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High-Speed accident ends a rough weekend at Road America, Fritz Wilke continues run towards National Championship Runoffs.

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Race 1 Recap:

The team spent Friday practice sorting out an engine sensor issue that left the #84 Capaldi Racing Ford Fiesta with 50% power. Once that was sorted, Fritz picked up time and qualified in 5th for Saturday's race.

At the start, the 3rd and 4th place cars had mechanical issues and had to start from pit lane. This put Fritz in third place. At the end of lap 2, Fritz made a pass for 2nd place into Canada Corner. Unfortunately, the Fiesta ran a bit wide on the exit and gave the position back. The rest of the race, the Fiesta suffered with brake issues and Fritz gradually gave back positions to finish in 5th place. One highlight was that Fritz ran the third fastest race lap.

Race 2 Recap:

Fritz qualified 5th for race two. Brake issues continued to plague the #84 Fiesta. Fritz moved up to third with passes at turn 3 and turn 5, but ran wide again at Canada corner. Eventually, Fritz dropped behind the lead draft.

After finally catching the lead draft, Fritz exited turn 5 on the outside with another car inside. A third car tried to squeeze between. Contact between all three cars sent the outside car hard into the wall which then rebounded up into the air and hit Fritz in the right front. This ended the run at Road America for the #84 Fiesta.

“This was a really tough weekend from start to finish. I want to thank Zach Birchall and Alex Perales for their grit and determination to sort out the engine issue on Friday and even bigger thanks to them for helping me stay positive after the wreck at 6,” said Fritz.



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