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JENKINS QUALIFIES FASTEST THREE RACES IN A ROW, FINISHES SIXTH

PORTLAND, Oregon (September 1st, 2007) – As if the heat of competition wasn't enough, Mother Nature subjected Irwindale Speedway racers to temperatures exceeding one-hundred twelve degrees in the shade last Saturday. The grueling heat didn't affect Portland, Oregon rookie Scottie Jenkins however, who qualified fastest for the fourth time this season.

"Irwindale officials mixed up the inversion this race; instead of spinning the number wheel they handed me a pouch containing three numbered peas," explained Jenkins. "I pulled out a pea numbered 'six', and everybody in the tech center hooted and hollered for joy. Except me of course, 'cuz that meant I'd be starting sixth in the starting grid...with a whole lot of work ahead of me - ha!" said Jenkins.

The race began with High Point Racing teammates Tim Huddleston starting second, Chris Carmody forth and Jenkins

sixth; all on the strategically advantageous outside row. "We had a plan to stick together on the outside so the bottom groove couldn't move up the race track. Well, that worked well for a few laps until I began to slip back a little and car #09 moved up with about inch to spare in front of me...I knew that wasn't a good thing," said Jenkins. "We ran side by side for a few laps, then I stepped back behind and started analyzing her line and trying different turn entries. She moved her line around to block us, so I dropped down to the inside and put hard pressure on her to give it up. We finally got by and started moving up quickly, about two car lengths per lap." Scottie aggressively pursued car #23 for roughly ten laps, battling the driver for sixth place. "He faltered and got loose on turn four, so we made the pass...bottom line we ended up finishing 6th, right where we started!"

"Also, a big congratulations to our Crew Chief Travis Thirkettle, who had his first win of the season in the Super Late Model Class! Travis was the 2006 Late Model champion for High Point Racing, and is no stranger to the podium," exclaimed Jenkins.

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