



USAC Silver Crown Race Post-Race Quotes, continued

#10 Levi Jones (fifth): “We started on the front row and hoped we had a shot to win, but we just missed it a little bit. We ended up top-5 instead of with a win. (re: racing here) PIR is one of the nicest places we go, so you can’t complain about the track. Our cars were so staggered, but we just missed the (correct) stagger by a little bit. That was about it.”

#22 Tracy Hines (third): “The race was pretty good, it was pretty racy. It was a pretty good battle up front. Silver Crown races are so good here because they’re just such long races and tire wear comes into play. It had to be a good race there for the fans at the end. My car was pretty good. We started seventh and fell back and then ended up third. We had a pretty good race car but we just didn’t have the track position at the end to show for it.”

#3 Jason Leffler (pole winner, finished ninth): “It didn’t go like we expected. We led early, but we had a right rear tire go flat with a slow leak. With no pit stops or anything, there was no chance to fix it. It was fun while it lasted and I just have to thank everyone and (car owner) Bob (East) for letting me drive this thing. It was fun and we’ll work on it a little bit and race it some more next year.”

#30 Cole Whitt (winner): (In victory lane) “I don’t even know what to say. I’ve got to, first off, thank (car owner) Johnny Vance for giving me an opportunity to run. We weren’t going to come here. We didn’t have a ride. Johnny called me up, and we put this deal together pretty late. It’s awesome. Everyone worked so hard for this. We spent a lot of hours in the shop, and (crew members) Keith, Bo, A.J., Krista, Christian... I can’t say enough about these people. They really make it happen for me, and Red Bull and it’s just been an awesome race. This thing was just on a rail. We just struggled a little bit in practice and qualifying, but we knew we had a good race car. Especially here, doing testing and everything. We just really got through the corners good, and we knew we were good on long runs. I couldn’t believe when we went green. I’ve never been in a pavement Silver Crown race before. I couldn’t believe when it went green how heavy these things are. I was just kind of taking it all in. It took me a few laps to figure out where everything worked and how the braking points were. Once we got it figured out, we got the high groove rolling, and, man, we made it work. I had Keith telling me plus one, plus two. And I knew (second-place) Kody (Swanson) was coming, so I knew I had to step it up a little bit there at the end. We were giving it a good run, and I had (the lapped car of) Jerry (Coons Jr.) there at the end. It might have helped a little bit coming off of (turn) four. I don’t know how close he was, but I heard he (Swanson) was looking. So, we just ran the race we could, and if Kody could’ve got there, he could have. He races us clean. I knew he would, so I like having him behind me, for sure. I can’t say enough about this team. I have to say thanks to all these guys again. They made it happen.”

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