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## Top 20 Superspeedway Finish For Rookie McCurley and The PGM Team

Porter, TX..... ARCA Re/Max rookie Stephan McCurley's first try at a superspeedway race proved to be a successful one for the 94 lap, 250 mile race that was filled with attrition. The team brought in a solid 19<sup>th</sup> place finish on a Friday afternoon in a race that looked like many were having a bad Monday!

Fourty one cars attempted to qualify for the Talladega race. Starting 32<sup>nd</sup> in the #03 American Screen Graphics, Royal Purple Chevy, McCurley drove a heads-up race more like a seasoned veteran than an 18 year old rookie. He consistently avoided major pile up wrecks and was smooth and steady, working his way up all through the race. The team had good pit stops, and McCurley also credits his spotters as well for helping him stay out of trouble.

"I knew going in the key to finishing this race today was not being the fastest, but the smartest," says McCurley. "My spotters were great, and stuff happens so fast – they were on it and gave me time to react. I am glad we are all in one piece and we finished. Overall I'd say we had a pretty good day, but I would love to have a chance next time to draft with the leaders."

Donny Kelley has more of an owner's perspective of the team's performance. He states, "As an owner I was disappointed with the performance of our race car at Rockingham and Talladega. We just did not have the motor that we needed to be competitive. I have to give my team a lot of credit, they have worked extremely hard to prepare the cars, and they did a great job at both races. I am very proud of them." He continues, "One of the most important things though is that we had our sponsors from American Screen Graphics with us at Talladega, and from a marketing standpoint the exposure has been great. The fan base is continuing to build for us and we know that we are gaining popularity with the increased hits to our website and our ARCA Nation fan page."

The team had been on the road for close to two full weeks; which included the race at Rockingham, NC then to Denver, NC for two days to work on the race car at a friend's race shop, Currier Motorsports. The Currier's opened up their race shop for the PGM team, so they could prepare for Talladega. The team got a chance on Tuesday to relax and visit some race shops and some racing connections in nearby Mooresville, NC.

The crew was back in the toterhome on Wednesday and off to Talladega, then back home to Texas after the race.

PGM would like to send out a special thanks to Currier Motorsports in Denver, NC for the use of their race shop.

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