounds and develop them into successful NASCAR drivers.

During the summer, the youth program provides selected drivers with equipment, mentoring and competition experience.

Rev Racing, the competition arm of the NASCAR Drive for Diversity Youth Driver Development Program, will put the four drivers in INEX Legend Cars in 2019. Each driver will compete in the Bojangles’ Summer Shootout at Charlotte Motor Speedway in June and July, and several other events throughout the summer.

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