Collier's Comeback



When you have been retired from a sport for 18 years many people are a little surprised when you show up to race again! This is what Scott Collier found when he showed up at a practice in Paris, Ontario last year.

This 39 year old Canadian felt a need to throw a leg over and go sideways once again...so he did. Having only marginal success as he relearned his skills, he claims he had too much fun to call it quits again.

Last year brought a few changes to his life and he found great pleasure in being on the track again. His first two race events he found himself a little preoccupied and not focusing on racing.

"I had a bad habit of watching the girls at the side of the track and waving to them."

The girls he is referring to were his 3 and 5 year old daughters!

"I took great pleasure in seeing how they adjusted to being at the track and watching them cheer for Dad. Once I was able to focus, I started winning a few division 2 heat races. After I won my first race, my oldest daughter came up and said, that's what you are supposed to do Dad!"



Now focusing on the 08 season, he has a few different goals.

Collier says, "After bouncing off the wall in my last race, I realized that I don't heal as fast. I also realize that I don't have the talent to be number one in Canada!"

So with this mind set he is bringing more of his life to the track. Scott is a Professional Firefighter for the City of Hamilton (Ontario, Canada) and wants to combine his business and pleasure for a cause.

This year he is racing for TOMA: Foundation for Burned Children. It is his goal to raise awareness for TOMA while racing and to try and to do fund raising for them also.

"This has been a most interesting venture to combine passion and profession" says Collier.

"Following two different focuses by raising funds for TOMA and seeking sponsorship for racing has been challenging. Starfield Lion stepped up to support me for racing and this program. All in all it is turning into a great marketing opportunity for all involved!"

Collier is also looking for companies to step up and make a donation for every race he wins or a larger donation for a main event victory. Seeing the large following of Facebook, Scott is even utilizing this to help Promote TOMA and the supporters of this venture in a Facebook group called 911 Racing. He is hoping to create a small following that will boost awareness for TOMA, Speedway and the companies who have graciously donated to the cause.

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