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Gray Gaulding #20 Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota Camry NAPA 150 Post-Race Recap

Gaulding with impressive 2nd place finish at Five Flags Speedway

Mooresville, NC (April 15, 2013) Gray Gaulding brings home a second place finish in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series inaugural event at Five Flags Speedway in Pensacola,FL. Gaulding who had never seen the speedway prior to Friday's open practice session, raced as a seasoned veteran.



Gaulding ran 27 laps in the opening practice session Saturday which he ended 15th overall with a 17.908. "We stayed in race trim and worked on the balance of our car" said Gaulding "We had a fast car in yesterday's open test."

In the final practice session of the day, Gaulding completed only 2 laps and set the second fastest time of a 17.490 -0.034 off the fast time. "We felt like we have a good balance on the car," Gaulding explained "There is no need in chasing the track in the heat of the day."

With 26 cars set to take time for the NAPA 150 at Five Flags Speedway, Gaulding and the Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota team would be the 15th team to take time and with a time of 17.242 Gaulding would qualify 3rd missing the pole by 0.117 seconds.

Gaulding lined his #20 Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota Camry on the inside of row 2 for the start of the NAPA 150. When the green flag dropped Gaulding immediately went to work to move forward. He would follow the 47 car lap after lap, waiting for him to make a mistake, as Doug George radioed Gray saying "stay on his bumper and keep on the pressure, when he opens the door take it" and that he did off turn 4 on lap 41. Gaulding then set his sights on the leader.

During the lap 75 halfway break Gaulding worked with crew chief Doug George on adjustments to the Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota. When the green flag dropped for the second half of the NAPA 150

Gaulding was side by side with the leader.

After battling for 4 laps Gaulding dropped in line behind the 96 where he would continue to run. With a late race caution on lap 136, Gaulding would get one last chance to take the lead on the lap 142 restart. Gaulding came up a little short, but would bring home an impressive second place finish.

"At the end of the day, I really wanted to win that race real bad," said Gaulding. "I knew the only place we were going to beat him was off the restart. We could only hang with him about three of four laps and he would start pulling away. I gave it all I had, I was burning the tires off the last few laps. Doug George and the entire team worked hard, Doug Howe did a great job spotting and to finish second is just amazing."

Gaulding is currently tied for second in the 2013 NASCAR K&N Pro East points and leading the 2013 Sunoco Rookie of the Year points.

The next event for the #20 Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota team will be Thursday April 25th at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, VA. A full schedule for Gray and the Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota team can be found at <u>GrayGaulding.com/schedule</u>.

Visit KrispyKremeRacing.com to find out when Gray Gaulding and the #20 Krispy Kreme Toyota Camry will be at a Krispy Kreme Shop near you.

For live updates from Gray and the #20 Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota team through out the 2013 NASCAR K&N Pro Series follow <u>@GrayGaulding</u> or <u>@KKDRacing</u> on Twitter or Facebook.com/GrayGauldingRacing.

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