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Granja Viana 500 Race Report by Neelan Nadesan

This report starts on Monday when we all met at Pearson International Airport to board the plane to go to New York where we would take a connecting flight for Brazil. Unfortunately, due to traffic at JFK, our takeoff was delayed 35 minutes.

When we arrived at JFK half an hour late, the gate was closed. We had missed our flight to Brazil by five minutes. Consequently, we had to wait 24 hours to get the next flight. We decided to check in at the Hampton near the JFK airport and spend the night in New York.

On Tuesday we took the subway and walked around Time Square to see what New York had to offer. As we were walking around Time Square we saw a crowd of people around the Max store. We went to check out what was going on. Nicki Minaj was at the makeup store in Time Square. We had lunch at Applebee's and went back to the airport. Later that evening we departed at JFK and were on our way to Sao Paolo, Brazil.

We arrived in Sao Paolo on Wednesday at 10:00 am local time (around 7:00 am Eastern). At the airport we were greeted by Luis Ruibal from MG Tires, Brian Mc Hattie the FWT TaG Masters Champion, and Mike from National Kart News. From there we drove straight to the track where we met the crew and got fitted for the kart. We then went to the restaurant at the track where Vitor Meira was helping us translated the menu which was very cool.

After lunch we set up for practice where they ran three groups for the two practice sessions. The chassis that we raced on was a Techspeed Kart prepped by Sabio Racing, one of the best teams in Brazil. The first session was a huge learning curve as the track was way different to the ones we have here at home. After our first session we decided that we should ask one of the local drivers how to drive at this track and luckily for us Andre Nicastro, this year's TaG Sr. Super Nationals winner, was kind enough to gives us some pointers. By the end of practice Steve was the fastest out of the four drivers where he did a 59.06, Greg did a 59.29, I ran a 59.50 and Brian did a 1.00.10.



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The next day of practice had Steve and Greg going out in the 2:00 pm session, and then Brian and I went out in the 5:00 pm session. Steve and Greg were able to do engine testing in the first session of the day and find the right set up for the dry. They managed to end that session in 9th place in our group. By the time it was my turn to go out on the track it started to rain, the kart handled really well in the rain and I was able to push hard without going off the track. In that session we were 8th on the board by the end. That night it was decided that Greg would qualify in the dry and I would qualify in the rain.

The next morning the sun was out which meant that Greg would be qualifying for the race. Greg did a great job as he was able to put in a whole bunch of consistent laps to put us in a 44th place starting spot.

To me Saturday was the best day of my karting career as we were going to be on the same grid as some of the best drivers in the world - Rubens Barrichello, Tony Kannan, Vitor Meira, Nelson Piquet, Lucas Di Grassi, David Fore, Christian Fittipaldi, and Arnauld Kozlinski. The atmosphere on the grid was just pure excitement as the driver's took off for the first turn. Steve started the race for our team and went from 44 to 24 in his first 1:30 hour stint. I was next to go in the kart and the focus for all of us was to be smooth and bring the kart home. I made sure that I kept out of trouble, and by the end of my first stint I was able to put us in 21 position overall. Greg was out next putting in nice clean laps. He ended his stint in 19 place overall.

After Brian's first stint we did our 15 minutes mandatory pit stop and Steve was set to go start the final stints. For me the second stint was easier than the first one because of the cooling temperature. The lap times got a lot faster. Steve, Greg, and I were all running in the top three in the B group during our runs and by the time Brian had finished the race we were in sixth place, not where we thought we would be, but still a great result. To our surprise there was a spot on the podium for 6th place and we were really happy about being able to bring home a trophy. I took the pit board and had my teammates and pit crew sign it. This is another one of my treasured souvenirs.

I would like to thank MG Tires for this amazing prize they sponsor to compete in such a prestigious race, a race that I could have only dreamed about competing in except for that fateful day in Sutton when my name was drawn together with Greg's. I also want to thank the Brian Stewart Racing Karting Championship Series' principals, organizers, and volunteers for the amount of time and effort they dedicate to put on the races. I truly appreciate their hard work and efforts in organizing our events, the cash and special prizes they present, and everything else they do to make karting an affordable sport. Finally I would like thank my teammates for the great time and for the new friendships



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we made on this trip. The 2010 Granja Viana 500 will surely be the one go kart race that I will remember for the rest of my life.

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