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PAHUD RACES TO IMPRESSIVE 4TH IN FIRST-EVER LATE MODEL START

HUDSON, N.C. – After months of preparation, Christian PaHud made his first start in a stock car Saturday night in the inaugural Halloween Havoc Limited Late Model World Championship at Tri-County (N.C.) Motor Speedway. A regular throughout the past two seasons in the INEX legends car division, PaHud drove a terrific race in the Orion Motorsports-owned No. 14, qualifying and starting seventh in the 30-car field and finishing fourth after running as high as third in the 150-lap affair.

“We definitely had a great day, and I’m really pleased,” said PaHud, a 15-year-old Harrisburg, N.C., resident. “We adjusted on the car through Thursday and Friday’s practice and got it pretty good for the race. We were running third with about 10 (laps) to go and the car and I actually pushed up too high coming out of (Turn) 4 and got into the fence. That broke a locker in the rear-end and it loosened up the car quite a bit and we lost third.”

PaHud continued to drive hard for the remainder of the race, accomplishing his first top five in his first attempt in a limited late model race, which featured some top local late model racers who made their cars legal for the limited race because of a generous purse offered by Tri-County.

“I have to thank everyone at Orion Motorsports for giving me a good car to drive, especially Ed Cox and Lucas for working so hard. Also, thanks to my parents and Team Full Throttle for all their help. It was a great day and I’m really looking forward to doing some more limited late model racing next season,” PaHud added.

PaHud said Saturday’s race was probably his only limited late model appearance of 2008. He’ll now switch his focus back to his family-owned No. 63 legends car, which he’ll race Tuesday and Wednesday on the quarter-mile oval at Concord (N.C.) Motorsport Park as a part of the annual North-South Shootout week at the speedway. PaHud says his team also plans to run the legends car Winter Heat Series at Lowe’s Motor Speedway over the next few months.

Christian PaHud is one of the top legends car racers in the South. He and his family moved from Dayton, Ohio, to the greater Charlotte area prior to the 2007 racing season and he immediately began winning races in INEX legends cars. He won the prestigious Summer Shootout semi-pro legends car championship in 2007 and now has his sights set on a limited late model campaign in 2009.

PaHud is a member of the Team Full Throttle NASCAR Driver Development Program and is represented by Driver Development Services, Inc., Charlotte, N.C. His marketing partners are Kyle Beattie Racing, RPM Race Cars, and C&S Auto.

Team Full Throttle is a Mooresville, N.C., based driver development program that specializes in all areas of personal and professional development, including leadership, teamwork, and communications as well as marketing, promotion, and on-track driving skills. TFT currently comprises over 30 racers who reside and race in all regions of the country.