Rain Cancels Day Two Qualifications

The weather man predicted 90% chance of showers at the speedway today. It's rare but this time he was right. It rained so much in the morning hours officials only waited seven minutes after the scheduled qualification start time to cancel qualification runs for today.

The track will be closed Monday and Tuesday, reopening for practice Wednesday at noon (ET). Qualification runs will resume Saturday May 17th. Positions 11 through 33 will be up for grabs on this day. If all spots are filled Saturday only those positions can be bumped on Saturday. Sunday the 18th is the traditional bump day for the entire field.

Davey had this to say about today's cancellation and his plan for the rest of the week.

"It's pretty frustrating not to have gotten into the top 11 yesterday by less than a tenth of a second, and then have Day 2 Qualifying rained out and not be assured a spot on the grid yet. But you know, we gave it all we had. I can't look back and say we should have done something different because that was the best we had. With the rain today and having to wait until next week is not ideal by any stretch of the imagination, but we'll work on race setups this week and then put the car in the show where we can in the next day of qualifying. We're probably just going to start working on race modes for next week, get a race setup on the car and start working on race modes, then worry just worry about qualifying next week." (Regarding yesterday's run and comfort level with the car right now): "Yeah, you know it was an interesting run. It's probably the hardest run I've done here in my years, and it didn't count. That's the disappointing part of it. I'll be real honest with you; I don't like the system the way it is, personally. I think that it would have been much more exciting for the fans to see 20 or 22 cars be in this field yesterday and still have the option to be able to withdraw your car and go for the pole. I think that us guys; that are especially, when we're running those cars, we're out there hangin' our butts out to try to be as fast as we can. And if we want to keep that time we should be able to. The risk-reward, I don't think, is favorable for this system." (So, next week you focus mainly on race setup?): "The race is what counts. We need to put race setups on the car and get out there and hopefully have a good race day. I know I would have been in a great position yesterday if our qualifying would have just counted. But who knows what happens next week, and we do it all over again and the risk is back up again. I'll tell you what: Qualifying here is the toughest thing in motorsports, in any kind of racing. It's not easy because you have to be trimmed out; you have to be fast. So, like I say, the race is what counts."