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## USAC Midget Race Post-Race Quotes, continued

**#7A Dakota Armstrong** (19<sup>th</sup>): “We had two (laps) to go and our motor, I don’t really know what happened here, but something blew up. I got to hand it to my guys, our car setup has been good all night and we just had motor problems. I think we could have finished fourth. It’s a little disappointing. I felt really good, like we were a top-three car, but our motor was starting to let go at the end. We’re still running sixth, I mean, it was a good run for us. It’s a little disappointing, but we will get it figured out. The racing was actually pretty good. Last year when I came here everyone was racing nose-to-tail and it was too hard to pass. But we actually got some splitting up here and it was actually pretty racy. I actually passed a lot. I really don’t know if that red (flag) helped us or not but we were actually better after the red. We changed a little bit and everyone else looked like they were worse. (Were there better cars?) Yeah, I mean the 55 car, I got around him a couple times in the corners, but he just out-motored me in the straightaway. He passed me twice on the backstretch.”

**#17 Brad Kuhn** (fourth): “It was a pretty good race. We have a lot of guys running here that normally don’t run the national series, so we’re trying to learn (about) them and learn if they are going to give you room or not, so it was a little hairy there in the beginning. We broke free and we had a good car there in that middle run when it was all green (flag racing), but that red flag really killed us. Our tires cooled off, we were tight early and the longer we ran, the better we got. As soon as the red came out our right front tire sealed up and we just lost all grip and we just hung on. It was just good to come home with that fourth-place finish. It just puts a bigger points cushion on us going into Turkey Night and that’s all we’re after at this point. If the race would have gone green, I feel like we had a second-place car. And the way those two up front (Bobby East and Bobby Santos) were racing for the lead with two to go, I mean we could have been right there. It’s a little disappointing; I thought we had a top-three car. The track didn’t change a lot until that red. Somebody blew a motor and dumped a bunch of oil and they just went crazy with the oil dry. Turns three and four lost all grip. That’s really what caused the crash there.”

**#55 Alex Bowman** (third): “That was the best run of my life. That was so much fun to run third at Phoenix in my own car. I got to thank the Gene Haas Foundation and everybody that helped with that. We were making a lot of passes on the outside at (turns) one and two. That’s where we were getting them and kept to it. We started sixth and finished third. (On closing in on third) I knew I could get people on the short run with five (laps) to go. Every lap, I got a car on turn one on the outside, and that’s where the car was good. (what he liked about the track) The outside of turn one and two. The speed is so much fun. The draft and everything is so much different than anywhere I’ve ever raced before. Being from Arizona, this track is special – I get to sleep in my own bed tonight and there were a lot of family in the grandstands. It’s been a lot of fun. A lot of people out here have a lot of money, and we’re kind of a low-budget, underdog team, proving that it can be done.”