



Dyer Making the Most of Opportunities in the Grand-Am CTSCC series

Another strong outing results in first podium finish in New Jersey with 2nd place run

July 25, 2011 (Millville, NJ) - Tom Dyer took part in the Grand-Am Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge series race at New Jersey Motorsports Park this past weekend, competing in the #197 RSR Motorsports Mini Cooper S. Once again Dyer showed his ability to adapt to new environments racing a front-wheel drive car for the first time, while learning a new race track. He finished in 2nd place in the ST division marking Dyer's first podium finish in the CTSCC series as he helped to complete a RSR Motorsports Mini Cooper S first and second finish. The race was won by Dyer's teammate, season-long championship contender Owen Trinkler, in the #198 Mini.

"It was a great day for the Cruise America sponsored RSR Motorsports team. They were thrilled to finish first and second. It feels great to come in and contribute to the teams overall effort and success given the opportunity. I'd like to thank and give full credit to the team as they made it an easy to fit right in. They're a very professional and cohesive group of guys on and off the track. They've also developed the Mini's into potent race winning machines and I was lucky enough to get behind the wheel of one!"

Dyer, originally scheduled to team up with RSR Motorsports owner Randy Smalley, had a last minute co-driver change pairing up with Chris Puskar. Puskar and Dyer immediately gelled and Puskar would qualify and start the race, while Dyer would drive the second stint finishing the race. The weather was an added factor with a record setting heat wave that blanketed the East coast throughout the week. High temps and levels of humidity resulted in a heat index of 115 degrees (heat combined with humidity) adding an extra degree of difficulty to the race for teams and drivers alike. Puskar put the #197 Mini off-pole in second place during Saturday mornings qualifying session.

The B+ Foundation Heroes 200 CTSCC Race commenced at 2:45 pm and Puskar kept the #197 Mini in the top three for the first fifteen laps before pitting on lap 21 during the first caution period handing the car over to Dyer. The early pit stop meant Dyer would slot in at the tail end of the class combined 51 car field as most of the other teams chose not to pit that early. The race restarted, but quickly fell under caution again on lap 26. The team elected to short pit Dyer for fuel and tires so he would be good to complete the rest of the race without more pit stops. Again the race resumed and Dyer was on the move methodically working his way thru the ST class field moving forward and into the top five by the 43rd lap. After a series side by side battles and good clean racing Dyer moved into 2nd place on lap 70 staying there to the checkered flag on lap 75.

"I had an awesome time racing the Mini this weekend. My teammate Chris did a great job in qualifying as well as during his stint, which helped set the tone for me to climb in and achieve a podium finish. I knew we had a good car because throughout practice I was putting down fast lap times. It would come down to keeping it clean and being near the front at the end of the race. Everything fell into place and it was great to be a part of the teams first ever first and second finish. I want to thank Randy for giving me opportunity as well as, Owen and the rest of the team for integrating me into their effort so seamlessly. From beginning to end it was a great experience and I look forward to racing more with the RSR group."



With one race left on the Grand-Am CTSCC series schedule Dyer is hopeful to have a ride in the series finale. Taking place at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course September 16-17 in Lexington, Ohio, which is one of Dyer's favorite tracks. Stayed tuned for more details between now and then.

Watch the Race on TV!

The *B+ Foundation Heroes 200 Continental Tire Challenge Race* from New Jersey will be televised on SPEED Saturday July 30th at 12 pm PST (3 pm EST) and re-aired August 6th at 12 am PST (3 am EST).

CTSCC Series Overview:

Formerly the Grand-Am Koni Challenge Series, the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge is the premier proving ground for many of today's automotive manufacturers by using an endurance racing format to test their mettle. The series competes at historic tracks in the United States and Canada, featuring some of the best production car drivers from around the world. The series complements the Rolex Sports Car Series by using race cars that are actual production vehicles.

Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge cars are often purchased directly from the showroom floor with only minimal racing modifications allowed to enhance safety and performance. Two classes of race cars compete on the track at the same time during Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge—Street Tuner (ST) and Grand Sport (GS)— The GS is comprised of muscle cars and imports like Camaro's, Mustang's, BMW's, Porsche's and Nissan's. The ST class is populated by cars with smaller engine displacement like VW's, Honda's, Mazda's and Mini Coopers. All the cars compete on Continental Tire racing slicks designed and engineered specifically for the series.

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