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Round FIVE Racing

On the track this weekend are three local divisions, the Part Source Mini Stocks, the SKL Trailers Pro Trucks and the Cooper Tires Thunder Stocks; and the visiting Super Trucks! This is the Super Truck's first stop at Auto Clearing Motor Speedway in 2012.

Driver Profile - Audra Cooper - # 20 mini stock

How did you get started in racing? I first want to set the record straight, the rumours of me being the love child of Tony Stewart are not true. Yes I was born with the speed gene but it came from my car crazy Mom and Dad. From a young age I just wanted to go fast like my Mom who barrel raced and always owned fast cars. In 2009 on a family holiday, we decided to give Dad a break from Mickey Mouse and took him to something more his speed. (pun intended): Daytona International Speedway. Not sure of the powers at work, but something changed that day. Call it fate, call it destiny, call it what you will, I knew my life had changed forever the second I put on the orange # 20 t-shirt my Dad bought me at Daytona. When we came home, every Sunday was dedicated to watching NASCAR. The Sundays that Mom and I were at horse shows, Dad kept up the vigil and texted me how the race was going. In 2009 Dad found out about NASCAR Canadian Tire series coming to a Saskatoon track. It was from there we learned about the junior driving program that I started right away. In 2010 I purchased my first race car and the rest is history, a story I am sure that will be passed down from generation to generation.



Why do you race? I have so many answers for that. The teenage girl in me would answer, "Oh my God because it is just so much fun." The Tom Cruise in me says "I feel the need, the need for Speed." The Ricky Bobby in me would say "I just wanna go fast." These are all true, I really enjoy racing, but it is so much more then going fast. I enjoy the race excitement and the race atmosphere. I would rather be in the pits then in a shopping mall any day of the week. The next would be the people in my Mini Stock division play a huge factor in why I race. They are a great group who race against each other but come together when needed. In the first race this season when I had my first oops and came in to the pits, pit crews from all over came charging with tools and duck tape creating a furry of activity around the front of my car. Mini Stock teamwork got me back out on the track before the caution was over.

I do miss the Mini Stock drivers from last season that did not return this year and all that they brought to Mini Stock. Like the positive attitude and great sportsmanship Dennis Beck added to our group. I'm so glad Dennis is still is kicking around in the pits helping an Awesome racer. I even kind of miss the driver who thought I had a target decaled on my car last year. One final reason I race is that I really would like a future in racing, be it a driver, a member of a pit crew, a media person reporting on a NASCAR race, or any job at all it does not matter, except Miss Sprint Cup.

Tell me about your pit crew: Ok now I have to set this record straight also. Yes the rumours are true; I am the daughter Sheldon Cooper, the original one. I am also proud to say he is my Crew Chief. He shares my passion for racing, and is someone I look up to. He is hard working and is positive in every way. His farming background and knowledge of how to fix anything is a huge asset. Dad also has collected and restored vintage muscle cars for several years and knows his way around the SGI website. Dad is committed to our team so much he never complains about the 3 hour commute both ways to and from each race. He is also very good looking and I am not just saying that because I want him to buy me a Legend car next year.

Next on my pit crew is my Mom, Tammie Cooper who is in charge of PR. She, like Dad also collects cars, but her tastes are more bowtie related, not sure how my blue oval loving Dad and I put up with her sometimes but she is good at what she does. With her horse show background, you can be sure we all match and that everything is coordinated in our pits. Mom may have something to do with why we won Best Looking car and crew last year. From her zebra balloons she has ready for the kids after the race, to the need to purchase matching zebra umbrellas in case it rains. It took some time, but we have learned to let her do her own thing. If Mom would put this energy she puts into PR into making my car go faster, you would see the number 20 in the top 5 every race.

Next is James Neabel: God bless this man for coming back to race with us for a second season. We first met James last year at the end of my first race. James noticed it was just Mom and Dad in my pits and asked if we needed any help (and we did). It is not easy working with a quirky group like us, but James seems to fit in well. When not helping with the car, he brings comic relief when needed, and keeps us all smiling, especially at photo shoots.

Car Details: 95 Dodge Neon, 2.0l DOHC 5 speed. My teams name may be Racing Stripes, but my cars name is Spot. We purchased Spot from a great race family the Forseille's. It had a fantastic paint job, but as a team we decided to make the car unique to us. With much family discussion, the team name and how it would look was worked out. We had a fantastic fast car, now we just had to get out and learn together as a team to race and get this car and me running to my full potential.

Anything else you would like to add? I guess this is the spot that you would say. The Brett Young Dodge Neon is very fast this year (stop take a drink of my coke) I would like to thank my sponsors Brett Young, Regina Wheel Works, OK Tire and Saskatchewan 4-H. (lift my shades and take another drink of coke) also a huge thanks to my crew chief and team. We are going to have an awesome year. Oh yes and like us on facebook at ACMS Racing Stripes.

Audra Cooper







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Street Stocks	Pro Trucks	Super Late Models
1. #19 Aaron Anderson - 234	1. # 27 Scott Lucas - 238	1. # 70 Trent Seidel - 59
2. # 62 Kenny Heintz - 220	2. # 50 Ben Pogoda - 218	2. #14 Glen Hertzke - 48
3. # 44 Craig Katelnikoff - 215	3. # 49 Shantel Firth - 211	# 55 Jim Gaunt - 48
4. # 88 Brad Wrennick - 202	4. #93 Neil Schneider - 198	4. # 77 Greg Vangool - 47
5. # 34 Mike Schroeder - 194	5. #18 Bill Zubrecki - 189	5. # 38 Dave Bone - 38
6. # 28 Brennen Forseille - 189	6. #14 Wade Wohlford - 183	# 44 Trevor Hannay - 38
7. # 36 Darryl Potts -182	7. #19 Rylan Utigard - 163	7. #56 Howard Crossman - 36
8. #11 Trudy Sawatzky - 161	8. #8 Andrew Clewes - 156	8. # 67 Ken Ross - 35
9. # 3 Brad Kliewer - 159	9. #89 Jim Goodlad - 129	9. # 22 Doug Bienia - 26
10. # 87 Jason Welkie - 156	10. #12 Aaron Deagnon - 128	10. # 88 Jason Gervais - 19
11. #11 Mike Baht - 123	11. # 5 Debra Newnham - 116	11. # 20 Ken Campbell - 6
12. #17 Jordan Dalsgaard - 117	12. #01 Alex Leschenko - 95	
13. # 33 Ryan Thompson - 104		
14. # 47 Calvin Heilman - 67		
15. #15 Justin Tooley - 3		
16. #93 Harold Edwards - 2		

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1. #7 Darnell Schick - 165	1. # 66 Brent Dupuis - 238	1. # 24 Brad Blumer - 56	1. # 21 Nick Allen - 45
2. #10 Kevin Dyck - 164	2. #18 Mike Rea - 229	2. # 90 Danny Meirer -55	2. # 48 Nathan Weenk - 40
3. # 42 Landry Boisvert - 152	3. # 7 Floyd Ransom - 209	# 21 Blake Erb - 55	3. # 51 Nick Jewel - 35
4. #1 Scott Barrand - 145	4. # 22 Ryan Fredrickson - 192	4. # 22 Rick Walls - 50	4. #12 Matthew Shirley - 28
5. # 95 Clay Wagner - 138	5. #17 Curtis Moore - 169	5. # 26 Ernie Ludwig - 47	5. # 04 Tim Kammer - 24
6. #14 Zachery Jalbert - 135	6. # 42 Kelsey/Nicole Sheetka - 165	RD Bergendahl - 47	6. # 07 Casey Randall - 23
7. # 41 Jamie Tataryn - 129	7. #81 Curtis Houben - 148	7. #83 Robert Waite - 46	7. # 49 Ben Busch - 19
8. #77 Ashton Vangool - 117	8. # 79 Logan Derksen - 63	8. #13 Chelsey Wilson - 45	
9. # 92 Brennan Kirton - 109	9. # 3 Barry Stefaniuk - 6	9. # 4 Dennis Kunstmann - 41	
10. #15 Dawson Reddekopp - 96	10. # 49 Mickey Pogoda - 3	10. # 5 Kyle VanHam - 39	
11. #17 Jared Reddekopp - 84	# 21 Bill/Doug Rea - 3	11. # 48 Roger McConnell - 37	
12. # 02 David Wilson - 80		# 27 Lowell McLaren - 37	
13. #50 Josh Robb - 72		13. # 2 Shaun Derksen - 36	



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14. # 20 Audra Cooper - 64	14. # 44 Nick Haukauss - 31	
15. #5 Kirk Senger - 26	15. # 466 Byron Thiessen - 30	
16. #98 Tom/Kaylee Smith - 19	16. #88 Jody Stewart - 27	
	17. #6 Kerry Neufeld - 26	

Next Racing Event - SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday, June 23 - Green Flag at 5PM

Divisions competing: the Part Source Mini Stocks, the Budget Car & Truck Rental Street Stocks, the Legends Mac's Froster 50 and the Dakota Dunes Casino Western Canadian Super Late Model Championship Series