

Hord Off Road Racing

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Hord Team Makes Pro-2WD Debut at the Big House

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Crandon, WI—The Hord Racing Team has eagerly been awaiting their Pro-2WD debut in the TORC series. After many months of testing, hard work and preparation they were ready to take on the “Big House” in Crandon, WI.

At Saturday morning’s qualifying session Chad qualified fifth, with hundredths of seconds separating the qualifiers.

When the green flag flew, Chad charged hard into turn one in the fifth position at speeds in excess of 90mph. He was working hard to battle around the fourth place truck, a seasoned Pro-2WD

driver. Battling mechanical issues in the corners it made it difficult for Chad to make the pass. In a hard charge in the Argonne Loop, it looked like Chad was ready to take the position when the mechanical issue caused him to lose control and hook the berm. The truck flipped violently in the air, going over two to three times. Chad was unable to re-enter the race and would have to settle for an 8th place finish.

When the truck returned to the pits the team assessed the damage and immediately got to work.

The engine mount on the block broke so the engine needed to be changed. The driver’s side front wheel was destroyed, the front right corner had significant damage to the upper A-arm and tie-rod. The rear bumper and hangers were bent, a whole new body was mounted and the front and rear shocks were also replaced.

The crew worked into the morning and were able to take a two hour rest before returning to prep the truck for the Sunday morning practice session.



Pictured upper left: Damage to the front driver’s side wheel.

Pictured Left: The truck after the rollover in the pits, as the crew and TORC officials, begin to assess the damage.

Pictured above: The crew still hard at work at 3:30 am.

Round 2

Chad lined up to take the green flag in the eighth position after the violent crash of Round 1. Confident in his truck, and the repairs his crew had made after the practice session earlier that morning, Chad charged into turn one with his BOSS Snowplow, AMSOIL, Kumho tired machine. He had picked off two positions by the time he reached the front straight away in front of the thousands of cheering fans.

At the mandatory caution Chad had made two more passes and was running in the fourth position. On the restart it looked

like Chad had a good line and would make an advance, some congestion ahead of him caused him to lose a position. The number 9 Pro-2WD battled on and regained the fourth position.

The Hord Racing Team was pleased with the results and returned to the pits to prep the truck for the upcoming 17th Annual Crandon cup race.

17th Annual Crandon Cup

The Hord Racing team was eager to race their Pro-2WD in one of the Crandon Cup races. Chad has driven for other teams in the past, but this was our first experience running our own truck.

The Pro-2WDs were given a 12 second advantage on the Pro-4WD. Chad had a good start, coming out of turn one in the third position. Putting constant pressure on third place, Chad took over the position by the end of the second lap, when the other truck had mechanical issues.

Running in second, Chad tried to lure in the leader with the Pro-4WDs constantly closing the gap. With just 2 1/2 laps to go the Pro 4WDs started picking their way through the Pro 2WDs. Chad tried to hold them off as long as he could, but they had the advantage in the corners.

The Hord Racing #9 finished the race overall in 5th place and was the 2nd Pro-2WD. The team was very happy with their debut in the cup race and has shown improvement with each round of racing.

Look for the Hord Racing team to be a force to reckon with at the TORC Series' next stop in Bark River, Michigan, July 10th and 11th.



Above: Chad taking a jump on the motocross track in Crandon for some TV and photo coverage, prior to the start of the race weekend.

Right: Chad flying off the jump just before the finish line with Jeremy McGrath hot on his heels.

Below: Ryan, Luke, Manley and Chad with the truck . Not pictured: Dan Steele





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