

## KRAIG KINSER EARNS TOP-10 FINISH DURING KNOXVILLE NATIONALS PRELIMINARY NIGHT



Inside Line Promotions – KNOXVILLE, Iowa (Aug. 14, 2018) – Kraig Kinser posted a top-10 result during his preliminary night at the 58th annual 5-Hour Energy Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey’s General Stores last weekend.

The strong performance throughout his qualifying night at Knoxville Raceway locked him into the final guaranteed position in Saturday’s B Main as the driver ranked 26th in overall points out of more than 90 competitors.

“I wish we would have qualified better,” he said. “We held our own racing pretty much the whole time, but we lost a lot of event points in qualifying.”

Kinser timed in 26th quickest to open Thursday’s action. He then finished third in a heat race to lock into the main event. He battled for a top-10 position throughout the A Main before using a late-race pass to secure the 10th position.

“We just needed a little extra to get us going quicker,” he said. “I felt more comfortable the longer the race went.”

The Steve Kinser Racing team was locked into Saturday’s program because of the efficient night. Kraig Kinser lined up 10th in the B Main, which transferred only the top four to the rear of the main event.

“It was a quick B Main,” he said. “I didn’t get a good start and got pushed around a little. I started feeling better and by that time the checkered flag was

out. We needed to get off to a good start. There were a lot of good cars in there.

“It’s tough. You’re trying to gauge where the track is at and where your car should be at based on your hot lap session. We just guessed a little wrong.”

Kinser was credited with a 13th-place result in the consolation race.

He will return to action this Friday at River Cities Speedway in Grand Forks, N.D., during the 2nd Leg of the Northern Tour and Saturday at Red River Valley Speedway in West Fargo, N.D., during the Duel in the Dakotas with the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series. Kinser enters the weekend ranked 10th in the championship standings.

“It’s two good tracks that are usually fun to race on,” he said. “River Cities Speedway is a high-banked quarter mile that can get really wide and racy. It can be one of the funnest tracks we go to.”

#### QUICK RESULTS –

Aug. 9 – Knoxville Raceway in Knoxville, Iowa – Qualifying: 26; Heat race: 3 (3); Feature: 10 (11).

Aug. 11 – Knoxville Raceway in Knoxville, Iowa – B Main: 13 (10).

#### SEASON STATS –

49 races, 0 wins, 3 top fives, 8 top 10s, 30 top 15s, 38 top 20s

#### UP NEXT –

Friday at River Cities Speedway in Grand Forks, N.D., for the 2nd Leg of the Northern Tour and Saturday at Red River Valley Speedway in West Fargo, N.D., for the Duel in the Dakotas with the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series

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Kinser would also like to thank Kessington, Mesilla Valley Transportation, Southern Pacific Farms, FK Rod Ends, Wilwood Brakes, Engler Machine and Tool, Allstar Performance, MSD Ignition, Bell Helmets, KSE Racing Products, Schoenfeld Headers, Fel-Pro Performance Gaskets, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Dyer's Top Rods, Barnes Dry Sump Oil Systems, Racing Optics, Crow Enterprises, Aerodine Composites Group, Pro Shocks and DRC Chassis for their continued support.

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