



FAMILY OF RACERS – Fifteen-year-old Late Model stock car racer Tyler Brown, left, takes some advice from his uncle and crew chief Glen Brown at Delaware Speedway in London, Ont. in August. With 'Uncle Glen' on the sidelines, Tyler became the Speedway's 2006 Late Model Rookie of the Year.

Racer's uncle leads him down the track

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Essex auto-technician Glen Brown is gearing up his 15-year-old nephew for a life in the fast lane.

Working as crew chief, Brown oversees mechanical operations on the 400-horse-power Chevy Monte Carlo driven by his nephew Tyler, who was recently named by London's Delaware Speedway as the 2006 Late Model Rookie of the Year.

As the youngest and, consequently, least experienced driver to race at Delaware this season, Tyler counts on 'Uncle Glen' to ensure the car is equipped to handle speeds up to 200 kilometres per hour.

"He's honing his driving skills," Brown said of Tyler, who lives in Waterdown, Ont. "The sky's the limit for him."

While still in high school, Tyler regularly circles the track with racers two and three times his age.

"It doesn't bother me one bit," Tyler said. "It doesn't matter if you're 30, 14, 60 ... Everybody's the same when you

put the helmet on."

Last year, with Glen in his corner, Tyler became the youngest late model stock car driver in Delaware Speedway history.

He began his racing career driving go-karts at the age of seven. He participated in more than 225 regional and national competitions, including some at the Canadian National Go-Kart Championships, all before he was 14 years old.

In 1997, Glen and Tyler's father Darrell established the 4B Racing team, originally intended for the family's participation in go-kart competitions.

Eventually the team became a support squad for Tyler and his racing ambitions.

"The goal is for him to make it in the world of motor sports - in the NASCAR or Busch Series," Darrell said.

After graduating from the world of go-karting, the next step for Tyler was the Ontario Pro Challenge Series, and getting behind the wheel of the cherry

red, No. 91 Monte Carlo he currently drives.

Glen, a technician at Essex's Siefker Automotive and Machine Ltd., frequently travels to Tyler's home in Waterdown to work on the car.

Next season, Glen says the pair will be training to race in the U.S., possibly in the American Speed Association- Late Model Series.

"Now that Tyler's got his first year (of racing) under his belt we are looking to get some sponsors," Glen said.

Tyler too is looking forward to "getting a little more aggressive with the car."

With a crew mostly made up of family and close friends on the sidelines, the Grade 10 student says he feels completely confident every time he hits the track.

"We felt we were a strong car the whole year round," Tyler said. "We set some pretty high goals."

Tyler finished 10th in the overall standings at Delaware Speedway this year.

chances for most of the first period until Essex broke the deadlock with a power play goal by Michael Ouellette assisted by Nick Diemer.

The lead was short-lived as Southpoint tied the score with a power play goal of their own just 25 seconds later.

The special teams continued to control the game as the Sharks blocked a shot from the point and scored a short-handed breakaway goal 35 seconds later to take a 2-1

lead into the second period. The steady march to the penalty box continued for both teams giving each team many scoring chances during the middle period.

The Sharks found the back of the net near the end of the period to extend their lead to 3-1 going into the third.

An effort by the Ravens to fight their way back into the game paid off when half way through the period Spenser Woltz scored a power play goal assisted by

Brad Quinlan to bring the Ravens within one goal.

The battle continued and the Ravens evened the score on Michael Ouellette's second power play goal of the game with the assist going to Brit Garon.

Once again the Sharks answered less than a minute later with a power play goal of their own only seconds before the game ended. Final score, Southpoint 4, Essex 3.



The 2006-07 season opener brought the Southpoint Sharks to Essex to square off against the Ravens.

From the opening face-off, the game proved to be one filled with penalties for both teams.

Each traded power play



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