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KYLE HAMILTON STEPS OUT OF RETIREMENT TO TACKLE RUMBLE MIDGETS

Citing Family Time at the Race Track as Desire to Return to Racing

FORT WAYNE, IN (December 19, 2022) – In June of 2021, Kyle Hamilton shocked the racing world with the announcement that after 20 years of racing he was stepping away from competitive racing. That retirement will end December 30 and 31 when the Danville, IN native straps into his family’s Midget to do battle in the 24th running of the Rumble in Fort Wayne presented by Jason Dietsch Trailer Sales.

“The reason I considered getting back behind the wheel and the reason for doing it at the Rumble go hand in hand,” explained Hamilton. “It came down to family time for me. One of the biggest regrets that I had when I stepped away from driving was not getting to drive for my dad in a family-owned car again. Him and I, along with my brother Nick, grew up racing together and kind of came up the ladder together. The Rumble is a race that our whole family has been racing in since we were kids, so it made sense to come back for this race.”

Preparing for the Rumble in Fort Wayne has centered around that family concept. “While the past several months have been centered around preparing the car, it has also been about spending quality time with my dad and brother, as well as my two sons at the shop. We have also had several of our old racing friends and family helping us build the car, which has been really fun. We have been reminiscing on old racing memories, as well as listening to some good music while we make the 32 car the best it can be. I truly feel like the car we are bringing this year is one of the best Midgets I’ll have driven. We are not taking it lightly.”

What does Hamilton expect upon his return to racing? “I expect to be a little rusty when I get back in the car, but I honestly think I will pick back up quicker than I am expecting in my head. I have thousands of laps in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum over the years. Some of the more intrinsic racing tactics will be what is the most rusty for me, as opposed to going fast. When to make your moves, etc. is something I will be focusing on and studying leading up to the race. Physically I am in good shape, so I will be excited to see how quickly we can build speed.”

Kye has 25 Midget appearances at the Rumble, with 3 top 5 finishes, including a victory in 2016, along with 8 top 10 runs. “The Rumble in Fort Wayne is a marquee event in the winter that brings multiple disciplines of racing together, which is what makes it so fun. I can’t wait to catch up with everyone and see if we can put the 32 car in victory lane, so that my wife thinks this whole thing is worthwhile.”

Joining the Midgets over the busy weekend will be the LiUNA Non-Winged 600 Midgets, North Baltimore Custom Cuts Winged 600 Midgets, 8 classes of go-karts and 6 classes of Baker Racing Engines quarter midgets, with full racing programs for each of the divisions each night.

Rumble in Fort Wayne presented by Jason Dietsch Trailer Sales tickets are available through any Ticketmaster outlet or at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum box office, and on race-day.

Complete event information may be found at www.rumbleinfortwayne.com

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