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Granja Viana 500 Race Report by Greg Rempel

I would like to send out a huge thank you to all the people that made my trip to the Granja 500 in Sao Paulo Brazil a once in a life time experience. Luis and Wagner simplified the communication issues. The trip had a few bumps in the road on the flight down and on the return home.

It all started when we were delayed in Toronto for about 30 minutes. After we took off we had a feeling that we weren't going to make our connecting flight to Brazil. As soon as we landed at JFK airport we all ran as fast as we could to the gate where our flight was, but as we reached the gate the doors were closing, and we'd missed our plane. After a big ordeal with Delta to get on the next flight out, we got a hotel at the airport. We all decided that while we were already in New York we shouldn't waste the day by sleeping. We got up around 8 am and headed to the big city.

The subway was quite an experience. I've never been on one before and by the time we got to the city the subway was full of commuters. After the 45 minute ride, we walked to Time Square. It looks the same on TV but only a thousand times bigger. I've never seen buildings so tall. I come from a small town so it was quite overwhelming. After eating at Applebee's we found our way back to the subway so that we wouldn't miss our flight again. It was a big relief when we reached our gate at the airport. We were finally on our way.

We were all so tired when we arrived in Brazil but so excited to get to the track. The bus ride to the track was about 2 hours. It was cool to be on the other side of the world not knowing what to expect. The pit crews were organized and knew exactly what they were doing. We all got fitted in the kart and I was the lightest by 20 lbs.

I was so nervous when I went out on track for the first time, I put so much pressure on myself because I was the first one out and I didn't want to mess up the kart for the rest of the team. My practice sessions were getting better and better the more I went out. Everyone on the team only got to go on track twice a day so over all we were in the karts



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four times before we were racing against the best of the best F1 and Indy car drivers that had come to compete in this world renowned charity event.

After my last session on Thursday we were told that I would qualify on Friday if it stayed dry, and that Neelan would qualify if it rained. Good thing for me it stayed dry. Morning practice was the worst one of them all, the race motor had gotten some water in it from the rain session on Thursday. I qualified with the back up motor and our starting position for Saturday's big race was 44th.

On Saturday the excitement was in the air, I could feel it all around me as I walked pit row. Steve was first to start, then Neelan, I was 3rd to go on track for the race. After Steve's amazing start a big relief came over us knowing the hardest part was done. Steve had survived the initial crazy 3 laps. By the time I went on track the tires already had 3 hours on them and were going bald. After the first 4 hours we were running 18-22nd. We had no big problems and all of the pit stops were perfect. When I was on track and my time was up I didn't want to come off only because I'd worked so hard to get up to the front of the B group. I didn't want them to pass me back.

When the race was over we were so upset that we didn't finish as good as we thought we would have, but the fun wasn't over yet. Luis came into the pit box and told us we had to go to the podium, we thought just to watch but we finished 6th in the B group and surprisingly we got to be on the podium and better yet we got to bring home some hardware for Canada.

A special thank you goes out to MG Tires and to the BSRKC Series for the trip of my dreams. I have grown as a person and mostly as a racer. This experience has taught me so much more about team work and the importance of communication between the pit crew and the driver. I will never forget this amazing milestone in my racing career.

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