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IMSA Lites Newcomer Jonathan Bennett Impresses during “Petit Le Mans” weekend at Road Atlanta.

Rock Hill, SC, September 24th, 2009 - Jonathan Bennett in the Composite Resources Racing DP02 prepared by Inspire Motorsports qualified 14th for the penultimate round of the IMSA Lites Championship at Road Atlanta during the Petit Le Mans weekend. During the first two laps Jonathan



moved up six places to take 8th. Fighting for a top ten finish in only his third race weekend in IMSA Lites, Jonathan was driving a clean race and gradually moving towards the front. Unfortunately, a slower car moved over to let Jonathan pass then darted back in front of him. Taking evasive action, Jonathan took to the gravel ultimately damaging his left front brake and putting him out of the race. He was classified 18th at the finish, but his fastest lap of the race qualified him for a 7th place starting position

for the next day's race.

In race number 14, the final race of the IMSA Lites presented by Frisby Performance Tire Championship, Joel Feinberg had already clinched the driver's championship, but the team championship was still up for grabs. There was plenty of action during the first few laps and Jonathan Bennett managed to climb his way up to fifth place, turning lap times only a fraction of a second slower than the leaders. When Joel Feinberg spun off towards the middle of the race, Jonathan actually led the 2009 champion for several laps. Eventually, Jonathan would finish a respectable 8th place.

Jonathan was competing for only his third race weekend in his Composite Resources Racing DP02 and was not expected to be a threat to the drivers leading the championship series coming into Road Atlanta. However,

Jonathan has significant racing experience at the Road Atlanta track and considers it one of his “home” tracks. He also holds the current lap record for the Spec Racer Ford (SRF) at Road Atlanta so he hoped to be able to keep a good pace with the leaders. “It was much harder than it looked”, said Bennett who stepped up to this form of racing just last month. “This car takes a lot of physical strength to drive at its limits”. “The rest of my competitors are great drivers with lots of experience in this car.” “It was a great experience to do battle with a drivers like Joel Feinberg, the Downs brothers and Kyle Marcelli”, said Bennett.



The IMSA Lites series for prototype racing cars is a support series for the American Le Mans Series. One of the largest events of the season is the Petit Le Mans weekend at Road Atlanta as it attracts major teams from around the world that typically compete in races like the 24 hours of Le Mans. “It’s been great to have such a successful weekend in front of teams like Audi, Peugeot and Acura”, said Bennett.

Inspire Motorsports prepares the Composite Resources DP02. “Inspire did a great job of preparing my car and coaching me on my driving techniques”, said Bennett. I felt better prepared to run near the front this weekend and the results showed it”. “I also want to congratulate Gary Gibson, my Inspire Motorsports teammate for winning the IMSA Lites Master’s Championship.”

Jonathan plans to compete in all of the 2010 IMSA Lites races next year and expects to be a championship contender.

COMPOSITE RESOURCES, Inc. is an award-winning engineering, design, prototype development and manufacturing organization in Rock Hill, SC founded by Jonathan Bennett. Composite Resources helps their clients



develop ideas to find stronger, lighter and more durable components for virtually any kind of manufactured item – from medical equipment to auto racing components. From stock components to fully engineered solutions, Composite Resources has earned a well-deserved reputation for quality and exemplary customer service.

The IMSA Lites presented by Frisby Performance Tire is a championship comprised of 14 rounds at seven famous tracks in North America including Sebring International Raceway, Sebring, Fla., Miller Motorsports Park, Tooele, Utah and Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis.

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