

KRAIG KINSER SEEKING TO BETTER CAREER-BEST RESULTS AT PLACERVILLE AND CALISTOGA



Inside Line Promotions – CHICO, Calif. (Sept. 12, 2018) – This is the final week of racing on the West Coast this season for Kraig Kinser, who tackles a trio of World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series events in California.

Kinser will compete on Wednesday at Placerville Speedway in Placerville during the 49er Gold Rush Classic presented by Riebes NAPA and on Friday and Saturday at Calistoga Speedway in Calistoga during the Wine Country Outlaw Showdown.

“I’m looking forward to getting to Placerville and heading to Calistoga, which is a bigger track,” he said. “That’s kind of unusual out here. We approach them all the same. We’ll change a few things, but we still go in there trying to put your best foot forward and to make the right decisions to start you up front. The setups are different. There are some things you can get away with on a quarter-mile track that you can’t on a half mile.”

Kinser’s best-ever finish at Placerville Speedway came in 2015 when he placed 16th during his debut.

Kinser earned a career-best sixth-place result at Calistoga Speedway last year, topping his previous best finish of seventh set in 2004. His sixth-place run last year also marked his fifth career top 10 at the half-mile oval.

That gives the team confidence following an up-and-down week along the West Coast.

Kinser raced last Wednesday at Willamette Speedway in Lebanon, Ore., where he qualified 15th quickest, placed seventh in a heat race and maneuvered from 21st to 18th in the A Main.

“We didn’t qualify where we wanted to be and the end result was finishing about where we started (in the main event),” he said. “There are a lot of good cars and good drivers. You need to start in front of them to get a good result.”

He then ventured to Silver Dollar Speedway for the two-day Gold Cup Race of Champions. The action began on Friday with Kinser timing in 14th quickest in his group. He advanced from seventh to fifth place in a heat race and from 20th to 19th in the main event.

The weekend concluded the following night at the quarter-mile track, where Kinser qualified third quickest in his group. However, a fifth-place finish in a heat race lined him up near the rear of the main event and he ended 21st in the feature.

“I’m happy to make the show both nights, but we’d have liked better finishes,” he said. “We got better on Saturday, but couldn’t capitalize on our great qualifying spot. That’s something we need to continue to work on. You never like starting on the front row of a race and ending fifth. It was a throw away of a good qualifying spot. We didn’t get a great start in the heat. I raced for second for a lap or two and got out of shape. I got passed by a couple of good cars. It was just a bad heat race for us. The only thing good was that we transferred. But then we started near the back of the A Main just like the previous nights and it’s tough to move forward many positions from back there.”

QUICK RESULTS –

Sept. 5 – Willamette Speedway in Lebanon, Ore. – Qualifying: 15; Heat race: 7 (5); Feature: 18 (21).

Sept. 7 – Silver Dollar Speedway in Chico, Calif. – Qualifying: 14; Heat race: 5 (7); Feature: 19 (20).

Sept. 8 – Silver Dollar Speedway in Chico, Calif. – Qualifying: 3; Heat race: 5 (2); Feature: 21 (18).

SEASON STATS –

59 races, 0 wins, 4 top fives, 10 top 10s, 37 top 15s, 47 top 20s

UP NEXT –

Wednesday at Placerville Speedway in Placerville, Calif., for the 49er Gold Rush Classic presented by Riebes NAPA and Friday and Saturday at Calistoga Speedway in Calistoga, Calif., for the Wine Country Outlaw Showdown with the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series

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