

RACE REPORT: VEGAS TO RENO

2024



BAILEY COLE RACING &
MOR MOTORSPORT

To our Team Partners and Supporters,

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We are mid-way through the 2024 race season and so far, have enjoyed success at every event, with Vegas to Reno being no exception!

Best in the Desert put on a great event and made all the Ultra4 competitors feel very welcome and challenged by the 555 mile course. Traversing the Nevada desert had the Aussie contingent of our team and crew feeling right at home, racing in similar conditions to the outback.

Initially, we had hoped to compete as a two-car team, but with delays in parts for prep pivoted to the Bronco only with a four-crew strategy. Consisting of two drivers, Bailey and Jack, and two Navigators, Amy and Jeremy.

This enabled our team to put their undivided attention on the Bronco and win First Place in the 4600 Class.

IT WAS FANTASTIC TO FIND OURSELVES CLAIMING ONE OF THE THREE TOP STEPS WON BY FORD PERFORMANCE VEHICLES.



Not only our V2R race report, but a bit of a reintroduction of the team is contained in the following pages.

As always, we're always keen to hear from our Team Partners and we encourage you to reach out with any questions or comments.

From the serial senders, and our new guy,
BAILEY, JACK, AMY & JEREMY

Driver, Crew Chief, and the Navis

JEREMY, AMY, JACK & BAILEY



THE CREW

Hear our V2R race highlights!



BAILEY COLE
Driver

Jack took the Bronco from the Start Line to Pit 7 and delivered Bailey a clean car and significant lead.

Race Snack: Honey Stinger Gels, gatorade and uncrustables

Enjoyed: Driving the first half and then switching to chase crew.

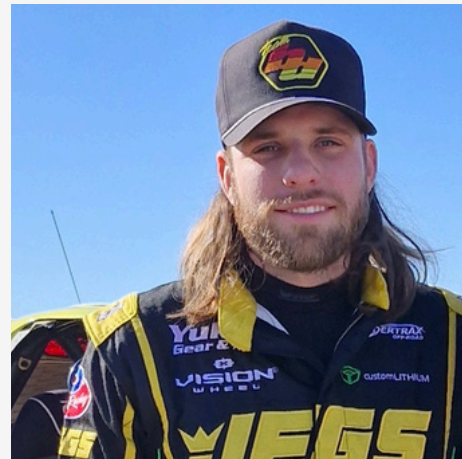
Found challenging: An unidentified SXS damaging the rear left quarter panel.

Raced 'second half' of V2R, hopping in primarily for the night leg.

Race Snack: Water and Liquid IVs

Enjoyed: The sunset

Found challenging: Losing 4WD



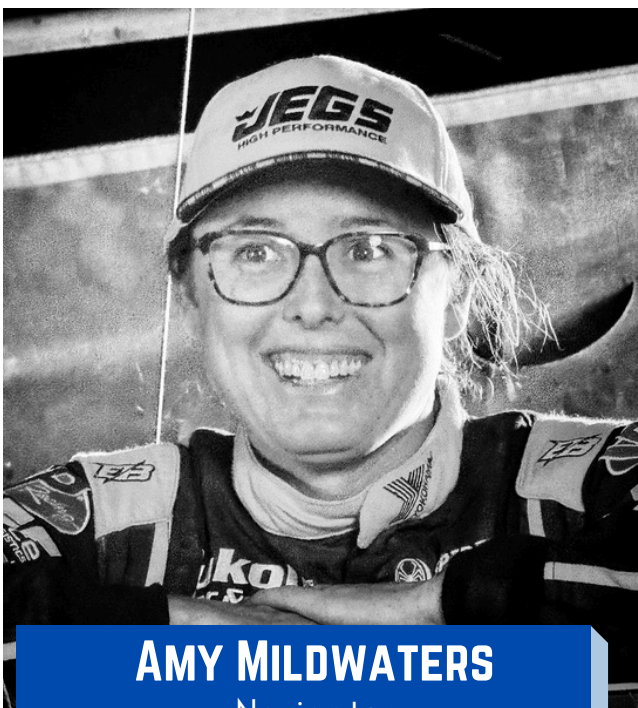
JACK MILDWATERS
Crew Chief & Driver

Started the race with Jack and raced the first 200 miles, then finished the race from Pit 13 with Bailey.

Race Snack: Clif bars and energy lollies

Enjoyed: Final section of the race track climbing over and then descending Mount Como

Found challenging: Parts of the race track were so scenic was juggling calls with simply taking in the view!



AMY MILDWATERS
Navigator

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JEREMY KEMPSTON
Navigator

Jeremy joined the team as crew & navigator at King of the Hammers, where we won First Place in Class for the Every Man Challenge.

Since then he has become a valuable part of the team, both on the track and behind the scenes.

Race Snack: Sour gummies

Enjoyed: The Distance and racing into the night

Found challenging: Mindset of getting into a racecar, halfway into the race

OUR CHASE TEAMS

For this race, we had three vehicles and seven people who made up our Case & Pit Crew. In Chase 1, we had a team of three made up of Dimitri and Chris from Gearworks and Zach from @project_keeper_tj, Chase 2 had a highly experienced duo, Brian and Tao, formerly Dust Junkies.



Chase 3, had David & Ross (more Aussies) and became our 'mothership' vehicle, towing our trailer and hauling our fuel drums, extra spare tires, our large spare parts and the pails of extra fluids.

RACE PREP

In between, NorCal Stampede and Vegas to Reno, we undertook lots of prep work and general maintenance. The Bronco spent a week getting fab work done including a new rear bumper and modifying the front bar work.

We also worked with Fox Shocks to test fit and then fit out the Bronco with a new shock set up.

This left us with shock tuning happening the week before we left for Las Vegas and this was when we discovered a steering issue. Wayne from Alltech Motorsports was still able to get the Bronco dialled and let us attempt some preliminary recitication works at The Springs.



From there, we needed straight to Power Steering Solutions in Hesperia where Charlie had us unload the Bronco so he could take a look at what could be the cause of our issue.

In the end, we borrowed a steering rack from Loren Healy and did the swap at our crew's house in Vegas. We were able to take the Bronco for a final pre-race spin and ensure we were completely race ready!

Tech & Contingency was held at South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa, where we had to meet Ultra4 & Best in the Desert checks. It was great to hang out with fellow competitors, meet race fans, and chat with some Team Partners who were also Vendors.



OUR FIRST LIVESTREAMED RACE

For Vegas to Reno, we kitted out the Bronco with a livestream set up and raced live on Bailey Cole Racing's YouTube channel for anyone to check out.

RACE DAY BY PIT

Two Drivers and two Co-Drivers

Racing 550 miles meant we were able to swap both Driver and Co-Driver throughout the day.

Jack and Amy were the pair who took to the start line and within the first few miles had successfully caught and passed two 4600 cars that started in front of us.

At the second refuel, Amy & Jeremy traded places, giving Jack a fresh Navi to tackle his last stint of the day. We also had to re-rack a fresh spare as Jack & Amy had earned themselves a flat.

At the next fuel stop, it was only a hydration and snacks top up, with Jack and Jeremy staying in the Bronco for the third leg. During Jack's final 50 miles in the car, an SXS collided with the passenger side rear quarter panel. There was no warning and Jack & Jeremy were moving quite slow taking a hard left hander. Thankfully only cosmetic damage was sustained!



At our third fuel stop, Jack handed over driving duties to Bailey, who hopped in knowing he was taking the car all the way to the Finish Line! Unfortunately the damaged panel started to rub so Bailey & Jeremy met the crew at the next pit to get it removed.

From there, the sun set and darkness fell as we tackled the second half of the race course. Bailey & Jeremy had a clean run, meeting the team at the final pit stop where Amy hopped back in, refreshed and ready to tackle Mount Como with Bailey. Encountering two motorbikes while conquering rocky terrain in only 2WD.



UNOFFICIAL ULTRA4 USA WEST SERIES CHAMPIONS

It remains unconfirmed, but with our KOH, NorCal & V2R wins, we may have clinched the 2024 4600 West Series title!

TEAM PARTNER SUPPORT

We are extremely grateful to the businesses and people who we get to work with.

We encourage you to think of our partner network like a directory - if we can be the bridge, let us know!



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