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Press Release

MONGO RACING HAS DIFFICULT PARKER 425 DEBUT

Randy Merritt and Mongo Racing had high hopes for the 2011 Best In The Desert Racing Association's Blue Water Casino Parker 425, held in beautiful Parker, Arizona. Randy and the team at Mongo Racing were anticipating a fresh after the short off season; a new year and a new season were on the horizon. The Best In The Desert Parker 425 saw Mongo Racing's debut of their 2011 Ford F-150 with the all new EcoBoost 3.5L V-6 direct injection twin turbo engine. "This is a new truck and engine combination for us at Parker so we are still in the testing phases. We are confident in the drive train; however there is still the possibility of new truck quarks to work on," said Randy Merritt.

The 2011 Ford F-150 was raced at the 2010 SCORE Baja 1000 where it finished in second place, so the team had high expectations entering into race weekend on February 4, 2011. Randy and the team showed up at the Blue Water Resort and Casino with the new 2011 Ford F-150 painted black and sporting the green and white logo of "Knock Out Energy."

Randy said, "This is a recent development, and we haven't had time to get the word out as fast as we would like, but it's a great new energy drink with its headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona. I started drinking their product a few months ago and it tastes great, and at 99 cents it has a great price."

The Best In The Desert Blue Water Casino Parker 425 started in downtown Parker and the racers raced out of town into the vast desert that surrounds Parker and several other towns in La Paz County.

The Mongo Racing 2011 Ford F-150 started the race 2nd in class, but on the first lap ran into problems with the power steering. On the track, repairs cost Randy, with Chris Golding onboard, and the Mongo Racing 2011 Ford F-150 precious time as the leaders were now 45 minutes ahead. Randy drove the rest of the first lap aggressively in an attempt to catch up to leaders by the start of the third lap.

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After a quick stop in the main pit for fuel and a co-rider swap, Randy was again charging hard through the desert to make up time on the leaders. The time Randy had gained back would be for nothing soon as the field repairs to the power steering would fail mile marker 23. Randy and now Larry Trim made field repairs to the power steering system, but again lost an additional 45 minutes to the leaders. Randy radioed in that they were now racing for a finish.

At approximately mile marker 121 on the race course Randy lost the driver side front shock and the time lost trying to limp the truck back to the main pit would cause the team to time out of the race if he continued. Randy and the team decided to call an end to their race day at this time.

After the race Randy said. "I don't know what caused the shock to fail; it could've been our trying to get every $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of wheel travel possible out of this truck, but rest assured we will be in the shop this week working on it cause we only have a few weeks before our next race. The power steering issue may have been caused by a bent tube that resulted from the rough terrain out we race on, but again it will be repaired soon."

Randy continued, "This was not the finish we wanted for Knock Out Energy or the rest of our new sponsors for 2011, but they understand anything can happen in racing."

The next race for Mongo Racing will be the SNORE Mint 400 in Las Vegas, NV on March 19, 2011. For more information on Randy Merritt or Mongo Racing visit www.mongoracing.com.