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SPOTLIGHT

# Mason MONTGOMERY



## **Driver Spotlight: Mason Montgomery – #64 Street Stock Driver**

### **A Lifelong Passion for Racing**

For Mason Montgomery, racing isn't just a sport—it's a way of life. Growing up around the track and spending countless hours working on cars with his dad and close friend Kyle, Mason's passion for racing blossomed as he got older. Learning the intricacies of what it takes to build and maintain a competitive car has fueled his drive to succeed in the sport.

## **The Car and Its Story**

Mason races a Monte Carlo street stock, a class deeply tied to his family history. It's the same type of car his dad, Toby Montgomery, and his good friend Kyle have always raced. "It's the car I've always been around," Mason says, and it carries a personal connection through its number, 64, which honors his late Uncle Billy Friel.

## **A Growing Career**

Mason is preparing for his second year of competitive racing at Kalamazoo Speedway. His rookie season brought many lessons, but one standout moment was winning a heat race during his first year in the car. "It gave me a lot of confidence to keep pushing to get better," he reflects.

## **Challenges and Lessons Learned**

The biggest challenge Mason faced on the track was mastering throttle control. Having never driven a manual or rear-wheel-drive car before building his Monte Carlo, it was a steep learning curve. Thanks to advice from seasoned racers and persistent practice, Mason has made great strides in finding traction and control.

## **Preparation and Focus**

Before each race, Mason meticulously inspects the car to ensure everything is in top condition for qualifying and the feature. Mentally and physically, he aims to stay neutral and focused, avoiding heavy meals before racing to handle the adrenaline rush better.

## **Family, Influences, and Teamwork**

Mason credits much of his growth and success in racing to his dad, Toby Montgomery, who has been instrumental in teaching him the ins and outs of the car. He also draws inspiration from his late Uncle Billy and honors his legacy by carrying the #64 on his car. Mason's racing career is backed by an incredible crew of family and friends who work tirelessly to get both him and Kyle Ribble to the track each week.

## **What Makes Kalamazoo Speedway Special**

Mason has nothing but praise for Kalamazoo Speedway, particularly for the effort they put into creating an exceptional experience for fans and ensuring driver safety. "All the small details keep me coming back," he says.

## **Memorable Moments and Goals**

One of the most unexpected moments Mason recalls is championship night when he tried to pass another car on the low side and ended up jumping it instead—a reminder of the challenges and surprises the track can bring. As for his ultimate goals, Mason is determined to win a championship and one day beat his dad's Pro Stock record of 14.414 seconds.

## **The Racing Community**

For Mason, the racing community feels like family. He appreciates the tight-knit, competitive spirit that brings drivers and teams together both on and off the track.

## **Support and Sponsors**

Mason is incredibly grateful for the sponsors who make his racing journey possible: Monty's Tree Service, Gillette's Bait and Hardware, Town Automotive, Dan Chilla State Farm, and Schaeffer's Lubricants.

### **Advice for Aspiring Racers**

To those looking to get into the sport, Mason offers simple yet powerful advice: "Don't be afraid to fail." He also cherishes the best advice he's ever received, which came from K2: "Go real fast and real left." It's a reminder to keep things simple, stay focused, and enjoy the ride.

### **Dreaming Big**

If given the chance, Mason would love to race at Five Flags Speedway for the iconic Snowball Derby, a track known for its rich history and challenging competition.

With a strong foundation, the support of his crew, and the determination to honor his family's racing legacy, Mason Montgomery is a driver to watch as he continues to make his mark on the track.