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## **PAHUD STARTS SEASON OFF RIGHT WITH CONVINCING LIMITED LATE MODEL WIN AT TRI-COUNTY**

HUDSON, N.C. – Christian PaHud couldn't have begun his first full season behind the wheel of a limited late model stock car much better. The 16-year-old Harrisburg, N.C., racer started second in Friday night's 35-lap feature, got the lead on Lap 4 and went on to win by a straightaway in his first race of the season at the four-tenths-mile semi-banked oval.

PaHud's first win in the limited late model class was the culmination of a long weekend for his family and the Orion Motorsports team. Engine problems in a Thursday practice session at Tri-County forced the team to work long hours into early Friday morning to make sure both the engine and car were completely ready for Friday's racing.

"We've had motor problems the last few times we've practiced," Christian began. "We went through just about everything over the last couple weeks and we thought we had it all straightened out. We went to practice on Thursday and we'd run a few laps and the motor would start cutting out. We finally found that the problem was a clogged fuel filter. We had checked it before and it was fine then but that's what turned out to be the issue. We also had a bad left-front shock that we fixed, so this win was awesome for us because we overcame a lot to get the car running well."

PaHud, driving a family-owned No. 63 that is maintained by Ed Cox and the Orion Motorsports team, consistently put a straightaway between him and second-place following restarts. Cox says the win meant quite a lot to him and the entire team.

"When you have problems and stay up all night to fix them, it makes you really want to go out and get a win that much more. Christian did a great job and drove real well. We're looking forward to the rest of the season with such a good driver," said Cox.

PaHud's win gave him a much-needed boost in the points, as well. He missed the Tri-County opener because he had not yet turned 16 years old. Barring major problems, the team has plans to run the full season and compete for the point championship in the limited late model class.

"I hope we can make it up in the points, and I think we can. Wins like this only help, of course, and I think the driver who won the first race finished fourth so we'll gain some (points) there. I have to thank Orion Motorsports, Team Full Throttle, my parents and Grandpa Jim for all the help and support," Christian added.

Christian will run again in two weeks at Tri-County. The regular classes have this weekend off because of the NASCAR Camping World East Series coming to town to run a 150 lapper at the western North Carolina oval on Saturday.

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 garnered his first win at the track Friday night. 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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