

MONGO RACING BATTLES BACK AND SEE POSSIBLE GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

The Best in the Desert's Blue Water Resort and Casino Parker 425 presented by Impact was held in Parker AZ on February 1, 2014. This year's race looked to be a shoot out as the weather forecasted for race day was clear and breezy with mild temperatures.

Mongo Racing's Randy Merritt of Parker AZ and Navigator Gary Doyle of Blythe CA staged for the start of the race with excitement, but soon the teams troubles would start. A brake issue sidelined the Class 7200 KC Hilites #7281 before the start, but after repairs and starting 30 minutes after the other Class 7200's Randy and Gary attacked the desert on a mission to make up lost time. But as luck would have it a transmission issue again stopped the truck for another hour while repairs were made. After the repairs Randy was once again trying to make lost time as he knew from experience that the Parker 425 course was a long rough competitor in its self.

Nearing the end of the first lap an electrical issue once again stopped the truck. Randy and Gary once again had to make repairs before but had to wait for a jump as the issue had drained the batteries. Once the KC Hilites truck was running again Randy was soon stopped again by the Power Steering belt coming off and Randy had to stop and turn the engine off to replace the belt on the engine, but the batteries didn't have enough juice to start the race engine. So once again Randy was waiting for a jump start. After completing the first lap just over 7 hours, Randy Merritt Owner and Driver of the KC Hilites 7281 made the call to let his son Randy "RJ" Merritt Jr. get some seat time.

At the main pit the KC Hilites #7281 was checked over and refueled. After the Driver change, with RJ driving and Chris Golding Navigating, the # 7281 KC Hilites set out for the lap 2 of the 3 142 mile lap race. RJ was able to maintain a strong pace and only stopped for fuel until he reached the finish line, unofficially in 6th place.

A proud team owner and father at the finish line Randy was happy with RJ's performance and was also excited to find out RJ had one of the fastest lap times among the Class 7200 competitors. Randy also stated in the post race interview RJ has only about 20 test mile in the driver's seat of the # 7281 KC Hilites truck before today.

The next race for Mongo Racing is the BITD Mint 400 March 13-16, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV.

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