



TRIMSPA's® Hemphill Unlucky at Chicagoland

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“I just don’t know what to say,” stated Hemphill. “We had a bizarre series of circumstances right from the start of the event and I guess we just never recovered. This TRIMSPA team battled hard today and never gave up; I am very proud of them. I am not sure what happened on that restart but a group of cars in front of me checked up and I was left with no where to go. I really hate it for Team TRIMSPA, but I am not sure what else we could have done. I guess we were just in the wrong place at the wrong time.”

Ryan and his #64 TRIMSPA Dodge® started from the second spot for the 134-lap event as a result of the Team’s qualifying effort on Thursday. The Braun Racing crew dialed in the car during a single practice session on Friday and the confidence level for the driver and team were fairly high on Saturday as the green flag approached.

The wild sequence of events, however, began upon the command to start engines as the #64 TRIMSPA Dodge sat on pit road and would not fire. As the other competitors circled the 1.5-mile track for the pace laps, Hemphill patiently sat on the starting grid as his TRIMSPA crew worked eagerly to repair an apparent electrical problem on the car. Just as the field came to receive the green flag, Ryan and his #64 TRIMSPA Dodge fired and darted off pit road just in time to remain in front of the field and on the tail end of the lead lap.

“We had a freak electrical failure that stranded us on pit road,” said Hemphill. “Luckily my guys were on top of it and diagnosed and repaired it just in time so that we did not lose any laps. But, I should have known then that it was going to be a long day for us.”

Ryan was aided by some early cautions that helped him to catch up to the field and allowed for a few early pit stops under caution to finish some repairs to the TRIMSPA Dodge. Once back to green flag racing, the Apollo, Pennsylvania native quickly worked his way up through the field and was inside the top 20 when an incident on lap 36, involving many of the top contenders, resulted in Ryan getting spun from behind. This possible disaster was avoided by Hemphill as the spin resulted in no contact or damage to his #64 Dodge.

After a trip down pit road, the subsequent restart on lap 45 saw the #64 TRIMSPA Dodge helpless as cars in front began to check up and pile into each other. The result was heavy damage to the front of Hemphill’s Dodge – ending the 22-year-old Rookie’s day and his hope for the seventh win of the season.

“That was a very tough and short day for me and the TRIMSPA team,” said Ryan. “This was our



second straight disappointing finish and not the way we wanted to finish out the season. We have the Talladega race left in a few weeks and that will be the end of our season. We will go down and test our superspeedways cars and will be determined to end this great season on a high note.Â□

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