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CLERMONT, Ind. (August 30, 2012) – Top Alcohol Funny Car standout Cassie Simonton is entering the sport's most prestigious event, the Mac Tools U.S. Nationals, with great confidence in her car and crew. Those two factors combined with the driving abilities of the former junior dragster racer put Spiro Kontos' Kon Rodz Racing entry into the final round at the team's last two national events. Crew chief Randy Anderson won his first race ever at Indy. Now twenty years later, "Sassy" Cassie and her team are looking to do the same this weekend.

"This is the biggest race of the season; we'd love to get our first win here. It would be big for the team and for Spiro. We're considering this as coming off of two finals in a row, even though we had a regional in between. We still have that confidence from back-to-back finals, and we're hoping to keep that going," said Simonton, who celebrated her 26th birthday with the team on Wednesday.

The entry list for the weekend is packed with strong cars from all over the country. The best of the best flock to central Indiana for a chance to put their name on the long list of legends who have won at Indy. Encountering some of these great drivers in the recent races is another confidence booster for Cassie.

"We've been able to run with the big boys at the last couple races. We've been competitive and I've been able to do my job to get it down to the end of the race track. We have a great car and a great team, so we should be able to run with the best of them."

Both the people and the parts got a refreshing time off the track after the last event. Now it's back to work for the Canadian team.

"We had a big break after Columbus," Cassie said. "Everyone went back home so we could recuperate. This past week we got everything put back together and ready to go. We should be on our game, ready to run fast in Indy this weekend."

Kon Rodz Racing is a NHRA Top Alcohol Funny Car team owned by Spiro Kontos, competing in the Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series. 25-year old Cassie Simonton drives the team's 3,000 horsepower Chevy Monte Carlo funny car. Spiro, Cassie, and the whole Kon Rodz Racing team would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support: Lucas Oil, NGK Spark Plugs, Goodson, BAE, Goodyear Tire, Clevite, Mac Tools, Artist ButchM, Flaming River Industries, and ithreesixty Music Infused Apparel.

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