



FINKE RACING'S WIN AT LUCAS OIL NHRA NATIONALS MOVES TEAM UP IN WORLD POINTS CHASE



A win at this past weekend's Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals (Brainerd, MN) is just what Finke Racing, a three-time NHRA regional champion earning team, needed to leap forward in the NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series championship points series. Placing the team as a top five contender among competitors spread across the United States, the win also boosts each member of the team's morale as they look forward to upcoming races that will finish off their 21-race nationwide tour for 2018.

"We have been making a lot of changes to the car lately," explained Jackie Fricke, driver of the Finke Racing 2015 McKinney Chassis Injected Nitro Top Alcohol Dragster. "All of our competition is tight this season and a lot of hard work has gone into making the car react off the line and lay down consistent/fast elapsed times."

The latest win at Brainerd follows a final round appearance at the NHRA Lucas Oil East Region event, held at Atco Dragway (Atco, NJ).

"A lot of great things came from this past weekend," said Fricke. "It is special that we were able to win our sponsor's (Lucas Oil Products, Inc.) event. Coming off of Atco, where we reached the final round and were defeated by Josh Hart's stellar 5.22 e.t. run, we were the low ET every round."

Finke Racing qualified sixth of the 12-car field with a 5.349 e.t. at 269 mph. In early rounds of eliminations, Fricke defeated Texas contender Alan Bradshaw (a 5.318 e.t. over Bradshaw's 5.689 e.t.) and Todd Bruce (a 5.254 e.t. versus Bruce's 5.357 e.t.).

In the semi-finals, Fricke took the tree to advance her team to the final round, where she then drove her way to victory over Minnesota's own Dean Dubbin. Dubbin's 5.443 e.t. was no match for Finke Racing, who laid down a solid 5.302 e.t. to earn their third national event win with Fricke behind the wheel.

"The car is responding well and I'm really looking forward to the US Nationals," explained Fricke. It would be a dream to win that event." Fricke also added that she and team owner John Finke have not ruled out a great finish in the 2018 championship points series. "Last year, we earned our best national finish. We placed fifth in the world. We still have quite a few races left to move us up in points."

Fricke credited the support of her sponsors in helping Finke Racing achieve what they have achieved throughout the last few years, as well as throughout the 2018 season. "We are truly blessed to have so many leaders in drag racing, as well as companies outside of the motorsports realm teaming up with us. They truly are dedicated to Finke Racing and love drag racing just as much as we do," said Fricke.

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Doosan, VP Racing Fuels, Quik-Latch Products, ISC Racers Tape, Manley Performance Products, MAHLE, Clean Boost Products, Boninfante Friction, Accelerated Travel and Finke Equipment. The recent Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals victory at Brainerd International Raceway is the team's third of the season, increasing their total number of wins to 23. Finke Racing has proudly placed their hot rod in five final round appearances so far this year.