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Gray Gaulding #20 Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota Camry Blue Ox 100 Post-Race Recap

Gaulding breaks Records at Richmond International Raceway

Mooresville, NC (April 30, 2013) Gray Gaulding achieved one of his many dreams Thursday night under the lights of Richmond International Raceway. The fifteen year old, Colonial Heights, Virginia native raced in both the NASCAR K&N Pro East Series "Blue Ox 100" and the NASCAR Late Model "Denny Hamlin Short Track Showdown" in front of his hometown crowd.



Gaulding, with the support of the Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota Racing team, paced the way during Thursday's opening practice session, running 34 laps and clocking in a best time of 22.491 at 120.048 MPH. "It feels great to come off the trailer and be fastest in practice" said Gaulding. "Everyone on this team and in our shop put in a little extra emphasis for this race." Gaulding continued to show speed throughout the day ending final practice second fastest with a time of 22.467 only 0.042 behind the 96 of Kennedy.

Gaulding would set fast time, qualifying with a time of 22.272 at 121.228 MPH, making him the **Youngest Driver to earn a pole award in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series at 15 years, 2 months, and 15 days**. "What better way to start off the weekend in my hometown than getting a pole," said Gaulding. "We are a small team, only nine guys, and they continue to work hard and stick behind me week after week."

"I am only 15 but I feel like I have been waiting a long time to race in front of my hometown fans" said Gaulding. "To race under the lights at RIR and be starting from the pole is a great feeling."

Gaulding would roll off on the inside of row 1 when the green flag dropped over the K&N Pro Series "Blue Ox 100." Gaulding would pull to nearly a 10 car length advantage during the early portion of the race.

Veteran crew chiefs Doug George and Doug Howe got Gaulding into a zone where he could ride and save his equipment for the later portion of the race.

The first caution flag of the evening flew on lap 46, when Gaulding held nearly a straight-a-way lead over the second place car. On the lap 52 restart, Gaulding and the second place running car got together battling for the lead through turns 1 and 2.

Gaulding would come down pit road to the attention of his Krispy Kreme Racing crew to work on the wounded Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota Camry. The team limped out the remaining 40 laps never giving up.

Gaulding brought the Krispy Kreme TruMoo Milk Toyota Camry home in the 24th place position, one lap down.

"It's a racing thing, you move on, and learn from it," said Gaulding. "I hate it for my team, they worked so hard and we had the car to beat. We will continue to get better and be ready to go at Bowman Gray."

Gaulding is 8th in the 2013 NASCAR K&N Pro East points and tied for the lead in 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 GrayGaulding.com/schedule.

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.

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