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RYAN BEAT DOMINATES AT FIREBIRD INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

Driver of the Osborn Racing #851 SR1 Rhino, Ryan Beat, sweeps in Chandler, AZ. Beat won the pole in qualifying, took first in Saturday's race and won the Cup Challenge on Sunday.



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12/14/10 Alpine, CA- Osborn Racing arrived in Chandler, AZ Thursday evening just as the sun was setting over the new off road track at Firebird International Raceway in Chandler, AZ. The team was up early Friday morning getting the #588 450 Modified Kart and the #851 SR1 Rhino ready for Friday and Saturday's practices.

Getting the #851 set up and ready for practice, Crew Chief Kenny Frost made some minor suspension adjustments and lubed the chain with Maxima Racing Oil's Synthetic Chain Guard. Maxima is Osborn Racing's newest sponsor. At the other end of the Osborn Racing pit was the crew chief for the #588, Cameron Anderson of Full Tilt Trophy Karts. Anderson made some tire pressure adjustments hoping for the best on the new track. He also lubed the chain using Maxima MPPL (Multi-purpose Penetrating Lubricant) and topped off the radiator with Maxima Coolanol. The #588 would sit until Saturday morning's 8:00 AM practice.

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Ryan Beat headed out for practice Friday afternoon. Coming out of turn two, Beat set up turn three a little wide to carry enough speed to clear the step up. Beat later said, "No one else had tried it so I decided to go for it. With the team and sponsors I have, I knew if I didn't make it they would get me back out on the track for qualifying." He nailed it! Beat posted his fastest time in lap four finishing second fastest in practice.

After getting dialed in during practice Beat headed back out to the new track for UTV qualifying. Papaian Enterprises placed an on-board video camera in the #851 to catch all the action. The only one making the big step up, Beat was able to drive ahead of the field qualifying 3.278 seconds ahead of second place and putting him on the pole for Sunday's race. On Race-Dezert's short course forum, Ken Johnson wrote, "I have you for a win this weekend." Johnson added, "Looking at the lap times you would of finished 6th fastest in the Unlimited Lite qualifier in your SR1-Impressive!!"

Immediately following the UTV Qualifier was the Kart practice. Bryan Osborn, driving the #588 Modified Kart for Osborn Racing, headed out to the new track for the first time finishing twelfth. Osborn said, "The track is fun, felt good at practice."

Saturday morning's schedule had the team at Osborn Racing up and working as the sun was rising over the pits. The #588 headed out at 8:00 AM for the Modified Kart Qualifying. Osborn again finished twelfth putting him towards the back of the field in the main two hours later. With video on board, the #588 headed out for the race. Coming out of the final turn on lap one Osborn rolled the #588. The video captured the action and before the dirt had settled you could see on the video Osborn's finger on the ignition switch and before the officials had finished asking him if he was ok he was back out on the track. Osborn completed the race, minus one rear bumper, finishing eleventh.



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Noon brought the UTVs back on the track for Saturday's UTV Main with Ryan Beat on the Pole. Throughout the stands and on the announcer's speakers the chatter was all about Beat being the only driver making the big step up so far. The green flag dropped and Beat quickly shot out front. As he nailed the step up every lap he continued to pull ahead of the field. Prior to the caution he was 4 seconds ahead of second place and only running about 70%. The green flag dropped once more and even though a couple of drivers were now attempting and/or making the step up, Beat easily walked away with his first Lucas Oil win. After the race, Beat said, "I wish there was more than one race a day, one just isn't enough."

The team took some time to join the fans in the stands and watch the exciting mains for the buggies and trucks before preparing for Sunday's Cup Races.

First up Sunday was the highly anticipated UTV Cup Race. Again, it was all about Ryan Beat driving the #851 SR1 Rhino for Osborn Racing. The other drivers knew the only way they were going to beat the #851 was to make the step up. Beat was sent to the back in tenth position in the inversion and wasn't happy but Crew Chief Kenny Frost reassured him saying, "It won't be a problem", referring to his driving skills. Frost was right, Beat quickly drove past the field and within a few short laps was in first. Beat stayed out front winning the cup, sweeping the weekend at Firebird. After the race Beat said, "It was a lot of fun challenging myself having to start from the back and work my way up to the front." When asked how he felt about the weekend he added, "Overall it was a great weekend. It's tough when you're the new guy and win. Hopefully next season I gain the respect that comes with those wins. Right now all I can say is I'm willing to swap motors with anyone."



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The weekend ended with the Modified Kart Cup Race at noon, Sunday. Bryan Osborn, driving the #588 450 Modified Kart, raced a clean race, finishing sixth, his best finish of the weekend.

It was an exciting weekend at Firebird International Raceway for Osborn Racing. As they loaded up and pulled out of the pits the team was excited about their future and the 2011 season.



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