

Toby Upshaw 2005 Season Results

April 9, 2005

May 21, 2005

June 18, 2005

July 16, 2005

August 13, 2005

September 10, 2005

Race Date 04/09/05

Toby Upshaw raced this weekend at North Georgia Mini Speedway in Chatsworth, Georgia. It was a points race at NGMS and many karts were there.

Upon arrival to the speedway we met with Jason Wood (Toby's engine builder). His son Michael and daughter Kelsey were there with their karts. Jason had some ideas to get Toby going a little faster, so we took our kart to his trailer to do some tweaking. We put the kart on the scales and in a few minutes, we were ready for practice. We went out for practice and the kart looked great. We made a few more adjustments and practiced again. The kart slowed some from the previous practice. We adjusted some more and went out for the heat race. Toby spun a 22 on the wheel, so he started in 4th position. There were 6 entries. At the start, Toby jumped into 3rd place and held on 8 laps. He finished 3rd in the heat, so he started 3rd in the feature. He tried the same move to gain a position quickly, but got a little low in the mud. He was slowed some, but he kept it going wide open. He maintained 3rd place. The 2 front karts were very fast. They ran at this track all of last season. They were steady pulling away from Toby, but he didn't let them get out too far. Meanwhile, Toby was pulling away from the remaining karts. The feature was 15 laps. Toby finished 3rd place in his 3rd race. WAY TO GO TOBY!!!!!!

Russell and Deana Morton along with their two girls, Amberly & Savannah joined us at the races. They were a great help to the Brantley Racing #40 as well as helped out with pit duties for Jason Wood and his two Woods Racing Engines entries. Mama Leigh was at the track and everyone was glad to see her. We didn't let her work any though....you know....being pregnant and all. We all had a great time. We even took some pictures. Take a look.

Toby wants to run the points series at NGMS, but we'll have to see how it goes. It's a long drive. We got home at 3:30AM on Sunday. We're all still tired. Can't wait to do it again!!!

Toby Upshaw Races at North Georgia Mini Speedway May 21, 2005 3rd Points Race.

Toby started fresh this weekend with a newly rebuilt engine. Wood's Racing Engines in Jasper, Georgia performed a professional rebuild on the engine, tuned it on the dyno and it is awesome. Thanks to Kelsie for letting us use her Purple Plate carburetor. Jason Wood also helped us setup the chassis for this weekends event. We spent about 2-3 hours on the scales tweaking the setup.

Practice went very well. Toby was very fast from the start. He spun a few times in practice trying to find the fast line and dealing with that Wood's Racing Engines Horsepower!! Toby did a great job adjusting to the power and track and did much better in the second practice. We went out for the heat. Toby spun a 24 on the wheel during registration, so that started him in 4th position with 7 karts in the field. Toby launched out and was in second place by turn 2 when a caution came out. The karts had to line up single file for the restart. While lining up the other karts, Toby's engine died. It flooded and fouled the plug. We didn't get to finish. Toby started 7th in the feature. He jumped from 7th to 4th in less than one lap. He tangled up with another kart in turns one and two and the yellow came out. He had to start in 6th position. Again, he jumped out and worked his way up to 4th. He was coming off the turn so fast that he misjudged how quickly the karts were coming up. Yeah, he was that much faster. Unfortunately, he ran so fast that he ran up on the back of Holly Standfield's kart and both karts slid off the track. Toby was upset and didn't mean to tangle with anyone. The track official yelled at Toby telling him that if he kept hitting people that he would have to throw him off of the track. Toby explained that he didn't do it on purpose, but the official didn't listen. Toby was upset and did what the official said, but didn't gain any more positions. He held back to keep from passing the other karts. On the last lap, two of the front karts spun. Toby slid through and finished with a 4th place finish. We had a great weekend in all, had a lot of fun, spent some time with good friends and each other. Mama Leigh was there cheering on Toby and comforting him after the race.

Toby Upshaw would like to thank his very first official sponsor, Nana and Papa Bill. Their support is much appreciated and will be a tremendous help in the growth of Toby's racing.

Toby has committed to running the North Georgia Mini Speedway Points Series. We have made all of the races so far. He is currently 3rd in points. Check out the NGMS website (link on Toby's page) for points updates.

The next race is June 4th.

We are searching for a volunteer to take pictures, video, etc....If you are interested, please email me at james.upshaw@brantleyracing.com.

See you at the races!!!

Toby Upshaw gets his First Win!!!!!!

June 18th at North Georgia Mini Speedway, Toby Upshaw gets his first win. Toby started 3rd in the heat and quickly made his way to the front, winning the 8 lap heat race against six other karts. He started the feature on the pole and quickly took the lead again. His Brantley Automotive, Woods Racings Engines Kid Kart was on rails. Toby had a smooth line and stayed very consistent. He battled several laps with the 2nd place car. He was passed twice, but regained the lead by the next turn. He held on through several cautions and restarts. The final lap was close when a lap kart spun. Toby finished 1st by one kart length.



The Racing Action (and temperature) was Hot at NGMS

July 16th at North Georgia Mini Speedway:

The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day for racing. It was very hot, but we had plenty of water and fans. Russell and Chip were there helping with pit duties. That's them below trying to say cool. That's Casey HOGGING the fan in the pictures below. That's about what it took to keep cool. Casey is the driver of the Number 4 Nukem Racing Purple Plate Ultramax Chassis. Those are some tough racers wearing their full race suits in this hot weather. Nothing could break their concentration on the track, that's for sure!!! We always park next to Jason Wood (Woods Racing Engines). Jason and son, Michael, are getting their Number 21 racer ready for practice. See below pictures. That's a cool paint job on that kart. He told me it's their State Race body. It sorta looks like tent city out there with all the canopies up. It doesn't do much for the setting sun (especially since I'm on the end), but it's great for keeping the night dew off. It's also a great place to hang a light.

Toby Upshaw started in 3rd for the heat race. He was a little loose and had a hard time staying in the gas. He made his way to 2nd. In the feature Toby made a good start and made his way up to 2nd very quickly. He got out of the groove and spun in turn 2. They threw a caution and Toby

started in the back(since he caused the caution). Toby never gave up and picked off 2 karts to make his way to 5th. The 3rd, 4th & 5th place karts were all close together. The white flag dropped and on turn 3 of the last lap, Toby ducked down low and moved up beside the 3rd and 4th place karts. At the line, it was a photo finish. It looked like Toby got the 3rd place finish. Awesome Comeback!!!

#40 Toby Upshaw finished 3rd at NGMS August 13th

The track at North Georgia Mini Speedway was much different this week. The track owner, David Ridley, re-worked the track. He added several loads of clay. The rain during the week helped to get some moisture in the track and kept it tacky all night. We were ready, thanks to Jason Wood of Woods Racing Engines. The practices went well. Toby was able to pass most everyone at least once during the 1st and 2nd practice.

Toby spun a (5) at registration, which enabled him to start the race on the pole. Toby was very slow at the start and fell back to 5th before the first lap was over. Toby made his way up to 4th for the heat race.

In the feature, he started 4th and fell back to 6th at the start. Once he gained momentum, he was fast. He passed one kart and then spun in turn 4 while passing another. We pulled him out of the mud and cleaned off his tires, but that wasn't enough. The mud stuck on his tires made him spin out again in Turn 2 of the next re-start. Toby was now in 9th position for the re-start with 12 laps to go. Toby made a great move and jumped up to 6th position. He passed a kart at each turn until he caught up to the two karts in front (which were about a half straightaway ahead of everyone else). He was battling with the #33 Ryan Stansell for 2 laps

and finally made a good pass when a caution came out. At the re-start, he was in 2nd. Once again, his kart was slow off of the start and he fell back to 4th. There were only 3 laps to go and Toby gained one position to finish 3rd. Toby was able to catch the other karts on long runs, but the race was littered with cautions.

Toby would like to thank Nana and Papa Bill for their support.

#40 Toby Upshaw finished 2nd at NGMS September 10th

Toby won the heat and finished second in the feature. We had a great time on Saturday at the races. My friend, Jason Wood of Woods Racing Engines built a new motor for Toby's go-kart. Special Thanks to Nana & Papa Bill whose sponsorship helped me buy the new motor. The motor is very strong and Jason worked on it all week to make sure it was just right for his little buddy Toby. Toby started in 5th place during the heat and worked his way up to second place. The first place car was very fast. As a matter of fact, he was about a full straight in front of Toby when the checker flew. After the heat race, the tech man decided to look at the top 3 finisher's restrictor plate. The kart that finished 1st refused to reveal their restrictor plate.....he was disqualified, so Toby was awarded the win for the heat. That means he will start on the pole for the feature. When the feature started, Toby was a little slow getting started and fell to second. He was making his way to catch the first place kart and then lap traffic slowed his progress with about 3 laps to go. Toby was driving smooth and you would have been very proud of him. He kept trying and trying and ended up with 2nd. There were 7 karts in the race, so Toby did very well to finish in second. I took some good pictures and I'll post them here after I get them developed. We stayed after Toby's race and watched Jason's son Michael Wood race and packed up and left. We left the track at 1:30 AM and got home at 4:00AM. We slept-in

a little on Sunday..hahahahahaah!!! There are 2 more point races left in the season.