

Ledson Motorsports had a successful 2015

By Bill Rea

Brothers Cole Smith-Ledson and Nick Ledson like to drive fast, and they've also demonstrated their good at it. The two brothers of Ledson Motorsports have been making their mark on the tracks as far away as South Carolina. Cole, now 16, earned the right in November to compete in the Young Lions section of the 2015 Legends Car Nationals at Anderson Motor Speedway, performing well. He won the Young Lions Race of Champions, after winning the championship of Central Canada.

His father Geordie said he finished fourth in the main event of the competition, which was impressive, considering he started 12th in the field, then was involved in an accident and was sent to the back of the pack for the last 15 laps of a 35-lap race. The Grade 11 student at Humberview Secondary School has been racing go carts since he was eight, and won the novice championship in the Simcoe Kart Club in 2009, graduating to junior lights the following year. He started in the Legends Car series in 2013, following his brother Nick, 19, who got into it the previous year.

'It's almost like the next step up,' he said.

He races mainly at Sunset International Speedway near Innisfil and Peterborough Speedway.

'I like speed,' he said is the simple explanation for his attraction to the sport.

'Oh my God, the emotions are crazy,' his mother Nicole Smith said.

Cole watches various types of racing, including NASCAR Indy and Formula One, and he hopes to keep moving up in the sport.

'There's a wide range,' he father said. 'It's endless.'

He's also thought about racing at Daytona.

'That'd be fun,' he said.

Racing can sometimes be a dangerous sport. Cole admitted it can be scary when he sees a crash taking place up ahead.

'At every track, you have to learn the line; that racing line,' he said.

His father raced Formula 2000 cars for a couple of years.

'I started these guys young,' he said, adding he's no desire to get back into racing. 'I'm happy watching these guys.'

Brother Nick, 19, said there's really no secret to the success he's enjoyed so far, apart from just doing what you can in the car and pushing yourself.

Nick is also considering his future in racing.

'Hopefully, into a full-size car,' he said. 'From there, it's who ever sees you and wants you to drive for them.'

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Nicole Smith and Geordie Ledson stand with the two racers of the family, Cole and Nick.