

18 February 2024- CK Racing is beyond excited to announce their new partnership with Paton racing going in to the 2024 NHRA Mission Foods Drag Racing Series. Cody Krohn will be piloting the Paton Racing top fuel dragster starting at the Amalie Motor Oil Gatornationals, March 7-10, and plans to enter up to 5 more national events. Both CK Racing and Paton Racing are looking forward to this new partnership.

“I am beyond thankful and excited for the 2024 season with Paton Racing, we can't wait to see what it brings us.” says Cody who had previously debuted at the Midwest Nationals in October of 2023. At just 20 years old, Krohn is the youngest actively licensed Top Fuel pilot going into the Gatornationals but that does not mean he is shy on experience. Throughout his career he has driven Jr. Dragsters, Nostalgia Blown Alcohol Dragsters, Alcohol Funny Cars, and Top Alcohol Dragsters before reaching the peaks of Top Fuel. “My Family and I have worked hard and long to make sure everything we do is done well and to have this opportunity is truly a blessing” says Krohn. His parents Rich and Luci, and sister Katie supported him in every way imaginable during this journey. It truly is a family operation. “I couldn't do it without them in my corner, they are my coaches, leaders, and inspiration every day” Krohn adds.

Owner of Paton Racing, Todd Paton added, “Cody is hungry to get his NHRA career going, and we love that. I was 19 years old when I competed in my first NHRA event, so I understand where he’s coming from and want to help share this journey with him. We feel we’ve got a competitive car and team that's second to none. Whenever we roll in the gate, we are able to go head-to-head with the best of them, so adding some fresh young blood with Cody behind the wheel might be just what we need!”

The CK Racing/Paton Racing team in planning on running a minimum of 6 events in the NHRA Mission Foods 2024 series with possibilities of expanding the schedule as partnerships and marketing opportunities grow. Paton states “We have been upgrading our equipment all winter long and just got the car off the jig in Brownsburg where it got a new front half, so we feel like we can pick up where we left off at the end of the 2023 season. Our car chief, Mark Morris, has been running point on all of that and doing a tremendous job. We are excited to get out there with Cody and see what we can do with some of these upgrades we have made with our operation.

The partnership boasts support from many other companies and sponsors powering into the 2024 season. Frank Hawley's Drag Racing School, Performance Data Systems, Fast Eddie Speedwear, Choko Authentic, Ogilvie's Automotive, Quality Plus Compressors, Engineered Racing Services, and Evolution Motorsports help field the car. We cannot do it without the support and dedication of these companies and look forward to representing them proudly in the 2024 season.

To stay keep up with the 330-mph team, be sure to follow along on all social media platforms @codykrohn racing and @Paton racing! This is sure to be a momentous year!