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PAHUD EARNS 5TH TOP 5 FRIDAY NIGHT IN 5TH CAREER TRI-COUNTY START

HUDSON, N.C. – Christian PaHud finally finished somewhere other than first Friday night at Tri-County Motor Speedway. The 16-year-old Harrisburg, N.C., racer, who had a three-race winning streak going into Friday's Limited Late Model feature, drove to a fourth-place finish in Friday's 35-lap feature. The former legends car champion now has three wins and a fourth thus far in 2009.

Rather than being discouraged because he didn't win for the first time in 2009, PaHud looked on the bright side when speaking of Friday's top-five result.

"In five starts at Tri-County, I've never finished outside of the top five," said Christian. "I think that says a lot about our team and how well they have the car running. I've been able to drive a great car and have good races with it."

The fifth start he alludes to came in the fall of 2008, when he finished fourth in a 30-car field in his first-ever race in a stock car.

PaHud added that his family-owned, Orion Motorsports-maintained No. 14 Hedgecock was down on power a bit throughout Friday's racing program at the western North Carolina oval.

"We still qualified (and started) second but the motor wasn't up to power like it has been. We fell back to fourth and kind of hung there because I would lose about three or four car lengths on the straightaways. I could gain some back in the corners, but I couldn't get up with the top-three cars and race them. We'll have it fixed in time for the next race."

The Orion / PaHud team will have some extra time to find any issues. The limited late models will be off this Friday because the UARA-STARS Series will be in town for a 150-lap feature on Tri-County's banked four-tenths. PaHud will be back in action in two weeks on May 29.

PaHud is currently third Tri-County's limited late model point standings after missing the season opener. He sits six points out of second and 40 points behind leader Dexter Canipe Jr.

Christian PaHud is a 16-year-old former legends car Summer Shootout champion who has recently moved up to the limited late model division. He finished fourth in his stock-

car debut last fall at Tri-County and now has two wins to his credit in 2009. PaHud is a native of Dayton, Ohio.

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 Orion Motorsports and Tri-Star Racewear.

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.

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