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Racing with Limits

It used to be a big deal when NASCAR came to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

There were parades. Race fans camped for days outside the famed race-track. There were checkered flags and welcome banners on every light pole.

The town of Speedway – the race actually isn't in the Indianapolis city limits – will still roll out its welcome mats this week for a rare tripleheader that involves the IndyCar Series, but the only people who will notice are local residents on their way to-and-from work.

While the track will allow 50% occupancy for the Indianapolis 500 on Aug. 23, it still didn't have enough confidence the state's reopening plan will be at Phase 5 to allow for fans this weekend.

In retrospect, Indianapolis made the correct decision with NASCAR.

The comeback from COVID-19 has been painfully slow. And for a good reason. Infections have jumped off the chart in Florida, California, Arizona, Georgia and Arizona.

At the same time, the number of businesses destroyed by the shutdowns is off the chart. And unlike NASCAR, they won't be able to gradually get back up to speed.

Officials allowed 1,000 fans at the Homestead-Miami Speedway last month and 5,000 at the Tal-

adega Superspeedway – as long as they lived within 150 miles of the track. With about 80,000 seats, that means each fan essentially had their own row to practice social distancing.

There were no fans allowed last weekend at the Pocono Raceway to watch the Kevin Harvick-Denny Hamlin two-step.

Drivers clearly miss having fans. Everyone understands the reasoning behind the decisions to keep fans away to reduce the chances of catching and spreading the novel coronavirus. But it's proven to be a bigger part of the show than most expected.



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"I'm not doing any more celebrations with nobody out there to celebrate with," Harvick said after winning Saturday's race at Pocono and finishing second on Sunday. "Until the fans come back, I'm not doing a burnout, standing on the car, doing any of that

stuff. It doesn't feel right not having my team in Victory Lane. Doesn't feel right with all the emotions from the fans to share your emotion, all the things you have from being inside the racecar and being excited about everything that was going on from winning the race. You come out to silence."

Guidelines set by the CDC and tweaked by NASCAR keeps drivers from being in the garage. It also keeps the winning crew from being in Victory Lane.

"We miss the fans. I miss my team being able to be right in there with us because those are the guys and gals that are making it happen," Harvick said. "It's tough to



Kevin Harvick, like most of the drivers, find it hard to celebrate when the fans are not at the track and everybody at the track must practice social distancing. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

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give an elbow bump or wave at them. I didn't even see Rodney [Childers, crew chief] after the race."

It will be painfully obvious at Indianapolis because it's a cavernous facility that steeped with so much history. With 257,325 empty seats, the silence will be deafening.

"Unfortunately, it stinks for us because it's not as much glamour around it," Hamlin said after winning Sunday's race at Pocono and finishing second on Saturday. "There's a bigger picture to it. I guarantee if I were to win the Brickyard 400 [this] weekend, I would put that trophy in the same spot I would if there were 200,000 people there."

Most drivers understand interacting with fans is part of the job. While it may be as much a nuisance as a necessity, signing autographs and posing for photos is as important as keeping the call from bouncing off the wall at the Darlington Raceway.

Now they miss the interruptions and requests. They miss the swarms of fans in the garage area before the race and the throng of photographers and sponsors on the podium.

Martin Truex Jr.'s recent victory at the Martinsville Speedway was tempered by a lack of celebration.

"I wish I could enjoy this one a little bit more tonight with my team," he said. "It's kind of weird to get out of the car, no fans, drive to Victory

Lane, a makeshift Victory Lane, take one picture by yourself with the car, then you got to leave."

NASCAR will head to the Kentucky Speedway after it tip-toes out of Indianapolis. The sport will be greeted by no fans.

Perhaps the first real sign of recovery will come July 15 at the All-Star race at the Bristol Motor Speedway. State and local officials there will allow up to 30,000 fans at the popular half-mile track.

NASCAR has been a leader in getting professional sports back on the court. It was the first to get back to business with a May 17 race at Darlington. Officials with Major League Baseball, the PGA TOUR, NBA, NHL and NFL all monitored NASCAR's guidelines.

They also watched the race. They saw the passion and strategy weren't affected by the virus. Television ratings also proved fans were eager to watch and find some normalcy in their lives again.

All sports now are in the process of getting back to work. But we warned: the lack of fans will require a difficult adjustment.

"The energy and the vibe that isn't there pre-race, from our race fans, and autograph sessions, the photos, the crowd, that's something that's been tough," Kurt Busch said. "You have to block that out because we are all missing that. That's been one of the toughest parts. We miss our race fans."

We miss it, too.

Food for Thought

The past several weeks have been very trying for our country. Not only has the COVID 19 pandemic created a culture based on social distancing and other personal protective measures, but the rioting, looting, and killing across our land has cost many lives and destruction to property. Certainly NASCAR has been in

I'm 100 percent raw and real."

Wallace was very outspoken about the Confederate Flag and felt as though it should be banned from races and tracks. Within days, NASCAR made the statement that the Confederate Flag would not be welcome or tolerated at any of their tracks and facilities. Wallace received both support and criticism for his comments. But, no support was more evident that at Talladega when his fellow drivers pushed his #43 car to the head of the starting grid with Wallace behind the wheel. Crew members followed and lined

the news as well with Bubba Wallace and racial issues in the forefront.

The news has been filled with comments and statements about the Confederate Flag and its place in our society. The racial unrest in many of our cities and communities has been the source of



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many local, regional, and national officials. And, some of the most visible and popular athletes in the world have made their feelings well known.

This past weekend at Pocono, several NASCAR stars spoke about their sport, recent incidents, and the future. Saturday Cup winner Kevin Harvick and Brad Keselowski, as well as Bubba Wallace spoke with the media on various issues.

Bubba Wallace, the only African-American driver in the NASCAR Cup Series, has been very outspoken about racism and social change in our country. He has been the topic of major discussions between leaders of our sport concerning his beliefs and thoughts on "Black Lives Matter" and the Confederate Flag and other social changes and issues.

Wallace, who drives the #43 for Richard Petty, was asked very pointed questions by the media during his Friday morning meeting.

When asked about what inspired him (Wallace) to be a leader in the "Change Movement", he answered, "I don't know if anybody has inspired me. I think it's just what I feel in my heart and what feels right and finally voicing my opinion on the tough subjects that a lot of people are afraid to touch on. I'm not afraid to speak my mind. I've done it and gotten in trouble, but I've learned from it. So, people that know me

up behind Wallace and the #43 for a show of unity and support in prerace ceremonies. The scene was one of the more emotional moments of this, or any year, of NASCAR racing.

Wallace commented on the support he has received from fans as well as his fellow competitors.

"It was good to see everybody out there and I appreciate the support," Wallace added. "Two people who stuck out were Aric Almirola and Alex Bowman. Almirola sent a nice text right before all the Monday stuff saying how we're not friends and we don't act like we are, but we're going to stand next to each other and he's proud to stand next to me as a brother. Alex Bowman came up and said that we don't see eye to eye on everything, but he stands by me 100 percent, something along those lines. I thought it was pretty cool. I've always had respect for Alex but we've definitely butted heads and have lost respect at times for each other, but it shows that we can all come together. Jimmie Johnson has been the guy at the top of the list the whole time. He texted me Tuesday after all the chaos going on just to check on me. So, it's been good to have him in my corner there, for sure."

Then, there was the issue of the rope/noose found in the garage stall of the #43 team at Talladega. NASCAR and the FBI conducted a thorough investigation, and announced that they found no evidence of a hate crime committed.

Moving forward, Wallace was asked about what are the next steps that NASCAR can take to insure his message will have long-term meaning. "I think we just have to get out in our communities and



Bubba Wallace prepares to get into his #43 racer Sunday afternoon at Pocono Raceway after a long week of interviews and media attention. (JARED TILTON/GETTY IMAGES photo)

we've created a group of us to be the leadership at NASCAR as some key drivers to be a part of how we can put action to our words. But, it's tough right now with COVID and it sounds like lockdowns may be coming back in place. So, seeing people face-to-face and talking to them and telling them about NASCAR and educating them on our sport and how we're making changes and how we want people to come out and raise more awareness."

Wallace concluded, "Let's focus on how we can continue to push the message of compassion and understanding and let's help fight the good fight in what's going on in the world today. Let's get new fans out to the race track, encourage our fan base, and welcome them with open arms. I think that's one important piece we can focus on now."

After his win last Saturday, Kevin Harvick spoke with the media on several social issues, banning the Confederate Flag at races, the support of Bubba Wallace, the opposition to racism and systemic inequality, and the recent increase in positive COVID-19 tests.

"This is a very tight-knit community," Harvick said. "With all the social things going on, this is a unified group."

"There's been much in the forefront with the things that have gone on in our sport," Harvick continued. "Last week, we all got together at Talladega supporting Wallace. I could think of a number of different situations you could put together

something like that and you could show those moments and show the world that the people in this garage are unified. When you look at it from a charitable or unity standpoint, these are just good down to earth people that love to race, love what they do and what we have to do to put our sport safely back on the racetrack."

Brad Keselowski added his perspective on how safe he feels going to race tracks and then home to his family.

"Everyone has their own definition of safe, right?" Keselowski said. "We accept risk the second we walk out of our house. It's just what level of safety – what is your threshold. I think getting sick is probably a higher chance than getting struck by lightning, but I am also more nervous getting on a plane and that thing running into a mountain than I am of getting COVID. I'm not saying that I won't or can't get sick, but from a safety factor I am OK. But, it is real and happening and we are all trying to do the right thing by each other, the sport, and our fans. I think that we are doing that and I feel good about the things we are doing."

Our sport as many of our "old timers" remember has changed. And, while the competition and action on the track is as fierce and exciting as ever, performing without our fans in attendance just leaves an empty spot in your heart at the end of the day. Hopefully, through the efforts of all concerned, we can resume some semblance of "normal" in the not to distance future.

Denny Hamlin Wins Second Leg of Historic NASCAR Cup Doubleheader

Denny Hamlin turned the tables on Kevin Harvick on Sunday at Pocono Raceway.

Staying out on old tires and building a lead while Harvick battled traffic late in the

Pocono 350, Hamlin won the second race of the historic NASCAR Cup Series doubleheader by 3.068 seconds over Harvick, reversing the finishing order of the two drivers from a day earlier.

For the first time in its history, NASCAR ran two Cup events on the same weekend at the same track.

Hamlin achieved several milestones with the win. He picked up his sixth victory at the 2.5-mile triangular track, tying NASCAR Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon for most all-time. The triumph was the 41st of Hamlin's career, 19th most in NASCAR history, breaking a tie with another NASCAR Hall of Famer, Mark Martin.

And a day after Harvick tied Hamlin for a series-best three wins this season, Hamlin broke the deadlock with his fourth victory of the year.

Harvick made his last pit stop on Lap 105, surrendering the lead to Hamlin. Instead of pitting shortly thereafter, Hamlin, at the direction of crew chief Chris Gabehart, stayed on the track and built his advantage over Harvick from 30 to more than 33 seconds, as Harvick fought through heavy race traffic.

Hamlin finally came to pit road on Lap 120, handing a short-lived lead to his Joe Gibbs racing teammate, Martin Truex Jr. But Hamlin held a two-second edge over Harvick in the exchange. Hamlin took the lead for good on Lap 126 when Truex made his final stop after staying out five laps longer than Hamlin had.

"I was hoping for no caution," Hamlin said of the final 51-lap green-flag run and the winning strategy. "I knew we had the car, and I was just kind of maintaining my gap right there—didn't want to make any mistakes like I did at Bristol and gave that win away.

"I just tried to work through the

traffic the best I could, and obviously, Chris was paying attention to the strategy there and made the right call."

Despite his second-place finish, Harvick felt he had a better setup in the No. 4 Ford than the one he drove to victory on Saturday.

"He (Hamlin) just did the opposite of what we did," Harvick said. "We didn't want to get caught with a caution and then wound up losing a little bit too much time in lapped traffic with all the cars that hadn't pitted.

"He was out there running clean laps and waited till right to the very end (to pit) and wound up in front of us. I'm proud of everybody on our team. Yesterday, (strategy) won us the race, and today we finished second."

JGR driver Erik Jones ran third, posting his best finish of the season. Chase Elliott and Aric Almirola were fourth and fifth, respectively,

followed by Matt DiBenedetto, William Byron, Clint Bowyer, Alex Bowman and Truex.

Saturday's fourth-place finisher, Sunoco rookie Christopher Bell, ran third in Stage 1 of Sunday's event. Then his race fell apart. Bell spun out of control in the Tunnel Turn on Lap 39, backed hard into the outside wall in the short chute and shortened his car by about three feet.

"I was kind of rolling out there by myself, and I had a good gap between the guy in front of me and behind me, and it just stepped out getting into turn two there," said Bell, who retired from the race and finished 39th.

"It's disappointing, but I'm really happy with the speed that we've had these last couple weeks. Obviously, yesterday here we were really fast, and we had another great car today, so these guys keep bringing really fast Rheem Camrys to the racetrack, and we'll have good shows."

As the race approached the end of Stage 2, Kyle Busch spun in Turn 2 after contact from Ryan Blaney's Ford. Busch's No. 18 Toyota nosed into the inside wall, destroying the car. The accident kept Busch winless—and frustrated—through 15 races of the 2020 sea-

son.

"The guys did an amazing job from yesterday to today," said Busch, who finished fifth on Saturday but never contended for the win. "I guess it proves that, if you get a little practice time in, we are going to be a force to be reckoned with, so hopefully life gets back to normal eventually.

"But we are in 2020, so it doesn't surprise me getting crashed out of the lead. The M&M's Camry was pretty fast today. Adam (Stevens, crew chief) and the guys did a great job. It's just very frustrating and unfortunate. I know what happened, but it doesn't make any sense to talk about it. It will just come across in a bad way."

Notes: It was a better day for Chevrolet—three Camaros, all fielded by Hendrick Motorsports, finished in the top 10. In Saturday's first leg of the unprecedented doubleheader there were no Chevys in the top 10... Harvick increased his series lead to 52 points over 22nd-place finisher Blaney... Almirola posted his fourth straight top 10... Kurt Busch won the 30-lap first stage wire-to-wire. Brad Keselowski won Stage 2... The start of the race was delayed by lightning, and rain interrupted the first stage after six laps were complete.



Race winner Denny Hamlin is all smiles after he exits his #11 FedEx Toyota at Pocono Raceway Sunday afternoon. (PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Kevin Harvick Holds Off Denny Hamlin for First Pocono Win

Benefiting from a two-tire pit stop with 36 laps left, Kevin Harvick held off charging Denny Hamlin over the final green-flag run to win for the first time at Pocono Raceway.

Harvick crossed the finish line in Saturday's Pocono Organics 325 .761 seconds ahead of Hamlin to post his third victory of the season - tying Hamlin for the NASCAR Cup Series lead - and the 52nd of his career, 12th most all-time.

"We weren't where we needed to be to start the race and lost a bunch of track position, but we came back and made some great strategy calls to get in clean air and get out front and make some good laps," said Harvick, who led the final 17 laps after pit stops were complete. "It's great to finally check Pocono off the list.

On Lap 94, Harvick entered the

pits behind Aric Almirola, but with a two-tire stop, he swapped positions with his Stewart-Haas Racing teammate, who needed four tires on the same stop. After pit stops cycled out, Harvick had the lead, Hamlin was second, and Almirola was far behind in third.

After the flip-flop of positions on pit road, Harvick was confident the two-tire strategy would pay dividends.

"I knew when we came out of the pits, and they told me how big of a lead we had (over Almirola)," Harvick said. "I saw the 11 (Hamlin) come out of the pits, and he was in second... He caught us a little in traffic, but I knew I could be pretty patient with the gap we had.

"As I started to see everything cycle out and see with the track position we had with the fresher tires, you could kind of start to put it together in your mind as we started to run through the last stage and cars started to have to pit. Just a great call by (crew chief) Rodney

Childers and all the guys up on the pit box for having the right strategy and getting us to Victory Lane."

Though he led a race-high 61 laps and won the second stage, Almirola rolled across the stripe in third, 15.224 seconds behind Harvick's No. 4 Ford.

"We opted to score a lot of points (in the stages), and that probably hurt us on strategy a little bit, but I'm really proud of Buga (crew chief Mike Bugarewicz) and these (crew) guys," said Almirola, who also finished third last Sunday at Talladega.

"They've been bringing some awesome race cars. I felt like we were tit-for-tat there with the 4 (Harvick) when we were on older tires and in clean air... We're trying to keep the momentum going—three top fives in a row. I'm really proud of my race team."

Even though his car picked up a severe vibration in the late going, Hamlin whittled Harvick's lead from more than two seconds to less than .3 seconds, as Harvick worked traffic late in the 130-lap event at the 2.5-mile triangular track.

"With about 15 or 20 (laps) to go, the vibration just got really, really bad," Hamlin said. "It still would have been tough to pass. Even though we got there, it would have

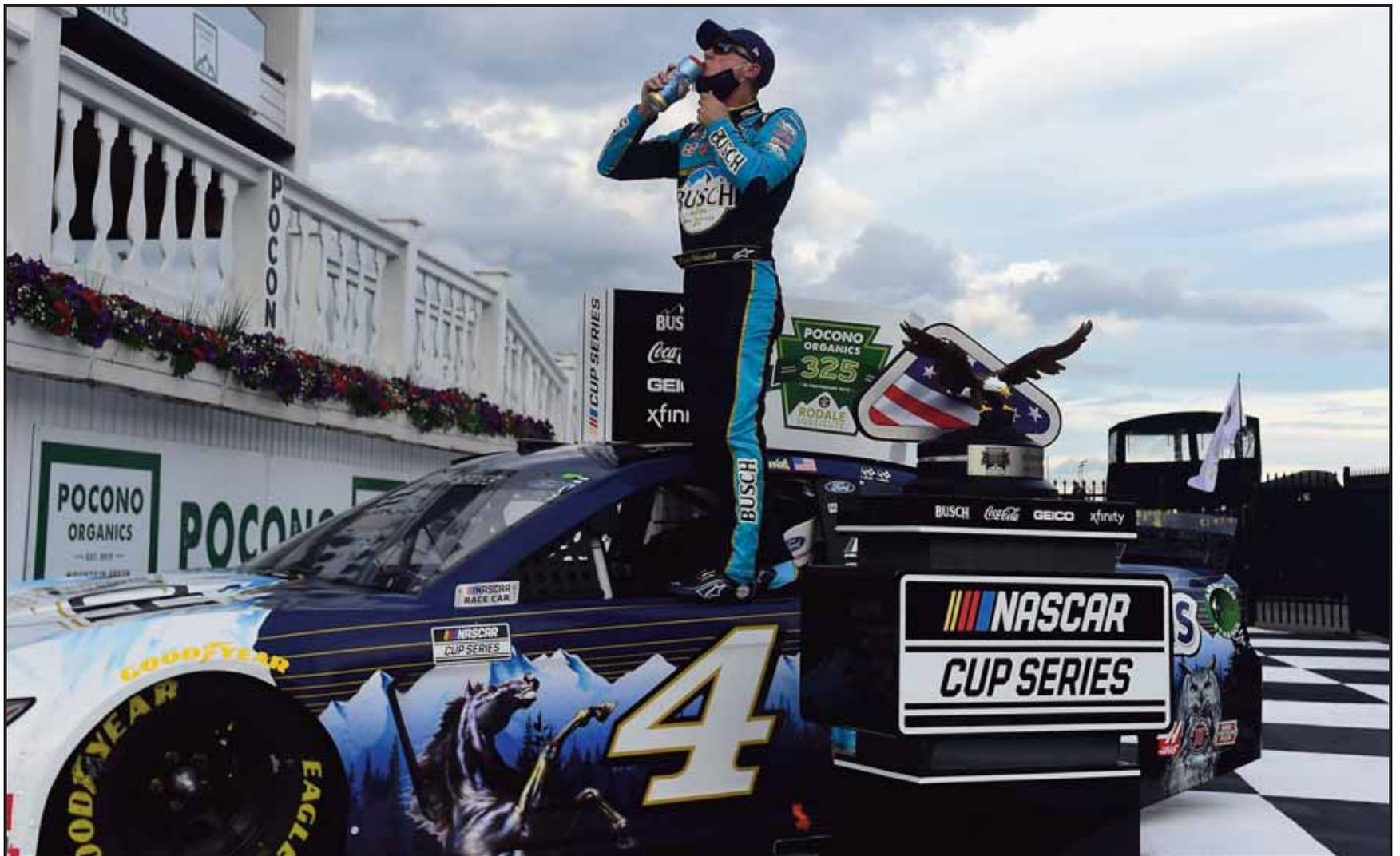
been tough to get around him."

Sunoco rookie Christopher Bell posted a career-best fourth-place finish, followed by Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. Clint Bowyer, Michael McDowell, Brad Keselowski and Chris Buescher completed the top 10.

Cup drivers will race 350 miles at Pocono on Sunday in the same cars they used on Saturday—with the exception of those needing backups because of damage. The Pocono 350 will be the final event in an unprecedented tripleheader, with the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series starting the action in the rain-postponed Pocono Organics 150 at 9:30 a.m. ET.

The Pocono Green 225 NASCAR Xfinity Series race will follow at 12:30 p.m., followed by the Cup event at 4 p.m. Never before have all three of NASCAR's top touring series raced at the same track on the same day. All three races will be broadcast on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

With the starting order for Sunday's Cup race determined by inverting the top 20 finishers from Saturday, Ryan Preece will start on the pole, and Harvick will take the green from 20th.



Kevin Harvick finds a way to enjoy a celebratory beer with face mask after winning the Saturday Pocono race. (JARED TILTON/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Chase Briscoe Rallies for Overtime NASCAR Xfinity Win at Pocono

Chase Briscoe recovered from a pit road speeding penalty and a spin with 21 laps left to pick up his fourth NASCAR Xfinity Series victory of the season in Sunday's Pocono Green 225.

In a race that went to overtime after a record ninth caution at 2.5-mile Pocono Raceway, Briscoe surrendered the lead to Ross Chastain in Turn 1 after the final restart but reclaimed the top spot in the Tunnel Turn and finished 1.015 seconds ahead of the No. 10 Chevrolet a lap-and-a-half later.

The victory, Briscoe's first at Pocono and the sixth of his career, left the driver of the No. 98 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford halfway to his stated goal of at least eight wins this season.

"We were really not that good at the beginning. We kind of struggled and didn't have the speed I really anticipated to have here," Briscoe said. "Zippy (crew chief Greg Zpadelli) and the guys kept working on it, kept getting it better and better. We had the lead there, after I sped on put road.

"I was a little worried, but, fortunately, a lot of the good cars got torn up and made it a little bit eas-

ier to get back through the field. Me and Ross, it was pretty fun. He's one of the hardest guys to race against and pass... We're halfway to eight, so hopefully we can keep going."

In the final Xfinity Dash 4 Cash event, runner-up Chastain claimed the \$100,000 bonus as the highest finisher among four eligible drivers

made Briscoe's job easier by taking out the race's dominant car, the No. 22 Team Penske Ford of Austin Cindric, who won the first stage and finished second in Stage 2. The accident also damaged the JR Motorsports cars of Gragson, Justin Allgaier and Daniel Hemric.

"I knew that I was getting a big push from behind," said Snider, who escaped damage in the wreck and finished a career-best fourth. "I had a run coming on the 9 (Gragson), but I knew we were going to fall off real fast, so I started lifting up, but the guy behind me didn't. So you can kind of see me squirreling around the whole time, and

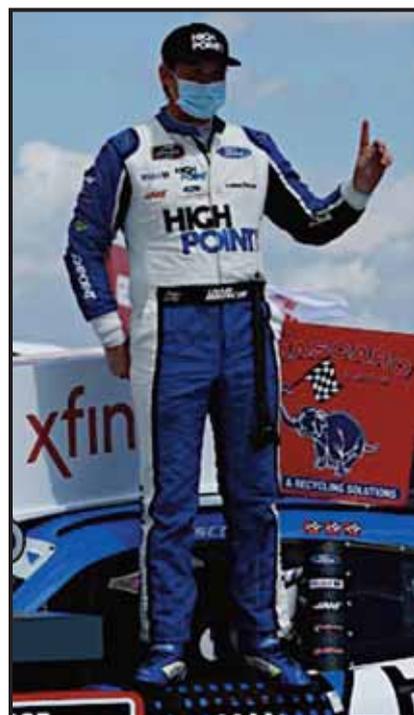
didn't make it through the first corner of the Xfinity event that followed.

With a tap from Austin Cindric in a three-wide situation in Turn 1, Jones spun off the corner and slammed into the inside wall, destroying his No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota.

"Ultimately, you make up spots on these restarts, so we were trying to go three-wide and get them early," Jones said. "But, obviously, you have to have a little give and take. It's just early. It doesn't take much when you get three-wide to get pushed around. But from my vantage point, we got hit in the



Chase Briscoe exits his racer to celebrate with his crew after winning the Pocono Green 225 race at Pocono Raceway Sunday. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)



Chase Briscoe acknowledges his first win at Pocono in victory lane. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)

for the second straight week—and the third straight for his team, Kaulig Racing.

But Chastain nevertheless rued his second-place result for the second straight week, especially after taking the short-lived lead from Briscoe in the two-lap sprint to the finish.

"We did everything right," Chastain said. "Got a good push that we needed cleared him into (Turn) 1. It's tough to be upset with second, but I am. I'm so proud of Kaulig Racing... I know how lucky I am, but, man, it's the memories we take with us—not the money."

Leading the race on lap 69, Briscoe spun when his left rear tire went flat. But the 25-year-old from Mitchell, Ind., kept his car off the wall and worked his way forward from 11th after the subsequent restart.

A six-car wreck on Lap 53, triggered by contact between the cars of Myatt Snider and Noah Gragson,

I'm trying slow down, but I just couldn't stop.

"I hate that it got so many involved with it, but it ended up being a great day for us. We're up front leading laps, and we had a chance to win there. It came down to experience for me. I've only had a few races with this RCR (Richard Childress Racing) car. It's got speed. I've just got to get myself a little more consistent."

Jeremy Clements ran third, his best result since winning on the Road America road course in 2017. Michael Annett came home fifth, followed by second-stage winner Allgaier (who regained a lost lap after the wreck), Brett Moffitt, Timmy Hill, Riley Herbst and Jesse Little.

Briscoe regained the series lead by three points over Gragson, who finished 22nd, one lap down.

Brandon Jones, who won Sunday morning's NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series race,

back...

"We had a really good positive. We won the truck race. I had high hopes for this race, too."

Fourteen laps and two cautions later, Jones' Joe Gibbs Racing teammate, Harrison Burton wiped out at the exit of Turn 1 in oil spilled by Brandon Brown when his engine expired. Knocked out of the race, Burton shrugged off the collision with the inside wall.

"I was racing with the 1 (Michael Annett) and felt good, and it just instantly came around," said Burton, who has crashed out of two straight races after opening the season with a record 10 straight top 10s, including two wins. "That's a weird place to come around. That hit looked harder than it was, so I'm all right.

"Thankful that my team built safe racecars. I've unfortunately tested that out twice this year. Bummer, but we'll be back and hopefully win some more."

Brandon Jones Grabs First NASCAR Gander Truck Series Win on Final Lap

Brandon Jones held off Sheldon Creed during a fierce two-lap battle Sunday morning at Pocono Raceway and pulled away to win the rain-delayed Pocono Organics 150 at the 2.5-mile triangular track.

Jones sealed his first NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series victory when Sheldon Creed's Chevrolet got loose in the Tunnel Turn as he and Jones were racing side-by-side for the lead. Jones pulled out to a comfortable advantage through Turn 3 and arrived at the finish line with a .864-second margin over runner-up Austin Hill, who charged past Creed in the final

Despite driving for Kyle Busch Motorsports, whose equipment is arguably the best in the Truck Series, Jones said the expectations to win weren't that weighty.

"It's not really that much pressure, honestly," Jones said. "There's so much they provide for us. We were all on a call with him (owner Kyle Busch) last night after the Cup race. He gave us so much information that led to this win today."

Jones inherited the lead from teammate Christian Eckes on Lap 49, when Eckes blew a right rear tire in the Tunnel Turn and smacked the outside wall. The root cause of the incident may have been earlier contact between Eckes' Toyota and Chase Purdy's

They said everything was clear... We could never really get track position. We finally got there and blew a tire."

Todd Gilliland and Ben Rhodes finished fourth and fifth, respectively. Ross Chastain, Brett Moffitt, Stewart Friesen, Tyler Ankrum and Derek Kraus completed the top 10.

After the record-tying ninth caution of the race for Tim Viens' spin in Turn 1,

Creed led the next-to-last lap, but Jones pulled even before the trucks got back to the first corner. Jones and Creed raced side-by-side until Creed lost traction and momentum in the Tunnel Turn.

Reigning and three-time series champion Matt Crafton didn't make it through the first corner of the first lap. Contact between the Chevrolets of Austin Wayne Self and Codie Rohrbaugh sent Rohrbaugh's truck sliding out of control up the track into Crafton's No. 88 Ford, knocking Crafton into the outside wall.

Rohrbaugh and Crafton were eliminated seconds after the race began and retired in the 39th and

side (the care center).

"Then he went and got me in the left rear and spun me. Wrong place, wrong time, so move on to Kentucky."

The field didn't make it through the next restart lap on Lap 6 either.

Raphael Lessard's No. 4 Toyota took evasive action in Turn 3, clipped the infield grass with his left-side tires and shot up the track into Self's Silverado, knocking both trucks out of the race.

"I tried to go on the inside of the 24 (Chase Purdy), and he was kind of slow, and then (he) just kind of blocked me a little bit," Lessard said. "And I just kind of smacked the fence there."

On Lap 12, Ty Majeski—running third after starting 19th—tried to block Grant Enfinger's Ford on the frontstretch and paid a heavy price, nosing hard into the inside SAFER barrier. Before the 15-lap first stage was over, five of the 40 trucks were out of the race.

Notes: Rescheduled from Saturday because of rain the race was the opening leg in a first-ever NASCAR tripleheader in which all



Brandon Jones is happy with his first win in the truck series with his victory at Pocono Raceway. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)

corner.

"That was a heck of a battle," said Jones, a full-time NASCAR Xfinity competitor who has won twice in that series. "I know it was fun to watch on TV—it was really fun for me there."

Chevrolet on pit road.

"It sucks, for sure," said Eckes, who was 11 laps away from winning his first race in the series. "Probably caused by me. We had a little contact on pit road. It might have created a rub—I don't know.

40th positions, respectively.

"My spotter said, 'Three-wide, three-wide,' and I thought I gave him enough room," Crafton said after exiting the infield care center. "He got clipped in the left rear. That's what he was telling me in-

three of the top touring series would race on the same track on the same day... Creed led the first 30 laps and won the first two stages wire-to-wire but didn't lead again until he took the top spot on Lap 59 of 60.

It's Ty Gibbs' Party at Pocono

POCONO, PA - Once Ty Gibbs got out front, it was game over.

The 17-year-old North Carolina driver dominated the General Tire #ANYWHEREISPOSSIBLE 200 at Pocono Raceway Friday en route to his third career ARCA Menards Series win.

To get the victory, Gibbs out-ran runner up Chandler Smith and third-place Sam Mayer, who were celebrating their 18th and 17th birthdays, respectively, on race day.

Two weeks after he held off Mayer at Ohio's Toledo Speedway in the ARCA Menards Series East, Gibbs was even better in his No. 18

Monster/Terrible Herbst/ORCA Toyota; his margin of victory on the 2.5-mile tri-oval was 2.314 seconds. It was Gibbs' sixth win in the ARCA Menards, East and West series in just 21 starts.

Gibbs is also the 28th consecutive different ARCA Menards winner at Pocono, a streak that dates back to 2006 and includes current NASCAR Cup Series drivers Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Joey Logano, Ty Dillon, Chase Elliott and Cole Custer.

Chandler Smith, who was fastest in practice earlier in the day, passed Mayer late to take the second spot but could not run down Gibbs.

Bret Holmes finished fourth and championship points leader Michael Self was fifth.

Hailie Deegan, Derek Griffith, Drew Dollar, Ryan Huff and Scott



Ty Gibbs celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the the General Tire #AnywhereisPossible 200 for the ARCA Menards Series at Pocono Raceway. (Adam Glanzman/ARCA Racing photo)

Melton rounded out the top 10.

Self was able to improve his points lead to 15 on Dollar and 16 on Deegan after four races. Holmes, who picked up his second straight top five in ARCA Menards Series is 24 back of Self.

The General Tire #ANYWHEREISPOSSIBLE 200 aired live on FS1.

The ARCA Menards Series will be back on track for the Calypso Lemonade 200 at Lucas Oil Raceway on Friday, July 3, 2020.

Utah Doubleheader Produces Pair of First-Time Winners

TOOELE, UT - Jesse Love and Blaine Perkins stepped into rides with long pedigrees of success for the 2020 season, and they both showed Saturday they have the racing skills to live up to the lofty standards.

In a unique doubleheader at Utah Motorsports Campus, the ARCA Menards Series West returned to racing with ENEOS/Sunrise Ford Twins presented by West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame.

The results was a pair of first-time winners.

Love powered the No. 19 NAPA Power Premium Plus Toyota past Perkins on a early race restart en route to the win in the first 30-lap race. And then Perkins made sure Love never had a chance to do it again, as he paced the field for the entire 30 laps in the second race in the No. 9 Sunrise Ford/Four Star Fruit/Lucas Oil Ford.

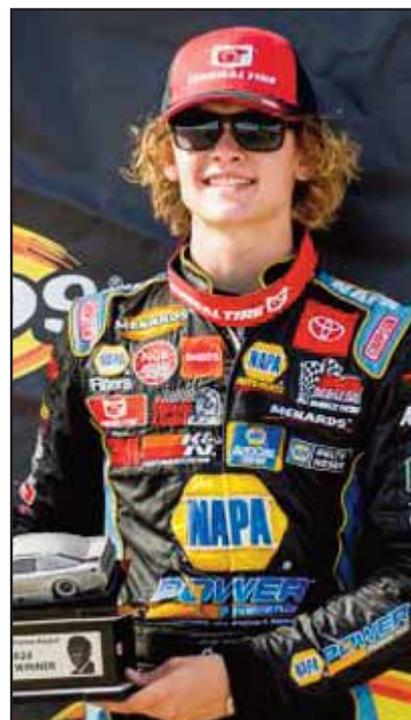
Perkins also collected his first two career General Tire Pole Awards.

He earned the first in qualifying earlier in the day Saturday on the 2.2-mile road course.

But Love, who qualified third, quickly moved up to put pressure on Perkins. The 15-year-old from

Menlo Park, California, used the outside groove on a Lap 8 restart to get around Perkins and take over the top spot.

Perkins wound up going off course late in the race, opening the



Jesse Love poses with the Marcum-France Award after winning the first ENEOS/Sunrise Ford Twins presented by West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame race for the ARCA Menards Series West at the Utah Motorsports Campus. (Isaac Hale/ARCA Racing photo)

door for Kris Wright — a road-course racer making his ARCA Menards debut — to grab a runner-up finish. Wright finished 1.154 seconds behind Love.

Love's Bill McAnally Racing teammate Gio Scelzi finished third, followed by Taylor Gray and Will Rodgers. Todd Souza, Gracie Trotter, Brian Kaminsky, Holley Hollan and Bobby Hillis Jr. rounded out the top 10.

Perkins wound up 11th. was able to quickly rebound. With the field for Race 2 set by a driver's fastest lap in Race 1, the 20-year-old from Bakersfield, California, collected his second pole of the day. Love also earned a front row starting spot. Perkins jumped out front of the drop of the green and never looked back, winning the second race by 9.398 seconds.

Wright finished third in the sec-

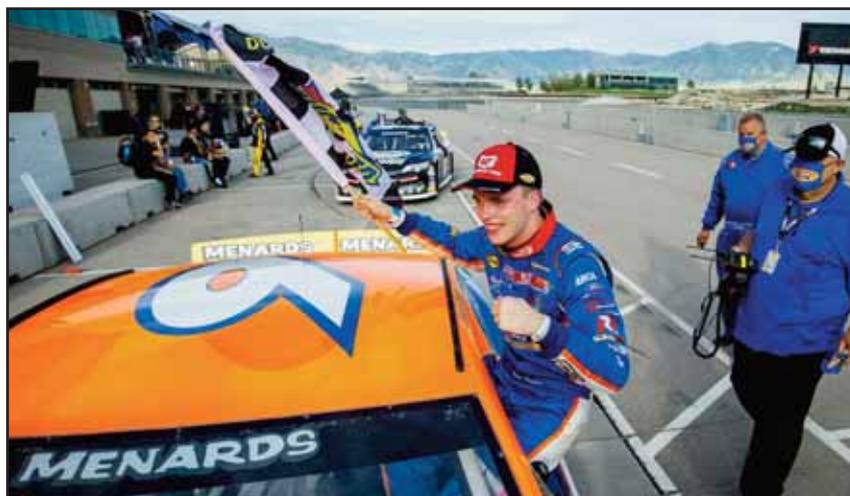
ond race, followed by Scelzi. Perkins' Sunrise Ford Racing teammate Trevor Huddleston rebounded from Race 1 issues to finished fifth.

Souza was sixth, followed by Trotter, Rodgers, Kaminsky and Hollan.

Love, who was second in the season opener, now has a nine-point lead in the championship race over Perkins. Scelzi is another nine points back in third, one ahead of Trotter and two in front of Souza.

The ENEOS/Sunrise Ford Twins presented by West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame aired live on Trackpass on NBC Gold, and is available in its entirety on demand.

The ARCA Menards Series will head next to southern California for the ENEOS 125 presented by NAPA Auto Parts at Irwindale Speedway on Saturday, July 4.



Blaine Perkins celebrates after winning the second ENEOS/Sunrise Ford Twins presented by West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame race for the ARCA Menards Series West at the Utah Motorsports Campus. (Isaac Hale/ARCA Racing photo)

Rowdy Manufacturing Super Late Model Challenge Could Shatter Payday Records

MOORESVILLE, NC - Even though the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed the start of the Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour season, two drivers are on a record-setting pace thanks to the Rowdy Manufacturing Super Late Model Challenge.

Championship contenders Matt Craig and Bubba Pollard have won the first two CARS Tour Super Late Model events. Both drivers are eligible for the Rowdy Manufacturing Super Late Model Challenge, which offers a \$5,000 cash bonus to the winner of select Super Late Model races on the 2020 schedule.

The pair will now travel north to the Jennerstown Speedway Complex in Jennerstown, Pennsylvania for the \$20,000-to-win Thomas Automotive American Freedom 300 on July 4. Through the first two Super Late Model races in the 2020 Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour, Craig and Pollard have earned nearly 20% of their total career earnings in CARS Tour competition.

In 2019, Matt Craig won over \$20,000 en route to the CARS Tour Super Late Model championship.

Bubba Pollard also earned over \$20,000 last season in four Super Late Model starts.

Craig and Pollard will battle with the best of the Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour and the ARCA/ CRA Super Series at Jennerstown in the Thomas Automotive American Freedom 300. The best Super Late Model drivers from the Carolinas will compete with the premier Super Late Model series in the Midwest over 200 laps to determine who will have the biggest Independence Day celebration at the half-mile track.

Tickets for the inaugural Thomas Automotive American Freedom 300 are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event. Kids 12 and under are free with a paid adult. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.carsracingtour.com.

Carteret County Speedway Postponed Until September 12

MOORESVILLE, NC - On Wednesday, June 24, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper extended Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan through July 17. As a result, the Solid Rock Carriers

CARS Tour event at Carteret County Speedway originally scheduled for July 11 has been postponed. The Solid Rock Carriers 125 for the CARS Late Model Stock Tour has been moved to September 12.

In lieu of the original Carteret County Speedway date, the Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour will hold an invitational event using the iRacing.com Motorsports Simulation at the virtual Myrtle Beach Speedway, to be broadcast on CARSTour.TV and Podium eSports' Twitch channel. More information on this event will be announced at a later date. The Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour is one of the premier short track series in the United States. Drivers compete in Late Model Stock Cars and Super Late Models at the best short tracks across the Carolinas, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia. The Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour can be found on Facebook at "CARS Tour", on Twitter @CARSTour, and on Instagram as @CARS_Tour. For more information, visit www.carsracingtour.com or call their Mooresville, NC offices at 704.662.9212.

Theme for Throwback 276 Placed on Hiatus for 2020

MOORESVILLE, NC - The Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour has announced that the throwback theme to the Throwback 276 at Hickory Motor Speedway will go on hiatus

for 2020. The August 1 race at Hickory Motor Speedway will be known as the Hickory Motor Speedway 250, with twin 125-lap races for the Late Model Stock Cars and Super Late Models.

"We thought long and hard about all the possibilities, but with the uncertainty that lies ahead surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic in North Carolina, we felt like this was the smartest decision," said CARS Tour Series Director Chris Ragle. "Part of what makes the Throwback 276 special are the chances fans have to meet legendary drivers, see the throwback paint schemes, and share the history of the sport with a sellout crowd at a historic track like Hickory. With all the restrictions in place across North Carolina, it would be difficult to offer the full Throwback 276 experience to fans and make it a successful event."

While there will be no Throwback theme at Hickory come August 1, there will still be a doubleheader for the Late Model Stock Cars and the Super Late Models. The CARS Tour made its first visit of the season to Hickory on June 13, which featured two thrilling races in front of empty grandstands.

"We are hopeful that by August 1, we will be able to have fans at the race track again in some capacity," said Ragle. "We may not have a sellout crowd, but if we can have some fans at the race track to put on a show for, that is a step back towards normal."

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Logan Schuchart Claims First AGCO Jackson Nationals Title

JACKSON, MN - Crown jewels dangled in front of Logan Schuchart throughout 2019 but were never close enough for him to grab.

He finished second in the Kings Royal at Eldora Speedway and then finished second at the Knoxville Nationals.

On Saturday night at the Jackson Motorplex, Schuchart fended off an assault of slide jobs and dive bombs throughout the 35-lap Feature to finally grab a crown jewel. He claimed the 42nd Annual Jackson Nationals title and the \$30,000 prize that came with it.

"It's awesome," Schuchart said about winning the AGCO Jackson Nationals. "We've been so close to a couple of them (crown jewel events). It's a huge win. Great for our team, without even thinking about the money. To win a race like this at a great facility with all of these great names here. To be able to win during these trying times in 2020 with everything that's going on and to get a big win is great for our team."

The win is his fourth of the season – second in a row at the 4/10-mile track – and 20th career World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series win.

The Hanover, PA driver entered the night as the points leader with his Shark Racing team for the event after a fourth-place finish and a win in the preliminary races.

He finished second in the DIRTVision Fast Pass King of the Hill Dash behind winner Daryn Pittman, placing them on the front row of the 35-lap Feature.

Schuchart darted ahead of Pittman at the start of the Feature, bringing two-time and defending Jackson Nationals champion Brad Sweet and Sheldon Haudenschild along with him. The next 30 laps became a summer blockbuster worthy of an Oscar nomination.

The lead officially changed hand six times throughout the event – not counting every time Schuchart, Sweet and Haudenschild swapped the lead before crossing the finish line. Haudenschild stole the lead from Schuchart in lap traffic on Lap 10. However, a red flag for Parker Price-Miller's flip in Turn 1 put Hau-

denschild and Schuchart side by side on the restart.

Unwilling to lose another crown jewel event, Schuchart timed the restart perfect and powered his way around the outside of Haudenschild to reclaim the lead. But Haudenschild, who is winless this year, was just as hungry for the victory. He charged his way back around Schuchart the next lap.

Their duel of the fates was not yet over. Schuchart threw a slide job on Haudenschild going into Turn 1 and reclaimed the lead on Lap 13. And this time, he was able to pull away, running the high line. Haudenschild fell victim to Sweet, as well.

With Schuchart in the lead, Sweet second and Haudenschild third, the three drivers ran single file around the top of the track for about the next 10 laps.

Once the Feature was under 10 laps to go and Schuchart again caught slower traffic, Sweet and Haudenschild closed in.

Like fighter jets playing war games, seeing how close they can dive around each other without touching, the three drivers swapped lanes every corner to try and get an advantage on the other.

Haudenschild and Sweet almost made contact exiting Turn 4, forcing Haudenschild over the cushion with eight laps to go. He faded to the clutches of Pittman, while Sweet went after Schuchart.

"The Big Cat" pounced on Schuchart and edged him for the lead on Lap 29, but Schuchart dove into Turn 1 and slid ahead of Sweet for the final time. With tires wearing down, the reigning Series champion had nothing more for Schuchart. The Drydene #1S drove away with one of the biggest wins in his career.

"It's tough when you get guys like that, that are so good," Schuchart said about having to race Sweet and Haudenschild for the win. "Sheldon is going to pound the top down and take his shots. He can pull a slider from way far away. And I knew Brad was going to be coming at the end. You just have to keep your composure with those guys. You just have to hit your marks and not get overly excited."

Sweet finished on the podium all three nights of the 2020 AGCO Jackson Nationals, including a win



Logan Schuchart (center) celebrates with Bobby Allen (left) in victory lane after winning his first AGCO Jackson Nationals. (Trent Gower photo)

on the first night. However, he had to settle for another runner-up finish with his Kasey Kahne Racing team.

"I went really hard there in the middle of the race and kind of used my one shot to get by Logan and didn't make it stick," said Sweet, of Grass Valley, CA. "He did a good job. I think he was able to set a nice pace out front and able to save his tires, while I tried to stay close."

"There's some nights you just can't get it done. NAPA Auto Parts guys gave me a good car. We're working hard. It's competitive out here right now. We'll take a second and try to get better next week."

Pittman was able to get around Haudenschild to finish third – his second podium finish in a row.

"We just got some work to do and got beat by, arguably, the two best cars on the tour this year," said Pittman, of Owasso, OK. "We're making gains."

Haudenschild finished fourth in his NOS Energy Drink Stenhouse Jr.-Marshall Racing car – his ninth top-10 finish in a row this year. David Gravel rounded out the top-five.

Ten-time Series champion and 2018 Jackson Nationals champion Donny Schatz ended the night eighth – his second top-10 finish in a row with his Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing team after four straight races outside the top-10.

Carson Macedo earned the KSE Racing Hard Charger award in his Kyle Larson Racing #2 car with his run from 18th to ninth. He's now tied with Schuchart for the second most top-10 finishes, so far, this season with 14.

Now, with a crown jewel win under his belt, Schuchart said it only gives he and his team more confidence going forward this year.

UP NEXT: The World of Outlaws

NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series returns to Cedar Lake Speedway July 2-4 for a three-day Independence Day mega event with the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models. Saturday's event will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

If you can't make it to the event, all three nights will be broadcast live on DIRTvision, as well.

Logan Schuchart Ends Long Night at Jackson Motorplex with Big Win

JACKSON, MN - Aside from the medal around his neck and a few drops of sweat sliding down his face, you'd never be able to tell Logan Schuchart just endured a six-hour marathon.

The Hanover, PA driver not only survived a double World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series Feature night at the 4/10-mile Jackson Motorplex on Friday, he ended the night as the top driver.

After finishing fourth in round one of the 42nd Annual AGCO Jackson Nationals at the beginning of the night, Schuchart came back stronger in round two and won by close to five seconds. He now goes into Saturday's AGCO Jackson Nationals \$30,000-to-win finale with a 22-point lead over Daryn Pittman for the title.

"It feels good," said Schuchart about his point lead in the crown jewel event. "With the different format you never know if you should sandbag or try to start on the pole. That's a tough equation to figure that out. You see some cars miss it when they try and do that. We tried to go as fast as we could every time we hit the racetrack. It's paid off for us. We're going to be up front in

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this thing.”

He picked up valuable points throughout the night with runner-up finishes in his Drydene Heat Race and the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash – placing him on the outside pole for the Feature.

When the green flag waved to start the 25-lap event, Schuchart got a bad start, allowing polesitter Jason Sides to pull away and Daryn

Pittman to sneak underneath him. He saw an opening to charge back around both of them off Turn 2, though. While riding the high side of the track, Schuchart ran both of them down by the center of the corner. However, the opening he saw closed when Sides slid up the track and blocked his lane. Sides' mistake allowed Pittman to dart out front.

Schuchart made his way by Sides shortly after and began to hunt Pittman down. He could inch closer to the Roth Enterprises #83 car every lap, but never enough to the point where he could make a run at Pittman. The two cars were about equal in speed.

That changed on Lap 9 when Pittman slid off Turn 2 while trying to pass a slower car and allowed Schuchart bolt by him for the lead. From then on, there was nothing Pittman could do. The Drydene #1S quickly put about a straightaway distance between them and continued to grow it every lap.

Pittman and third-place Brad Sweet, who won round one early in the day, were left to try and maintain their podium positions.

When Schuchart crossed the finish line, he had a 4.7 sec. lead over Pittman.

For Pittman, the runner-up finish is a welcomed solid run for he and his Roth Motorsports team, who are building momentum with a top-five at Tri-State Speedway last weekend and now a top-10 and runner-up finish at Jackson Motorplex.

Schuchart's Shark Racing teammate Jacob Allen and 10-time Series champion Donny Schatz also had needed runs. Allen won the Last Chance Showdown and then charged from 21st to ninth. Schatz finished fifth – their first top-five and top-10 in four races.

While the first two legs of the AGCO Jackson Nationals champi-

onship marathon is over and Schuchart has a sizable lead, he knows completing the final leg on Saturday and winning his first Nationals title won't be an easy task with Pittman 22 points back in second and reigning Jackson Nationals champion Sweet 32 points back in third.

Brad Sweet Wins First Round of AGCO Jackson Nationals

JACKSON, MN - After losing a win by inches last week, reigning champion Brad Sweet dominates the first of two Features Friday night for the 42 Annual AGCO Jackson Nationals.

Sweet, the two-time and defending AGCO Jackson Nationals champion, won his fourth World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series Feature at the 4/10-mile Jackson Motorplex before having to turn around and run another Feature later in the night.

“We were slow in qualifying and had to make up for it,” said Sweet, “Luckily we got the win.”

Thursday night's program was halted by rain and pushed to Friday evening before the official second night of the AGCO Jackson Nationals kicked off.

Sweet had made his way into the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash with a second-place run in his Drydene Heat Race. He then went on to secure another runner-up finish behind winner Austin McCarl in the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash – placing him on the outside pole for the 25-lap Feature.

When Feature went green, after a red flag on the initial start for Mark Dobmeier flipping in Turn 2, Sweet snuck to the outside of Austin McCarl and drove around him in Turns 3 and 4 to claim the lead on the first lap. From then on, it was “The Big Cat's” show.

Sweet pulled away to about a straightaway lead over McCarl by the second lap of the race. He hit lap traffic on Lap 6, but the slower cars didn't faze him. While McCarl was able to knock off a tenth of a second here and there when lap cars blocked the track in front of Sweet, the NAPA Auto Parts #49 gained those tenths back and more once he found clean air.

Shane Stewart had an impressive run going in his Feature debut in Guy Forbrook's #5 car, running third for most of the race. But on Lap 13 he had an issue and had to pull off track. It was a big enough issue to end his entire night. That moved Matt Juhl, who won at Jack-

son Motorplex in a 360-c.i. Sprint Car the week before, into third.

Neither Juhl or McCarl had anything for Sweet in the closing laps. He pulled his Kasey Kasey Racing car into Victory Lane for the fifth time this year with the World of Outlaws.

McCarl finished second and Juhl rounded out the podium – career best World of Outlaws runs for the two drivers.

World of Outlaws Deploy First-in-Sports COVID-19 Screening

NEW RICHMOND, WI - When fans attend next week's World of Outlaws three-day mega-event July 2-3-4 on the high-banks of Cedar Lake Speedway, track and race series officials will not only be giving them a double dose of the Greatest Show on Dirt, but a preview into the future of sports and live events with state-of-the-art walk-through screeners and free at-track COVID-19 testing.

The Independence Day Weekend celebration of speed featuring \$274,000 in prize money – the first major sporting event in America contested in front of a capacity-crowd since sports were shut down in March by the pandemic – features three nights of the 900hp winged-warriors of the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Cars and door-banging stock cars of the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models. Located just 30 minutes East of Minneapolis, incidence rates of the virus in heavenly St. Croix County, Wis., are well below national benchmarks.

Still, the World of Outlaws and Cedar Lake Speedway have partnered with IMPACT Health, a trusted national biometric screening and testing provider, award-winning experiential event firm NEXT Marketing, and Soter Technologies, developers of SymptomSense, an advanced, non-invasive, airport-style biometric walk-through scanner that in a matter of seconds aggregates risk factors associated with COVID. Dr. Jack Faircloth MD, a COVID response expert who has played an integral role in the ‘Return to Racing’ will be available to fans on-site and will be coordinating with area healthcare professionals. The result is a 360-degree approach to the screening of fans and participants before they enter the facility.

“We have been working behind-the-scenes with world-class providers to deliver some comfort and a small sense of normalcy in-

side the gates at Cedar Lake Speedway,” World of Outlaws CMO Ben Geisler said. “The process will be simple and quick. While the screening technology is state-of-the-art, it is actually faster and easier than a metal detector, and the 15-minute free COVID testing won't look much different than the free health screenings that might take place at nearby Mall of America.”

Prior to entering the venue, fans will pass through screeners set to detect potential COVID warning signs, generating a red light/green light. A green light will proceed through the gates while a red light will trigger a consult with a licensed medical professional. Fans receiving a red light will have the choice of having a free COVID test administered with results available in about 15 minutes, or opting out and receiving a complimentary DIRTVision subscription to watch the races from home.

The event itself, which is similar to the championship-crowning Can-Am World Finals at the Dirt Track at Charlotte, will span three-days beginning Thursday, July 2, with Qualifying and unique \$3,000 to win Features for each Series. Friday and Saturday will each include Heat Races, Last Chance Showdowns and a pair of \$20,000-to-win, \$1,000-to-start Features, one for each Series.

“Independence Day celebrates the birth of our great nation, and we look forward to honoring that as part of our ‘Return to Racing’ in front of a capacity crowd,” World of Outlaws CEO Brian Carter said. “When the energy of a full grandstand combines with 25,000 horsepower, I still get goosebumps and I can't wait for the fireworks on the track and after the races.”

The event will be broadcast on DIRTVision, with all three huge nights included with a Fast Pass subscription. CBS Sports Network will air a 2-hour Features-only special presentation LIVE at 9pm ET on Saturday, July 4.

Tickets and on-site camping are available at CedarLakeSpeedway.com. A three-day advance reserved ticket is \$119; a two-day advance reserved ticket is \$99. Single-day walk-up tickets will start at just \$29 for Thursday and \$49 for Friday and Saturday on a first-come, first-served basis. Kids 12-and-under are FREE in general admission. Camping is just \$50 for the entire weekend.

For the latest news visit WorldOfOutlaws.com, DIRTVision.com and follow on social media channels.

Dillard Dominates the Firecracker for \$30,000 Win

SARVER, PA - Cade Dillard had about 30,000 reasons to smile on Saturday night.

Leading every lap of the 14th annual Firecracker, the Robeline, La. native picked up the biggest win of his blossoming career at Lernerville Speedway. Showing up with big money on the line, Dillard has

now won \$15,000 and \$30,000 in his two career victories with the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series.

"This is unreal," Dillard exclaimed in victory lane. "I really don't know what to say right now. This whole deal is a dream come true. I never in a million years thought that something like this could happen to me."

Already one of the weekend's top performers, Dillard entered Saturday's finale with preliminary finishes of second on Thursday and fourth on Friday, earning him the pole position of a Team Drydene heat race. From there, he ran off with the ten-lapper and joined Scott Bloomquist, Darrell Lanigan and Mike Norris in the Morton Buildings redraw. However, the crown jewel drama was brewing when Bloomquist's No. 0 was found with an illegal part in post-race tech, DQ'ing him.

Pulling the lucky one pill, Dillard drew the pole position with Mike Norris of Sarver, Pa. to his outside. Once the green flag dropped, the route was on. While Dillard saw a handful of legitimate challenges from Darrell Lanigan and Max Blair, the control that the MB Customs No. 97 had on the race lead was never seriously questioned.

"I didn't want to see those cautions, that's for sure," Dillard noted. "I felt like I got in a good rhythm before that last one and it just seemed like they kept coming and coming. I don't know how, but somehow I was able to stay fairly calm."

Going side-by-side with Lanigan on a few occasions around the midpoint of the 50-lapper, Dillard only stepped up his game with each challenge. Keeping his cool with big money on the line, Saturday's race along with his \$15,000 January triumph at Vado, continue to serve as the turning point of Dillard's crown jewel career.

To this day, he still uses the 2019 USA Nationals as his motivation. Dillard led the opening 60 laps of that \$50,000-to-win race before fading to 13th at the end.

"I've given some of these big races away by just not being good enough at the end," stated a relieved Dillard. "The USA Nationals last year is still a hard pill to swallow, because we were so good for so long." "Everybody has worked so hard to get to this point, and I know we've still got a long way to go. This is all pretty humbling though. I can't believe everything I've been blessed with over the years.

After going back-and-forth all race long, Max Blair of Centerville, Pa. ended up with a runner-up result as the highest-finishing Pennsylvanian in the 2020 Firecracker. Even after his third-career World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series win on Thursday and a second-place effort tonight, the results are still surprising to the humble driver of the Rocket Chassis No. 111.

"I can't believe how competitive we were all weekend," said Blair. "I don't get to race against these guys often, let alone be this competitive with them when I do. It's a lot of fun. I hate how Thursday night ended still, but I'm excited for a second tonight. I didn't have anything for the 97 and honestly I didn't have anything for Lanigan either, but he got over the cushion there and I was able to sneak by him.

Rounding out the podium after running second for most of the 50-lapper was Darrell Lanigan of Union, Ky. aboard his Barry Wright Race Cars No. 29V. His stellar suc-



Cade Dillard celebrates in victory lane after leading every lap of the 14th Annual Firecracker at Lernerville Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

cess at the Firecracker continued with Saturday marking his eighth top five in the Pennsylvania crown jewel.

"I thought we might've had something for Cade early on, but man he never messed up," Lanigan thought. "I've always loved coming here though. We always seem to run good here, so maybe next years we'll get that win again.

Rounding out the top ten behind Dillard, Blair and Lanigan was Dennis Erb Jr., Mike Norris, Brandon Sheppard, Chris Madden, Ricky Weiss, Ashton Winger, and Chub Frank.

The World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series will resume their 2020 season next weekend with an Independence Day Spectacular at Wisconsin's Cedar Lake Speedway on Thursday-Saturday, July 2-3-4. Racing alongside the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series, both divisions will come together for an epic three-day showdown with full fans in attendance. Thursday's program will serve as

qualifying with Friday and Saturday both offering \$20,000-to-win, \$1,000-to-start features. Saturday's finale is scheduled to air LIVE on CBS Sports Network.

Sheppard Finds Redemption with Victory on Firecracker Friday

SARVER, PA - Less than 24 hours after Thursday's preliminary win was ruthlessly ripped from his grasp in the final corner, Brandon Sheppard of New Berlin, Ill. got his vengeance in the best way possible; by winning.

Drawing the pole position after he was QuickTime in his group and won his heat race, Sheppard piloted the Rocket1 Racing, Valvoline No. 1 to a dominant Friday night win at the Firecracker by leading all 25 laps around the Lernerville Speedway. His conquest at the Sarver, Pa. 4/10th-mile marked his 60th career World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series feature win.

"This track was definitely a lot different than what I'm used to, but we were still really good," noted Sheppard on the conditions. "I could run the middle-to-high real well, didn't try the bottom too much, but I felt comfortable down there when I did. I think tonight says a lot for tomorrow, because the big race will probably be a little bit more slicker and I don't know if it will be this slick or not. I have a feeling we'll be between last night and tomorrow on the track. Either way, it's gonna be a great race."

While Sheppard paced the 25-lap feature from the pole, the Sarver, Pa. crowd had another front row hopeful to cheer for on Friday night. Going second-quick and winning his heat race, Boom Briggs

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After finishing second the night before, Brandon Sheppard raced his way to victory lane on Firecracker Friday, his 60th career win. (Paul Arch photo)

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put his Chub Frank Racing, CJ's Auto Transport, No. 99B on the outside pole of the feature; his best starting spot of the season with hopes of his first-career World of Outlaws Late Model Series win on the line.

Beginning a green-to-checked run, Sheppard immediately gained control of the top spot while Scott Bloomquist wrestled

the runner-up spot away from Briggs. While "The Rocket Shepp" raced into lap traffic at halfway, the battle behind him heated up as fourth-starter Mike Norris got his act together and came charging in the late running.

Passing Bloomquist for second on lap 15, "The Crusher Kid" began to track down Sheppard with ten laps remaining as the intensity picked up at Lernerville. Cutting his lead from 2.9-seconds to 1.2-seconds, it was evident that Norris was coming for Sheppard's lead (with the aid of lap traffic), but the laps were running out while Norris still had ground to make up.

In the end, Norris ran out of time in his pursuit for Sheppard, having to sit back and watch the No. 1 take the checkered flag and keep Norris winless in Firecracker preliminary action for the first time since 2017.

Surviving that late rally from Norris, a Friday night win for Sheppard not only meant a milestone career win with the World of Outlaws, but he also gave Steve Baker, Rocket Chassis co-owner, a birthday present with a trip to victory lane. Even after two championships, 60 career wins, and countless other accomplishments, the New Berlin, Ill. native is still thankful to this day for Baker and Mark Richards taking their chances on him.

Following Sheppard and Norris to the strip on Friday was Scott Bloomquist with fourth-consecutive top five finish aboard the Drydene Performance Products No. 0.

Cade Dillard, Thursday's runner-up finisher, ended up fourth aboard his MB Customs No. 97, giving him the best average finish of any driver through the two preliminary features. Boom Briggs, who started on the outside pole, earned a season-best finish of fifth-place aboard his No. 99B. Rounding out the top ten on Friday night was Mason Zeigler, Gregg Satterlee, Darrell Lanigan, Chase Junghans and Chris Madden.



Max Blair takes the checkered flag on the first night of action at Lernerville Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

Max Blair Wins Night One at Lernerville

SARVER, PA - It's only fitting that we kicked off the 14th rendition of the Firecracker with some jaw-dropping fireworks on Thursday night at Lernerville Speedway.

In true World of Outlaws vs. PA Posse fashion, the 25-lapper came down to the final corner between two-time and defending Morton Buildings Late Model Series champion, Brandon Sheppard, and Centreville, Pa. native, Max Blair.

After Sheppard snookered Blair with the help of lap traffic out of turn two and down the backstretch on lap 24, the Rocket1 Racing No. 1 assumed the point and went into the final corners with a last-lap win in mind. However, as Sheppard backed it down and then clipped the turn three inside berm, Blair couldn't adjust fast enough and the cars collided. Sheppard went spinning. The crowd went crazy.

"Next to my dad, there is nobody in this sport that I respect more than Mark Richards and Brandon Sheppard," Blair stated on the last-lap contact. "I hate that that happened. I got bottled up behind those lap cars and didn't know where to go. I should've never got under him, I knew better than that. Brandon passed me and then he slowed down just way, way, way more than I was anticipating. I was trying to get by the lap car and back up the track to give myself a run. I know I definitely got into him and I feel terrible about it. Mark and Rocket are a big, big part of my program. I'll go talk to them and apologize."

Before Blair and Sheppard's last-lap duel lit up Lernerville Speedway and created social

media waves, Thursday's opening program of the Firecracker started with a monster field of 48 World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models in the pit area. After two flights of qualifying, six Drydene heat races, and three Last Chance Showdown's, the 25-lap preliminary feature was brought to life by World of Outlaws contender, Cade Dillard of Robeline, La. in his MB Customs No. 97, and local hero, Mike Norris of Sarver, Pa. in his own No. 72.

From the jump, Dillard quickly commanded the field on the low side while Norris elected to tread the tricky trail up top. A lap two red flag was the first of two stoppages in the 25-lapper when a turn two pileup sent Darrell Lanigan, Dennis Erb Jr., Rick Eckert and Brent Larson all to the work area.

Going back green, Dillard had a new PA Posse standout to deal with as Blair dished away the Sarver native, Norris, to take the second spot. As the race ran to halfway and lap traffic came into play, the battle up front tightened with nearly five-cars of Dillard, Blair, Norris and then Brandon Sheppard and Scott Bloomquist all under a blanket.

Making it a side-by-side affair for the lead on lap 15, Dillard and Blair went toe-to-toe for the top spot as the feature hit ten to go. Behind those two was a fast and furious "Rocket Shepp," who moved into the third spot when Norris slipped off the edge of turn two on lap 16. While Sheppard tracked those two down, he witnessed Blair find the outside and rip right around Dillard to assume the lead on lap 18. Once Blair disposed of Dillard, however, his challenge was only beginning; as Sheppard was coming, and coming fast in the closing laps.

Reaching him just as the white flag waved, Sheppard set Blair up

for a last-lap pass. Picking him off between the lappers of Dennis Erb Jr and Brent Larson in turns one and two, Sheppard turned the Rocket/Durham No. 1 off the banking off turn two and cut underneath Blair to take the lead down the backstretch. It all went wrong in turn three though. Slowing down to hit the bottom, Blair misjudged the corner behind Sheppard and ran into the back of the No. 1, spinning him around and causing a caution.

"I got a good run off turn four coming to the white flag when I got under Dennis [Erb Jr.]," explained Blair on the last lap. "I thought if I could get beside him to where he could see me that he would give me room, but I didn't get far enough up. I was gonna pass him, but then I slid up, and stuff got ugly for a straightaway. Like I said, I feel terrible about what happened in turn three."

Creating a green-white-checked restart, Blair survived a two-lap sprint to the finish to claim his third career World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series feature win.

"These races are tough to come by, especially here," Blair commented on the big win. "This one means the world to me. It's just a huge confidence booster. We tried a few different things on the car for the feature after I drew a bad pill. I don't know how close those guys were when I got by Dillard and before I hit lap traffic, but I felt like we were really good."

Chasing Blair to the stripe and earning his second podium result in as many weeks was "Thriller" Cade Dillard aboard the MB Customs No. 97. The Robeline, La. native led the opening 17 laps from the pole position and learned plenty about the Sarver, Pa. 4/10th-mile on Thursday night.

Completing the podium behind Blair and Dillard was a hard-charging Ricky Thornton Jr. in third-from-21st. Coming from the Last Chance Showdown, the Chandler, Ariz. native wheeled the SSI Motorsports No. 20RT Longhorn/Clements everywhere the track allowed him on his march to the front of the field. He capped the feature with a power move on the final restart that launched him from fifth-to-third in one lap.

Rounding out the top five on Thursday night at the Firecracker was Scott Bloomquist and Chase Junghans.

Closing out the top ten was Chub Frank, Ashton Winger, Jason Covert, Mason Zeigler and Mike Norris.

Owens Remains Unstoppable in Lucas Oil Win at Talladega

EASTABOGA, AL - Jimmy Owens won his fourth straight Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt series event on Saturday Night leading all the way in the EZ-GO 50. The event marked the first Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series race at Talladega Short Track in 12 years.

The current series point leader extended his lead in the championship standings with his 69th career series victory. Josh Richards finished second in the Clint Bowyer Racing entry and Kyle Hardy recorded his best career finish in the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series as he rounded out the Big River Steel podium in third. Michael Page came home in fourth followed by former series rookie-of-the-year, Billy Moyer Jr. in fifth.

Owens took the lead at the start of the race with Hudson O'Neal quickly moving from his fourth starting spot to second. O'Neal ran in second behind Owens until he slowed on lap 8 and exited the race. Jonathan Davenport moved into second place where he would stay until a caution flew for him with 31 laps scored.

Richards became the third different driver to run in the second spot behind Owens. A caution with ten laps to go bunched the field up, but for the fourth series race in a row, Owens went on to the victory in the richest race ever ran at TST.

"Once again, the car was flawless all weekend," said the 48-year-old 3-time series champion in Lucas Oil Victory Lane,

"My hats to the crew and Dale McDowell for prepping the track this week. They watered the track and gave us a racy track for a long time. It's great to come home with a win for Pope Construction, they are just up the road from here. He has helped us for years. I am just glad he could be a part of it and be here with us. I don't think I have ever been here where I haven't run off the corner in one and two. I am glad the fans stuck it out and I'm glad the weather held out. Hopefully, we can keep it going."

Richards tried his best to stay with Owens in the closing laps but settled for the second finishing spot.

"Those guys have a done a good job," said Richards in reference to Owens and his crew. "Whatever he has going on, he's been riding it. It doesn't seem like he has to hustle it very much. Compared to last night, tonight, we got the car more dialed in. We ran the race we feel like we came to win. We were right there on him. He beat us in certain parts of the track, but we feel like we can run with him in other parts. Our balance is good, and we will just keep on digging."

Hardy was pleased with his run, "We came here with our backs against the wall. We had a tough night last night. I wish it didn't end like it did. Hats off to the track crew. They worked hard on it this week and they gave us a track to race on. That's what it's all about. It means a lot to come here and finish behind Jimmy Owens and Josh Richards."

The winner's Ramirez Motorsports Rocket Chassis is powered by a Vic Hill Racing Engine and sponsored by Reece Monument Company, Tommy Pope Construction, Boomtest Well Service, Red Line Oil, General Tire, Midwest Sheet Metal, Hypercoil Springs, Ohlins Shocks, and Champion Spark Plugs.

Completing the top ten were Cory Hedgecock, Dillon Tidmore, Tanner English, Tyler Erb, and Stormy Scott.

Owens Dominates 411 Motor Speedway on Friday Night

SEYMOUR, TN - Jimmy Owens notched his 68th career Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win on Friday Night at 411 Motor Speedway in dominating fashion. Owens, the current series championship points leader led all 50 laps before a standing-room only crowd.

On lap 49, the final caution came out. On the restart of the race, Owens pulled away once from fellow Tennessee racer Cory Hedgecock, who finished second to Owens. It was a best career finish in Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series competition for Hedgecock. Jonathan Davenport came home in third followed by Shane Clanton and Shanon Buckingham.

Owens' fourth series win of 2020 extended his point lead heading to Talladega Short Track in Alabama on Saturday Night. "This car just keeps getting better and better every weekend we run it. It's just awesome to come down here and perform like that in front of all of these fans and all of our friends," said the 48-year-old racer.

"This car was just on a rail tonight. You know it's just been on a rail for the last month or so and I need to thank my crew Mullet, Cody, Kurt and my family. It's been awesome so far this year. If we don't win another race this year it's been one of the greatest years ever so far. Vic [Hill] and I have gotten along from day one. He has helped us ever since no matter whose motors we've run. He has always been kind and helped lend a helping

hand. Thanks to him for keeping us in tuned."

Hedgecock was pleased with his finish considering he was second behind the newly ranked #1 dirt late model driver in the country. "We are absolutely happy with that finish. We appreciate everyone coming out and supporting us. Hats off to Jimmy, he was definitely fast. I saw Overton and Hardy wearing each other out and I thought they were going to wreck in front of me and tear my stuff all up. We knew if we could finish behind that 20 car it was going to be a good night."

Davenport returned to the podium by taking third place at the end. "I am just glad to be up here. He [Owens] is really good right now. Congratulations to them. Jimmy's kind of struggled for a while with a lot of bad luck. When you're fast time, win your heat, and just be that dominate in the feature, it's a heck of a statement to make to the rest of us. We have nothing for him right now, but we will keep on working. We are turning our program around. At least we are up here on the podium tonight. It's really only my second time here, but we are getting better."

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Completing the top ten were Donald McIntosh, Dale McDowell, Zack Mitchell, Josh Richards, and Hudson O'Neal.



Jimmy Owens celebrates in victory lane at 411 Motor Speedway after winning there on Friday night. Owens made it two for two and won the next night at Talladega Short Track. (Michael Moats photo)

Fanelli Pulls Off ASCS Elite North Victory at El Paso County Raceway

CALHAN, CO - Fresh off his first career victory with the ASCS Elite North Non-Wing Series, Michael Fanelli added his second in as many races with his latest coming Saturday at El Paso County Raceway.

Trailing Spencer Hill the first half of the A-Feature, traffic came into play for Fanelli to help propel the No. 2 into the lead with Coby Pearce in tow. Caution with two laps to run, the green, white, checkered restart saw Michael having to fend off the pair as Hill reclaimed the runner-up position, but was unable to get back around Fanelli.

Coby Pearce crossed third from seventh, followed by Jeff Seesholtz in fourth. Ryan Devitt moved forward from 13th to fifth.

Nick Nichols, Adam Trimble, Gary Land, Matt Bolin, and Ryan Riggs completed the top ten.

The ASCS Elite North Non-Wing Series squares off again in the state of Texas as the ASCS Elite and Elite North go head-to-head at West Texas Raceway in Friday, July 24, and Saturday, July 25.

For other news, notes, and information on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the Regional Tours that make up ASCS Nation in 2020, log onto www.ascsracing.com, follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and Twitter (@LucasOilASCs).

Keith Martin Captures ASCS Elite Non-Wing Victory at Monarch

WICHITA FALLS, TX - Putting on a slide job fueled thrill ride Friday night; the winning slide went the way of Keith Martin with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating at Monarch Motor Speedway.

Trading the top spot with Kyle Jones, the Kennedale, Texas driver, made it to the stripe atop the lineup the first 10 laps. With Martin challenging numerous times, the move for the lead came on Lap 11. Still in pursuit until the very end, Jones made one last bid to retake the point on the closing lap but could not make it stick.

Justin Fifield ended his night

third with Robert Sellers making his way to fourth. Paul White completed the top five. Bryan Debrick made up a half-dozen spots to finish sixth with Mason Smith in seventh. Advancing from 17th, Cody Price crossed eighth with Stephen Smith and Morgan Fletcher making up the top ten.

The ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating is slated to race again on Friday, July 24 at West Texas Raceway and Saturday, July 25 at Route 66 Motor Speedway.

Flat Left Front Not Enough To Stop Hafertepe at I-30 Speedway

LITTLE ROCK, AR - Even with a flat left front tire over the final four laps on Saturday's SawBlade.com A-Feature, it was not enough to slow Sam Hafertepe, Jr. as the driver of the Hills Racing/Heidbreder Foundation No. 15h led start to finish with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network at I-30 Speedway.

"I just got a little too greedy," chuckled Hafertepe over the flat front tire. "I did that with about four laps to go, and I just started being careful, so it didn't dig in."

Hafertepe's third career victory with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network at the Arkansas quarter-mile, the win is Sam's 50th overall with the National Tour since 2010.

Fending off numerous restart attempts at the lead by Mississippi's Dale Howard, the No. 15h used the final 15 lap green flag run to stretch his advantage to 2.747 seconds. Battling with Roger Crockett over the last half of the Feature, the pair went side by side several times as Howard held off the No. 11. Blake Hahn grabbed third on Lap 26 after Dale and Roger nearly made contact. Blake was able to hold on to complete the night's podium after starting seventh on the grid. Roger Crockett ended up fourth with Jordan Mallett, from 11th, taking the fifth position on the closing lap.

Moving up six positions, Missouri's Gareth Williamson ended up sixth with Cody Gardner seventh. Having to race through the first BMRS B-Feature, after being dis-

qualified during his Qualifier for rough driving, Howard Moore rebounded to eighth after starting 19th. Having fallen out the top ten late in the A-Feature, Matt Covington came back to finish ninth with Chase Randall posting his first top ten of the season against the National Tour.

The 76th event at I-30 Speedway since 1993 with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network; the Saturday showdown drew a field of 42 drivers from 10 states and three countries. SCE Gaskets Heat Races were topped by John Carney II, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Brad Bowden, Howard Moore, and Zach Pringle. Hoosier Tire Qualifiers went to Justin Sanders, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., and Roger Crockett. A pair of BMRS B-Features were topped by Tim Crawley and Dylan Westbrook. Provisional were utilized by Harli White and Robbie Price based on National Tour Owner Points. A Regional Provisional was used by Joseph Miller.

The next event for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network is slated for Saturday, July 11 at Riverside International Speedway in West Memphis, Ark. Live coverage is available for those who cannot make the trip on www.racinboys.com.

Sam Hafertepe, Jr. Captures Lucas Oil ASCS Victory at Caney Valley Speedway

CANEY, KS - Getting back to Victory Lane in a hurry with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. rallied from seventh to lead the final six laps of Thursday's SawBlade.com A-Feature at Caney Valley Speedway.

Coming off a rough couple weeks, the win was a much-needed morale boost for the entire team.

Sam's 49th career victory with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network; the Thursday showdown was the first race back for the National Tour since the world was turned on its head by COVID-19.

Giving chase while Scott Bogucki and Jordan Mallett battled furiously for

the lead the first half of the A-Feature, with the pair trading the top spot for a moment on Lap 9, the Heidbreder Foundation/Hills Racing No. 15h advanced to the runner-up position on Lap 15 after Mallett had to hammer the brakes off the second turn when the field came back to green a lap prior.

Moving around the quarter-mile oval, Hafertepe tried nearly every line around the Caney Valley Speedway. Committed to the top of three and four, the opposite end of the Speedway saw varying lines with Sam finally getting the run off the fourth turn as the field clicked off Lap 25.

Able to steadily pull away from there, traffic over the final two revolutions was not enough to slow the No. 15h. Scott Bogucki held on for silver, despite losing brakes throughout the final 10-laps trying to keep the car loaded around the bottom groove. Roger Crockett crossed third with Jordan Mallett holding on for fourth. Advancing from eighth, Sean McClelland crossed fifth.

2020 Brodix Rookie of the Year contender, Gareth Williamson, was sixth with Justin Sanders putting a show from 18th after missing the scales after his Heat Races relegated him to racing through the second BMRS B-Feature. Battling near the front early on, Eric Lutz ended up eighth with Blake Hahn going 23rd to ninth after taking a provisional. Dylan Westbrook clawed his way to 10th after starting 21st.

Drawing a field of 36 drivers from 10 states and three countries, the Mo-State Construction Clash at Caney Valley Speedway presented by Terry Mattox Promotions saw four SCE Gasket Heat Race wins going to Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Matt Covington, Brandon Anderson, and Scott Bogucki. BMRS B-Features were topped by Kyle Clark and Justin Sanders. Three Provisionals were used. Alex Hills and Blake Hahn were based on Lucas Oil ASCS Owner Points, and Avery Goodman was giving an ASCS Sooner Region Provisional.



Aaron Reutzel Tracks Down Cory Eliason to Score Volunteer Speedway Victory

BULLS GAP, TN - It took fifth-starting Aaron Reutzel 23 circuits to track down Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 championship rival Cory Eliason, but once the Clute, Texas-native secured the top spot on lap 24, the Texas

Sprint Car Nationals main event on the highbanks of Volunteer Speedway was as good as complete. Although forced to endure a green-white-checked finish, Reutzel's dominance was clear, eventually escaping to a two-second advantage in just two trips around the speedway.

A sweet ending to a bitter night for the Baughman-Reutzel Motorsports team, Reutzel was forced to change motors after his respective hot lap session, only to be caught-up in an incident during the evening's dash. The familiar No. 87 did restart the dash, but had to settle with a fifth-place result.

The \$5,000 triumph, a first-ever for Reutzel at Volunteer and a first-ever as a full-time All Star in the state of Tennessee, bumped Reutzel's 2020 win tally to six during All Star Circuit of Champions competition, continuing his chase toward a third consecutive Series title.

Eliason, who led the first 23 laps before losing the top spot to Reutzel, held on to finish second at Volunteer on Saturday night, followed by Nashville's Paul McMahan and three-time NASCAR Cup Series champion, Tony Stewart.

"Everyone always talks about how good their team is, but I have the best team in the pit area. This was definitely a tough night," Aaron Reutzel boasted in Volunteer Speedway victory lane, backed by Folkens Brothers Trucking, Fischer Body Shop, Ti22, and Hollywood Blasting. "We had to do so much tonight, but they never gave up and continued to work hard no matter what was thrown at them. They proved why we won the championship the last two years. My team won this race tonight."

Utilizing the outside-front row starting spot, Visalia, California's Cory Eliason jumped to the early advantage, quickly driving away

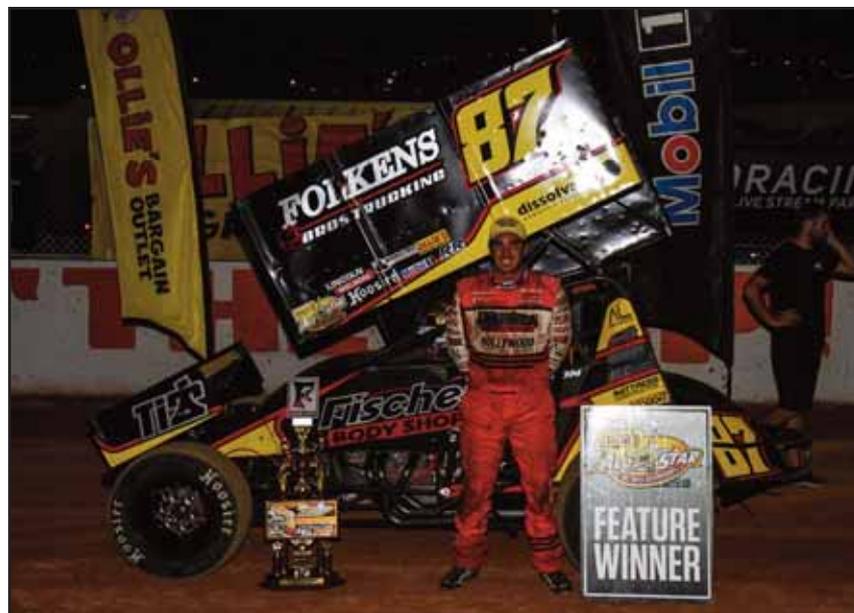
from Paul McMahan, Syc Lynch and Tony Stewart. In fact, Eliason's only challenge during the first 15 laps of the 30-lap contest was in the form of lapped traffic, which came into play for the first time on lap nine. At the time, Reutzel was battling in the fifth position, eventually earning a spot over Stewart to claim fourth on lap 13. Two circuits later, Reutzel was on the move again, this time working by the Pete Grove-owned entry occupied by Syc Lynch.

Working the very topside of turns one and two, and sneaking through the middle and very bottom of turns three and four, Reutzel powered his way around McMahan to take second on lap 20, this time using a slide job between turns one and two to secure the position.

Despite Eliason's attempt to escape in traffic, Reutzel's momentum was too powerful to overcome, as the Baughman-Reutzel Motorsports entry cut the near-straightaway lead to less than a car length by lap 22. One circuit later, Reutzel made his first bid for the lead, and although the slider did not stick, a slider the following lap would, driving by Eliason at the exit of turn two on lap 24.

The main event's first and only caution appeared on lap 29 forcing the aforementioned green-white-checked finish.

"You could only drive into the corner so hard above the cushion because you would just slide to the fence," Reutzel continued. "There was only one piece of moisture in



Aaron Reutzel celebrates in victory lane after starting fifth and tracking down Cory Eliason for the win at Volunteer Speedway. (ASCoC photo)

that whole corner and that was right along the bottom. When I went in and turned down, I could get a good run down the front stretch. I just kept digging at it and digging at it and I was able to make up some time on people. We were able to track down (Eliason) without a caution and that's just a statement of how good we were."

"We were good in one and two, but we struggled in three and four. That's where Aaron (Reutzel) beat us," Cory Eliason said, driver of Rudeen Racing No. 26. "He was able to carry momentum a lot better than I could. We are getting a lot closer to where we need to be. This kinda happened to me in Australia where I finished on the podium twelve or so times in a row before I finally won one. Sometimes finishing second can get frustrating. Hats off to my team. We were fast all night."

As an added bonus for Reutzel,

his feature performance also secured the evening's Hercules Tires Hard Charger Award.

Anthony Macri Outruns Field in Keith Kauffman Classic for First-Ever All Star Victory

PORT ROYAL, PA - For the first time in his young career, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania's Anthony Macri is an Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 main event winner, doing so, in unbelievable form, during Port Royal Speedway's annual Keith Kauffman Classic on Wednesday, June 24. The victory, earning Macri \$6,000 in the process, was accomplished in flawless fashion, eventually outrunning the entire field, including a late-charging Kyle Larson, by just under four seconds.

Macri started from the pole position and led every circuit of the 30-lap main event, navigating through waves of intense traffic with ease, and in certain periods, separated himself from the field by upwards of four lapped cars.

"I don't even know what to say," Anthony Macri said in victory lane, driver of the Macri Concrete/J&S Fabrication/No. 39M sprint car. "We threw some stuff at (the car) for the dash and we weren't even sure it was going to work, but clearly it showed that it worked in the dash. So all we did was add some fuel and let her eat in the feature."

Although imposing no threat on Macri, Kyle Larson, Danny Dietrich, Aaron Reutzel, Brent Marks, and Brock Zearfoss all battled within the



Anthony Macri stands atop his car after winning the Keith Kauffman Classic at Port Royal Speedway, his first All Star Circuit of Champions main event victory. (Paul Arch photo)

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top-five over the course of the Keith Kauffman contest, swapping positions on several occasions. It was not until a caution on lap 22, brought out for a slowing Zearfoss, that allowed a few of the teams to find their true finishing potential. In fact, the ensuing restart propelled Larson from fourth to second, banging the boards on the top edge of the speedway

to drive around Dietrich and Reutzel on laps 24 and 25, respectively.

A final lap maneuver by Dietrich to get around Reutzel allowed the Gettysburg-native to claim third at the line, followed by Reutzel and Brent Marks.

The All Star triumph included, Macri has now won three-in-a-row at the Port Royal 'Speed Palace.'

"My team has given me a great car over the last few weeks. I could put the car wherever I wanted," Macri continued, who earned his pole position by way of dash victory; he started fifth. "I know the fast lane is normally the top of turns one and two, and it normally cleans off in turns three and four on the bottom. After about 15 laps, I pretty much killed my tires. I was actually on defensive mode for a little while just hoping they weren't going to blow by me. I was trying to push hard through traffic, but I was happy to see the yellows just so I could have some clean air. I knew I could drive the car as hard as I could.

"The month we spent out on the road this year really changed me as a driver. I came back here and I'm ready to win."

Impending Forecast Forces All Stars to Cancel Sunday Appearance at Volunteer Speedway

BULLS GAP, TN - Due to high percentages of precipitation throughout much of the day on Sunday, Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 and Volunteer Speedway officials have decided to cancel Sunday's portion of the Tennessee Sprint Car Nationals at Volunteer Speedway in Bulls Gap, Tennessee. Advance ticket holders

will be refunded automatically.

The All Star Circuit of Champions will return to competition at Attica Raceway Park on Friday evening, July 3, for round one of the 2020 edition of Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Hercules Tires.

All Stars to Visit Wisconsin and Iowa on July 30-August 1

BROWNSBURG, IN - Although a slight shuffle in destinations from the original weekend agenda, the Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 will invade areas within Wisconsin and Iowa during the final days of July and the first weekend of August, setting aim on three tracks over a three-day time lapse, all of which kicking-off with the highly sought after Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race at the Plymouth Dirt Track in Plymouth, Wisconsin, on Thursday, July 30. Originally scheduled for late-May, the second-ever Rayce Rudeen Foundation event will award a \$26,000 top prize; the second-largest paying program on the 2020 All Star schedule.

Trekking southwest into the Hawkeye State, the weekend will continue with a visit to 34 Raceway in West Burlington, Iowa, on Friday, July 31. Originally slated to take the Sunday, August 2, slot during the All Star invasion of Iowa, but now replacing Jackson Motorplex's original date, 34 Raceway's visit will feature the All Star Circuit of Champions for only the fifth time in Series history, most recently on July 28, 2019, for the inaugural Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race that awarded a \$26,000 payday. Three-time NASCAR Cup Series champion, Tony Stewart, was the victor.

Needing no formal introduction, the three-race sweep will conclude with a visit to the Sprint Car Capital of the World, Knoxville Raceway in Knoxville, Iowa, on Saturday, August 1 for Weiler Night with the Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1. Teams represented will battle on the world-famous half-mile for a \$5,000 top prize. Fresno, California's Gio Scelzi scored the 2019 Knoxville Raceway victory featuring Tony Stewart's All Stars, topping a field of 48 entries for a first-ever Series win.

With the intent to build a four-race weekend through the Midwest, All Star Circuit of Champions officials are working hard to find a destination for Sunday, August 2.

Details regarding an added event will be shared when they become available. A visit to Jackson Motorplex in Jackson, Minnesota, may be an option for Sunday.

For those who can not make the journey to Wisconsin and Iowa, FloRacing, the official media partner of the All Star Circuit of Champions, will be on hand to capture all of the action live. Each and every

event on the 2020 Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 schedule will be broadcast live exclusively at www.floracing.com. To access live and on-demand racing action from the All Star Circuit of Champions, visit www.floracing.com and become an annual PRO subscriber.

To check out exclusive content, visit <https://bit.ly/2XR863e>.

Southern All Stars Eager for Return to Thunderhill Raceway

The Southern All Stars are just a little over a week away from returning to Thunderhill Raceway in Summertown, TN for the July 4th Spectacular 40 lap event. Jason Walker and his track crew always have the high banked track in great shape for a great night of racing. For more information go to thunderhillracewaypark.com to get all the information for the evenings event.

The following week, July 11, the All Stars travel South down I-65 to a track that the series will be visiting for the first time. ECM Memorial Speedway will host the Rolling by the River 2020. The \$4,000.00 to win on "The Smoothest Track in the South" will be a 40 lap event.

Series official Ray Tennyson said "A few weeks ago the All Stars Officials visited ECM when we had a weekend off. I had visited the track years ago when series founder B. J. Parker put a race on

there around 2009. The track has a great surface and makes for some great racing. Wayne Cates built the track and he and B. J. had a great friendship over the years. I talked to Chris Cates, Wayne's son that now oversees the track and said it would be great if we could make an event happen in the 2020 season."

Chris called me a few days later and said "Let's make this happen. My Dad and B. J. had a lot of respect for one another and we need to honor them with a race. When Dad built this track it was called Riverview Raceway as it is close to the Mulberry River. We have named the track in memory of Eric so Rolling by the River seemed appropriate to call it to honor Dad." Visit the ECM website at ecmracing.com to keep up with the tracks latest news.

Due to an oversight when posting the revised schedule, the August 1st date at Deep South Speedway in Loxley, AL was not listed, but it is still on the schedule as planned. The All Stars are looking forward to going back to Billy Roberson's track.

Midwest Sprint Car Series Takes Aim on a Triple Header this Weekend

Friday, July 3rd will be night one of two of the Bill Gardner Sprintacular taking place at the famed Lincoln Park Speedway in Putnamville, Indiana.

This event is now co-sanctioned with USAC and will run the MSCS format for Friday night. Group qualifying, heat race action, and last chance races will be used to determine the A-main starting lineup.

Night two, Saturday, July 4th both series will take shape again for yet another event, however this time the USAC format will be used. Single car qualifying, heat race action and last chance races will also be used to set the field for the main event, Both events running 30 laps and will pay \$5000 to win \$500 to start.

To wrap up the holiday weekend, on Sunday night July 5th, MSCS returns home to Tri-State Speedway for the American Classic event. This event will be 25 laps of racing for a \$2500 pay day.

Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - When sports fans think of big events, one mega structure multi-use sports and entertainment venue sitting amid the rolling hills of northeastern Tennessee immediately comes to mind: Bristol Motor Speedway.

Home to epic NASCAR races and other major motor-sports events, as well as NFL and college

football games, a wide variety of music concerts and other captivating events, Bristol Motor Speedway has shined in the spotlight on many occasions throughout the years.

On Wednesday night, July 15, 2020, The Last Great Colosseum as it is known worldwide, will host its latest marquee billboard event, the prestigious NASCAR All-Star Race.

And when the green flag drops for that classic affair with so much history and tradition, NASCAR Nation can expect one thing: drama and excitement that will put fans on the edge of their seats until the checkered flag waves and a thrilling finish unfolds.

When 19 of the most decorated NASCAR Cup Series drivers, most of them past champions, multi-time winners and future hall of famers, hit the storied all-concrete high banks at the World's Fastest Half-Mile, sparks are sure to fly. Tempers will flare. And at the end of the night, someone is going to receive the signature NASCAR All-Star Race trophy and add a nice pile of cash to his bank account.

"Bristol Motor Speedway has always been known for producing unique events," said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager, Bristol Motor Speedway. "You think of dirt, you think of football and now the NASCAR All-Star Race is coming to The Last Great Colosseum for the first time. It's that type of event. Night racing at Bristol with no points on the line and \$1 million up for grabs, you will want to be here to see it. And who knows, it may never happen here again."

The NASCAR All-Star race certainly falls in line with some of the biggest events ever held at the iconic venue.

Perhaps one of the biggest events in Bristol Motor Speedway history took place in September

2016 during the Pilot Flying J Battle at Bristol college football game between the University of Tennessee and Virginia Tech. After more than two years of promotion, amazing hype and incredible anticipation, the Volunteers defeated the Hokies 45-24 on that magical night where an NCAA-record crowd of 159,990 attend the game. BMS officials, along with a host of highly skilled vendors, changed the Speedway over to an incredible state-of-the-art football stadium in only 18 days. The game, which featured a highly-praised National Anthem performance by Jennifer Nettles, aired on ESPN as their main Saturday night feature game and drew incredible ratings.

All totaled, BMS has hosted three football games in its existence. In addition to the Battle at Bristol, an NFL pre-season game featuring the Philadelphia Eagles and Washington Redskins was held in the track's infield in 1961. The Eagles won the game 17-10 in front of a crowd estimated at 8,500. The weekend following the Battle at Bristol, the track hosted the Food City Bucs at Bristol, a game featuring the nearby East Tennessee State University Buccaneers vs. the visiting Western Carolina Cata-mounts. ETSU set a home game attendance record at nearly 14,000 and were able to stage a late game rally to take the victory over WCU, 34-31.

The day before the Battle at Bristol, BMS hosted the Honda Ridgeline Tailgate Party, a huge country music concert featuring Kenny Chesney, The Band Perry

and Old Dominion. All three groups have local ties to the Bristol region, which is also widely known as The Birthplace of Country Music following the famed 1927 Bristol Sessions. Nearly 50,000 fans flocked to BMS to enjoy a night of music before the game.

Back in 2000, BMS undertook another feat that many said could not be done. Track officials converted the race track into a modern dirt facility and hosted two consecutive weekends of premier dirt track racing, including one with the popular World of Outlaws Series. Crews spent two weeks laying down the clay, some 14,000 truck-loads to be exact, to solidly pack in the track foundation. The dirt racing at BMS was such a huge success that track officials decided to bring the concept back the next year.

Following the NASCAR All-Star race in July, BMS will continue its BIG event theme in September when the NASCAR Cup Series presents the first ever Playoff race at Thunder Valley. The Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race on Saturday, Sept. 19 is guaranteed to be another major event that will be added to Bristol lore. The race is scheduled to be the cut-off race of NASCAR's Round of 16 in the Playoffs. Four drivers' 2020 championship dreams will end that night after what's sure to be a grueling race of 500 laps under the lights at BMS.

"We know the NASCAR All-Star race is going to be a huge event, but we also can't wait to see what unfolds here during the first ever NASCAR Playoff race," Caldwell

said. "Fans have wanted to see Bristol in the Playoffs for many years now and this year they will finally get their chance to see all the thrilling and dramatic plot twists and turns that take center stage under the lights at The Last Great Colosseum. It's another event that's going to instantly add to Bristol's reputation as a place where Wow moments are the norm, rather than the exception."

For ticket information to the NASCAR All-Star Race and the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, please visit www.bristolmotor-speedway.com/tickets.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - Racing fans are encouraged to show their passion for the NASCAR and INDYCAR tripleheader July 3-5 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway by watching all three races live on NBC in their homes or neighborhoods, the cornerstone of the #BackyardBrickyard campaign leading into the historic race weekend.

The upcoming Fourth of July race weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway will run without spectators due to the COVID-19 pandemic, IMS officials announced June 4 following extensive consultation with local and state officials. The event weekend consists of the GMR Grand Prix for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and the Pennzoil 150 for the NASCAR Xfinity Series on Saturday, July 4 on the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course, and the Big Machine Hand Sanitizer 400

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Powered by Big Machine Records for the NASCAR Cup Series on Sunday, July 5 on the 2.5-mile oval.

#BackyardBrickyard will capture the festive spirit of the race weekend through a variety of fun activities that fans can enjoy at their homes around the world and also with merchants in the vicinity of IMS, all following local social distancing and public health guidelines.

"We're all disappointed that we can't welcome the world's greatest fans to IMS for the historic NASCAR-INDYCAR tripleheader weekend," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "But we are excited that NBC will bring all three races to our fans during the weekend so that we can all watch and celebrate the return of racing to IMS through #BackyardBrickyard."

Fans are encouraged to watch all three races live on NBC, whether from their homes, backyards or a local establishment showing the race. The GMR Grand Prix telecast starts at noon (ET) Saturday, July 4, followed at 3 p.m. with the Pennzoil 150. The Big Machine Hand Sanitizer 400 Powered by Big Machine Records will be televised at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 5.

To get pumped up for the #BackyardBrickyard weekend, fans can visit ims.com/backyardbrickyard for more information. Future features at the site will include special barbecue and cookout/picnic recipes from drivers and a free digital download of the Official Event Program for the weekend that normally is sold at the track, providing fans with information on the drivers, statistics, feature stories and vivid photos.

The site also will include links to the 1990s, 2000s and 2010s section of the popular IMS Digital Archive. The inaugural Brickyard 400 took place in August 1994 at IMS, with the first Xfinity Series race in 2012 at the Speedway, followed in 2014 with the inaugural GMR Grand Prix.

Residents of Central Indiana also are encouraged to safely visit merchants and restaurants in their neighborhoods to watch the races on NBC. In downtown Speedway, less than one-half mile from IMS in the Speedway's backyard, merchants and restaurants will feature

racing-themed cocktail contests, a bike parade for kids, dinner and drink specials at selected establishments and more.

IMS remains committed to admitting spectators for the 104th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, Aug. 23.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - American Flat Track is thrilled to announce an exciting development in its updated 2020 schedule - the 2020 Charlotte Half-Mile double-header races will run Friday, Oct. 9 and Saturday, Oct. 10 on the same weekend as the NASCAR Cup Series Bank of America ROVAL™ 400. This three-day racing extravaganza will be the first time in history these two historic motorsports will run races in the same market, at the same venue, on the same weekend.

With over 60 years of racing history to its credit, Charlotte Motor Speedway has become known as "America's Home for Racing." It will further solidify this title by hosting three back-to-back-to-back opportunities to witness high-speed motorsports action. On Friday and Saturday at CMS's The Dirt Track at Charlotte, the athletes in all three classes of American Flat Track will spend two nights vying for a spot in the AFT championship hunt. The weekend's action will culminate on Sunday with NASCAR's premier class, as its world famous drivers attack the unique ROVAL 400 on the CMS road course.

For the avid racing enthusiast, the opportunity to witness America's Original Extreme Sport coupled with the premier four-wheeled racing in the world presents a unique opportunity for the ultimate American motorsports experience.

"American Flat Track and NASCAR are the two most American and most iconic of all motorsports so we are delighted to be partnering with the team at Charlotte Motor Speedway to bring race fans this unprecedented and unique weekend of two and four-wheeled racing," said Michael Lock, CEO of American Flat Track. "The Dirt Track at Charlotte is one of the favorite destinations for our teams and riders as the facilities are outstanding and the famous Charlotte red clay makes for high speed thrills all evening."

"At Charlotte Motor Speedway, we pride ourselves on hosting world-class race events and bringing out the very best entertainment for the fans," said Charlotte Motor Speedway Executive Vice Presi-

dent and General Manager Greg Walter. "With the addition of the back-to-back days of American Flat Track to an already action-packed Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 weekend, we're looking forward to delivering on that promise in October and showing fans of both series why we're known as America's Home for Racing."

Tickets for AFT's return to the historic Charlotte Motor Speedway for the 2020 Charlotte Half-Mile I and Charlotte Half-Mile II double-header weekend on Friday, Oct. 9 and Saturday, Oct. 10 will be available for purchase in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to www.americanflattrack.com and AFT's social media channels for ticketing news and the latest updates on AFT's upcoming 2020 season.

Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - Weis Markets and Pocono Raceway are proud to announce the Weis Markets Hometown Heroes program. This community-focused initiative will identify and recognize everyday individuals who have gone above and beyond. Weis Markets is the official grocery store of Pocono Raceway.

Weis Markets is marking its third year as a Pocono Raceway partner. To nominate a Weis Markets Hometown Hero, go to: www.poconoraceway.com/hometown.

Members of the Weis Markets staff, Pocono Raceway Fan Council and Pocono Raceway employees will select one overall 'Hometown Hero' and one person to receive the 'Above & Beyond Award.' The selected 'Hometown Hero' will receive a \$500 Weis Markets Gift Card and a VIP experience, for four, to the NASCAR events at Pocono Raceway in 2021. The 'Above and Beyond Award' recipient will receive a \$250 Weis Markets Gift Card and a \$250 Pocono Raceway Gift Card. Nominations for the Weis Markets Hometown Heroes program are due by July 22, 2020.

"We are proud to team up with Pocono Raceway to recognize the everyday heroes in the communities we serve", said Ron Bonacci, Vice President of Advertising and Marketing at Weis Markets. "As a locally focused company, we've seen firsthand how people in our communities come together to help each other during challenging times. We look forward to rec-

ognizing our Hometown Heroes."

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New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu has approved a comprehensive action plan to allow fans to attend the rescheduled NASCAR Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday, Aug. 2. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN, Sirius XM NASCAR radio and PRN affiliates worldwide at 3 p.m. ET.

The grandstands and suites at "The Magic Mile" will be open to race fans subject to social distancing requirements and additional health and safety protocols. The rescheduled Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 will be the largest fan event in New England since the onset of the pandemic.

"Holding New England's premier NASCAR race this summer here in New Hampshire has always been a

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priority,” said Gov. Sununu. “The state worked closely with the folks at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and the New Hampshire Division of Public Health to put forward comprehensive, operational guidance. While the stands will not be as full as they usually are, we are proud to be able to hold an in-person viewing experience for NASCAR

fans.”

New Hampshire Motor Speedway’s modified protocols will include: social distancing in the grandstands and concession lines; enhanced cleaning and sanitation in high-touch, high-traffic public areas; added hand-sanitizer stations; limited guests in suites; and infield admission for race team and operational personnel only.

“I want to extend my deepest thanks to Gov. Sununu, our state and local health officials and NASCAR for their unwavering support through this unprecedented time, as they have all played a significant role in making this happen,” said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of New Hampshire Motor Speedway. “We’re extremely excited to welcome race fans to ‘The Magic Mile’ to enjoy the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 and to help us celebrate our 30th anniversary season.”

Fans will be allowed to bring food and unopened beverages in a soft-sided clear bag no larger than 14x14x14 inches. Standard coolers will be prohibited to limit interpersonal contact at security checkpoints. Cash will not be accepted at this event, however, credit, debit and Apple Pay will be the accepted forms of payment at concessions and souvenir locations. Speedway Motorsports and NASCAR will continue to adapt and improve procedures to ensure they are effective and can be scaled to support increasing the number of fans in the future.

The Foxwoods Resort Casino 301, originally scheduled for July 19, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tickets/Parking/Camping: Ticketholders for the originally scheduled July 19 NASCAR Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 and fans with other Speedway Motor-

sports ticket credits on file can utilize their credit for the Aug. 2 race. Adult tickets starting at \$50 are on sale at www.NHMS.com/Events/Foxwoods-Resort-Casino-301/Tickets. Tickets for kids 12 and under are just \$10. Free parking will be available in the S1, S2, S3 and S9 lots on Aug. 2. There will be no trams, camping or open bath houses for this event. Further details can be found on the New Hampshire Motor Speedway website.

Follow Us: Keep track of all of New Hampshire Motor Speedway’s events during its 30th anniversary season by following on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Keep up with all the latest news and information on the speedway website and NHMS mobile app.

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - Atlanta Motor Speedway’s ¼-mile Thunder Ring will soon roar back to life with the return of Legends and Bandolero racing.

The 23rd season of Thursday Thunder kicks off with its first round of racing on Wednesday, July 1. All told the 2020 season calls for 8 rounds of racing, challenging drivers of all ages and skill levels throughout the summer.

“For more than two decades Thursday Thunder has become known for hosting some of the most competitive racing you’ll find anywhere,” said Atlanta Motor Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager Brandon Hutchison. “Our racers, their families, the fans, and our staff have all been eagerly anticipating racing’s return and we’re thrilled to announce it’s finally here.”

Thursday Thunder stands out as a series with a storied pedigree. Over the years fans have seen the likes of Chase Elliott, Joey Logano, David Ragan, and Reed Sorenson cut their teeth on the tricky ¼-mile and before continuing on to race at the highest levels of motorsports.

When this season starts spectators will not be able to attend due to social distancing guidelines, however fans will still be able to see all the close-quarters racing the Thunder Ring is known for. Atlanta Motor Speedway plans to produce livestreams of each event that fans will be able to view free of charge on the Atlanta Motor Speedway Facebook page for as long as spectators are unable to attend. In addition to running without spectators in attendance, social distancing guidelines will be in ef-

fect in the garage area for competitors.

The 2020 schedule for Thursday Thunder is as follows:

- Round 1: Wednesday, July 1
- Round 2: Thursday, July 2
- Round 3: Wednesday, July 8
- Round 4: Thursday, July 9
- Round 5: Wednesday, July 15
- Round 6: Thursday, July 16
- Round 7: Thursday, July 23
- Round 8: Thursday, July 30

To learn more about Thursday Thunder, visit atlantamotorspeedway.com/events/thursday-thunder or legendsofpga.com.

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Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - The Mattioli Foundation, in conjunction with Pocono Raceway, have established the Jimmie Johnson Legacy Scholarship for students pursuing professional skills at the Monroe Career & Technical Institute (MCTI.) This scholarship recognizes and celebrates the achievements of seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson.

“Jimmie Johnson is a champion on and off the track,” said Nick Igdalsky, Director of the Mattioli Foundation and CEO of Pocono Raceway. “In addition to being one of the most accomplished NASCAR competitors of all time, Jimmie will go down as one of the best ambassadors our industry has had the privilege to know. Our extended Raceway family appreciates all he has done to support youth-based efforts to bring new fans into our sport, STEAM-related program for educators and students, and introducing inclusive initiatives, such as our infield playground, for those of all abilities to enjoy together. The establishment of this scholar ensures Jimmie Johnson’s legacy with live on within our community for years to come.”

The Jimmie Johnson Legacy Scholarship will provide \$4,800 to students at MCTI each year, for the next 23 years. This timeframe correlates to the number of seasons in which Johnson has competed in at least one NASCAR-sanctioned race. For each additional year in which Johnson compete in a NASCAR race at ‘The Tricky Triangle,’ the Mattioli Foundation and Pocono Raceway will add one additional year of support for this

scholarship. Those eligible to receive portions of this scholarship include students who have demonstrated professional skills throughout their time at MCTI. Professional skills, as outlined by MCTI, teach and assess such things as attendance, work ethic, teamwork, etc. MCTI stresses these skills as a result of employers requesting to find strong, dedicated individuals for their respective organizations.

“MCTI is excited and honored to be sharing the Jimmie Johnson Legacy Scholarship, afforded by the Mattioli Foundation and Pocono Raceway, to the deserving students of our school,” said Dennis Virga, Director, Monroe Career & Technical Institute. “MCTI strives to provide the high-tech career and technical training to students along with professional skills associated with their career field to ensure individuals are properly prepared to enter the workforce. Thank you!”

To learn more about the Monroe Career & Technical Institute, visit www.monroecti.org.

“I want to thank the Mattioli Family and Pocono Raceway,” said Jimmie Johnson, driver of the No. 48 Ally Chevrolet. “What an honor to know that the Jimmie Johnson Legacy Scholarship will be able to make a difference in the community for many years. Supporting education initiatives is important to Chani and me and is the focus of our foundation. It’s especially nice to know that this gift will help continue that mission and have an impact in the Pocono area. Thanks again to the Mattioli Foundation and track.”

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Carteret County Speedway

PELETIER, NC -

An electrifying performance from rookie sensation Carsyn Gillikin headlined Saturday night's season opening Team Chevrolet of Swansboro Shootout at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway.

Gillikin, 14, from Newport, North Carolina, qualified in second after showing tremendous potential in practice on Friday night. Shortly after singing the National Anthem during pre-race festivities, she strapped in her Mini Cup for her first start at Carteret County Speedway. In the closing laps of the race, she ran down and passed Scotty Benford for the lead and held on to score the victory – a win that was popular with fans and competitors alike.

"I did not think I was going to be able to push that through," Gillikin said of her daring pass to take the lead. "I'm super glad that I was able to. It was definitely a big fight between me and Scotty but it was all worth it in the end and I'm really glad that I have this opportunity to stand right here [in victory lane] right now. It's just an honor."

Benford finished in the second position while Caleb Braswell finished in third.

Carsyn Gillikin was the youngest winner on Saturday night and was the only rookie to take home a victory. The oldest winner was Johnny Johnson, who picked up the victory in the East Coast Flathead Ford feature on the eve of his 80th birthday.

"My car is a little bit older than I am and I believe it's a little bit better than I am," Johnson said. "It just drove wonderful. I want to thank everyone for coming out. I want to dedicate this win to Jerry Stroud, who lives next door and has put up with me the last couple of days. I love that family and Richard Wikle's family. Those two families adopted me. I turn 80-years-old tomorrow and did the best I could."

Aiden Hetu, son of 2019 Carteret County Speedway Most Popular Driver Kris Hetu, flashed past Joseph Bryant on the last lap to score an emotional win in the Mini Cup division. After the race, he dedicated the victory to his grandfather, Ronnie, who has had



Carsyn Gillikin in victory lane at Carteret County Speedway. (ANDY MARQUIS photo)

health complications recently. Ronnie Hetu was escorted to victory lane where the Hetu and Bryant teams both savored the moment.

"I just want to dedicate this win to my grandpa," Aiden Hetu stated in victory lane after the race. "He's been going through some hard times and I just wanted to win this race for him because he means the world to me. This win's for him."

The headline race was a Legends doubleheader. Austin Thompson, who won last fall in the Semi-Pro portion of the INEX Legends Asphalt Nationals, unofficially swept both races. In the first race, he made the pass on Cody Hall inside 10 laps to go. In the second race, he was able to pass Jaiden Reyna in the closing stages and survived a series of late race restarts to score the victory.

The results of the Legends feature are under review.

The Bomber feature race was won by Brandon Robinson.

The next race at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway will take place on Saturday, July 11th. More information about the event will be announced in the coming days.

For more information about Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway, visit the track's official website at www.carteretspeedway.com, "like" Carteret County Speedway on Facebook or follow @carteretcoswy on Twitter and Instagram.

Clinton County Speedway

MILL HALL, PA - The Clinton County Speedway opened its 2020 racing season on Friday Night featuring the Laurel Highlands Race-Saver Sprint Cars, presented by Gary's Motor Mart. Dale

Schweikart of Linden claimed the victory in the 25-lap event in a contested battle with his son, Dakota Schweikart. Other winners of the night include Garret Bard in the 600 Micro Sprints, Jeffrey Weaver of Lock Haven in the 270 Micro Sprints, Robert Tressler of Lock Haven in the Pro Stocks and Maddox Smith of Renovo in the 4 Cylinder Division.

Dakota Schweikart and Jared Zionkowski of Wyalusing led the field of 25 sprint cars to the green flag. After the completion of the first lap, four cars tangle in turn three to bring out the caution. While under caution, Zionkowski's car came to stop on the front stretch forcing him to the pits where his crew was able to make a repair and have him rejoin at the rear of the field. Zionkowski's misfortune allowed Dale Schweikart to move to the front row for the restart along side his son.

Dakota Schweikart led his father in a contested battle for the lead, with Dakota running on the low side of the speedway forcing Dale to try to make a pass on the high side. After several attempts of trying to pass Dakota, Dale made the pass at the completion of lap number eight, with Jeffrey Weaver, Scott Lutz and Garret Bard running in the top five. By lap number 12, the leaders were beginning to encounter lapped traffic. Larry McVey of Bordentown, NJ advanced from twelfth starting spot to contest with the top five by the midway point of the race. The final caution of the event came out on lap number 18, when Dylan Proctor of Lock Haven and Todd Lynn of Hollidaysburg spun in turn number two.

Dale Schweikart was able to hold off the late race challenges by his son to pick up the victory. "It's a neat feeling and proud moment to race against my son, but I was faster in turns 3 and 4 and was able to make the pass," said Dale Schweikart. "It a great night when you can finish one-two." Weaver, Lutz and McVay completed the top five. Jacob Gomola of Seneca charged from the 24th spot to finish 6th, Garret Bard, Kruz Kepner, Zionkowski, and Proctor completed the top ten. Heat races were won by Lynn, Weaver, and Lutz.

In Pro Stock competition, Tommy Dawson and Brad Myers lead the field for the initial start with Myers taking the early lead. During a caution on lap number two, Myers stopped on the track, giving up the lead to Dawson. Dawson commanded most of the race, with a heated battle between Robert Tressler, Ay Schilling, Noah Jensen, and Kevin VanAmburg for

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Dale Schweikart of Linden wins the Season Opener for Sprint Cars at the Clinton County Speedway (CCS photo)

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the top 5. Tressler made a pass for the lead on lap number twelve and Jensen moving into second place on the final lap. Tressler picked up the win over Jensen, Dawson, VanAmburg, and Brandon Moser. Sixth through tenth were AY Schilling, Corey Long, Mark Bitler, Brad Benton, and Brad Myers. Heat races were won by Tressler and Schilling.

Lance Spotts and Bobby Sanso of Williamsport led the field of 20 Werner Fuels 600 Micro Sprints to the green flag. Spotts took the early lead with 3rd place starter Garret Bard in pursuit. Bard took the lead on lap number three from Spotts. At the halfway point of the race, Bard led Spotts with Tyson Mowery, Mason Peters, and Cody Hauck running in the top five. A late race caution on lap number 12 gave the field one last opportunity to pass Bard. Bard held on for the final three laps to claim the victory over Spotts, Mowery, Peters, Jeffrey Weaver, Hauck, Jeff Guyrinia, Sierra Hauck, Derek Swartz, and Cory Brungard. Qualifying Races were won by Spotts and Sanso.

The 270 Micro Sprints saw Sean McAndrew and Kyler Stahl lead the field for the initial green flag. Fifth place starter Jeffrey Weaver took command of the field by the second circuitry with McAndrew, Troy Whitsel, Ethan Spotts and Bobby Sanso running in the top five. The red flag came out on lap 13, when four cars came together, and one car tipped over on its side. All drivers were okay. In the final laps Weaver held off McAndrew, Whitsel, Sanso and Spotts. Sixth through tenth were Stahl, Dan Wertman Timmy Bitner, Denny Rineheimer, and Hunter Zimmerman. Heat races were won by Whitsel and Spotts.

The Glen O Hawbaker 4 Cylinders made their debut with a new stock rules package. The division premiered with 9 cars in competition, with several cars planning to be completed in the coming weeks. Maddox Smith and Tyler Watson set the pace for the start of the feature event. Smith jumped out to the early lead and led every lap of the 12-lap feature event to claim his first career victory. Sterling Kepner raced from the 6th spot to finish second, Michael Boring

was third, Kennedy Courter finished fourth, and Zachery Rill finished fifth.

The Clinton County Speedway returns on Friday, July 3rd with a 5 division show featuring the Limited Late Models. The race will be a Limited Late Models – Semi Late Model Challenge event sponsored by G.F.Y. Racing Supply. The top three semi late models will receive a bonus of \$100, \$50, \$25 respectively complements of G.F.Y. Racing Supply. In addition the Pro Stocks, 600, 270s, and 4 Cylinders will be part of the racing program. Gates will open at 5:15, Hotlaps at 7PM and Racing at 7:30PM. For the most recent news about the speedway, visit the website at www.clintoncountyspeedway.com or follow the speedway on Facebook.

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - It's less than two months away. On August 20-22, Dodge City Raceway Park is the scene of the Fourth Annual Lubbock Wrecker Service DCRP 305 Sprint Car Nationals.

Entry forms for the \$3,000-to-win event are available at <https://www.dodgecityraceway.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/DCRP-305-Sprint-Car-Nationals-2020-Entry-Form.pdf>.

Entries submitted by August 13 are just \$100 with a driver pit pass of \$20 per night. Entries submitted after August 13 are \$150 with driver pit pass at \$30 per night.

While the posted winner's share in the Saturday, August 22 finale is \$3,000, it can climb to \$4,500 with lap money in the mix as well.

Just ask Jake Bubak, who collected more than \$6,000 in winnings last year after sweeping through the entire weekend. Bubak battled through the pack to win both preliminary features and then topped Saturday's Dash for Cash to earn the pole position and then held off a host of contenders all 30 laps to complete a perfect weekend.

It made amends for a last-lap slider that fell short and allowed Jake Martens to pocket more than \$4,000 in the 2018 edition of the DCRP Sprint Car Nationals after Fort Worth's Kevin Ramey topped the inaugural edition in 2017.

This year's event fires off with the first of two preliminary events on Thursday, August 20, with a second round of preliminary action on Friday before culminating with Saturday's championship finale.

This year's DCRP Sprint Car

Nationals will be accompanied by the Seventh Annual IMCA Sport Modified Mayhem North vs. South Duel. Thursday practice for the Sport Modifieds will be followed by heat races and qualifying race action on Friday and then the \$1,500-to-win main event on Saturday. The Kansas Antique Racers will be on hand each night as well.

Each night of racing will fire off at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets to the Thursday and Friday preliminary events are only \$12 for each night with Saturday's finale just \$20 while children eleven and under are free each night. Pit passes are \$30 for each night.

Detailed schedule information is available at <https://www.dodgecityraceway.com/schedule/>.

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Dodge City Raceway Park is located on the south edge of Dodge City, KS, on US 283, then 0.9 miles west on US 56, then 0.1 miles south. For more information, contact the track at 620-225-3277 or check www.dodgecityraceway.com.

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - The battle lines have been drawn.

And it all goes down Thursday night atop the 3/8-mile Dodge City Raceway Park clay oval in southwest Kansas when the top Sprint Car drivers throughout the region face off to vie for a boosted winner's share of \$1,000.

Thursday's tilt pits the Hambelton Racing DCRP Sprint Cars versus the United Rebel Sprint Series. It is also a full night of championship chase action for the IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks.

In total, the Sprint Car Clash purse has been boosted by \$1,000. While the winner receives \$1,000, the runner-up will pocket \$700 with start money at \$125.

Thursday's racing action will go

green at 7:30 p.m.

It marks the second round of action for the Hambelton Racing DCRP Sprint Cars after past track champion Taylor Velasquez of Turpin, OK, dominated the June 20 season opener. Velasquez took the checkered flag ahead of Great Bend's Zach Blurton, who battled past Jordan Knight in the closing rounds for runner-up honors with defending track champion Luke Cranston and Ty Williams filling out the initial top five.

Velasquez stands as the winningest driver in the DCRP Sprint Car ranks with 13 triumphs since the 2012 season.

Meanwhile, Blurton has the hot hand among the URSS forces. Blurton swept through this past weekend's pair of events to run his season total to three victories as he took over the series points lead. Other URSS winners this season include 16-year-old Kyler Johnson, Jed Werner and Koby Walters.

Graduating from the Sport Modifieds, Dakota Sproul made the most of his first IMCA Modified start at DCRP by racing to victory lane on June 20 with Brandon Kenny jumping atop the early IMCA Sport Modified point charts and the father-son duo of Troy and Tathan Burkhart both triumphant in the opening leg of IMCA Stock Car and IMCA Hobby Stock action, respectively.

General admission tickets for Thursday's Sprint Car Clash are just \$12 for adults while children 11 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Pit passes are \$30.

After a delayed start to the 2020 season, the 3/8-mile Dodge City Raceway Park clay oval is slated for 10 nights of action along with another six Sunday cards atop 1/7-mile Little DCRP clay oval.

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Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Racing Series came roaring back to the Birthplace of the NASCAR stars on Saturday night with the running of the KSP Promotions, LLC 315.

Leading off the night's festivities
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would be the Renegades on the track for their 20 lap battle. Gary Ledbetter in the #8 would start from the point with Robbie Hollifield in the #51 to his outside. Ledbetter would move to the early lead with Hollifield just behind. Spencer Dickinson in the #6 and Joseph Hodges in the #4 would move around Dickinson for second and third. A spin by the

#73 of Kyle Boice would bring out the caution on lap 8. The restart would see Ledbetter move back to the lead. Lap 11 would see a major engine problem as Ledbetter would have his power plant let go in front of the field. Dickinson, Hollifield, Hodges, and Justin Austin in the #4 would all be caught up in the oil and sustain major damage. Dickinson and Hollifield would be unable to continue. The restart on lap 11 would see Ben Campbell in the #27 and Zachary Mullins in the #72 leading the field back to the green flag. Mullins would move to the front with Campbell close behind. Lap 16 would see the caution fly as Austin would spin on the front stretch. Mullins and Campbell would line up door to door for the restart. Mullins would pull to the lead with Hodges on his bumper. Lap 17 would see the caution fly once again as contact with Hodges would send Mullins spinning. Campbell and Austin would lead the field back to the green. Austin would move to the front. Contact from Campbell would see Mullins spinning and the caution flying. Austin and Hodges would start from the front row once again. Hodges would move to the front and drive on to the win. Austin would finish 2nd with Mullins battling back after multiple spins to finish 3rd. Campbell would finish 4th and Boice would finish 5th.

The 4-Cylinders would hit the track next for their 25 lap feature. Brian Mundy in the #6 would take the top spot in qualifying and start from the point with Curtis Pardue in the #17 to his outside. Mundy would move to the early lead with Pardue pedaling it in second. Cody Combs in the #9 would start deep in the field but move his way up to third by the halfway point. Mundy would prove too tough on the night and take the win. Pardue would finish 2nd and Combs would hold on



Josh Berry shares victory lane with his family at Hickory Motor Speedway. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

to 3rd. Ashton Trivette in the #21 would finish 4th with Robert Trivette in the #83 finishing 5th.

Next up would be race one of the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Late Model doubleheader with the first of two 40 lap races. Josh Berry in the #88 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the top spot with Ryan Millington in the #15 to his outside. Row two would see Nolan Pope in the #1 and Austin McDaniel in the #12 side by side for the start. Berry and Millington would duel door to door as McDaniel would come to a stop in turn two with a problem. As the caution would fly McDaniel would come to pit road for repairs and return to the track. Millington would be scored as the leader and bring the field back to the green flag on the outside with Berry to his inside. After a handful of laps Berry would use the low line to move back to the top spot with Millington close in tow. Sam Butler in the #81 and Pope would have a spirited battle for third. The battle would rage for ten laps with neither giving an inch. Berry would prove too strong and drive on to the win. Millington would wheel into 2nd while Pope would hang on to 3rd. Butler would finish

4th while Justin Carroll in the #57 would come home in 5th.

The Carolina Pro Late Model Series would be next to hit the track for the Furick 75. Carson Kvapil in the #35 would set fast time in qualifying with Nick Loden in the #43 close behind in second. After the qualifying invert Josh Lowder in the #63 would start from the point with Ross Dalton in the #50 to his outside. After taking the green flag Dalton would take the early lead with Lowder in second. Kvapil would move to second on lap 6 and to the top spot on lap 8. Loden would also make the hard charge to the front and move to second on lap 8. The caution would fly on lap 18 as the #61 of Gabriel Fogg would spin in turn three. Kvapil and Loden would lead the field to the green flag. Lap 20 would see Loden move to the front. Lap 25 would see the caution fly as contact would send the #76 of Jerick Johnson spinning. Loden and Kvapil would pace the field back to the green flag. Kvapil would move to the front with Loden getting pressure from Will Cox for second. The caution would fly on lap 36 as Bill Catania in the #18 and the #5 of Max Gutierrez would spin coming

off of turn four. Kvapil and Loden would bring the field back to green flag on the restart. As the field would get the green flag several cars would cross up in the front and a chain reaction would ensue with multiple cars involved. The #52 of Zach Keller would suffer the most damage with a hard hit into the outside wall. Keller would be okay, unable to continue in the race. Kvapil and Loden would restart from row one. Kvapil would move back to the point. Amber Lynn in the #2 and Cox would battle hard for the third position. Lap 38 would see the caution fly as Lynn would spin in turn four. Everyone would be able to continue. The front row would once again see Kvapil and Loden for the restart. Kvapil would move back to the front with Loden running second and Lowder up to third. Lap 51 would see the caution fly as the #98 of Matt Henley would have problems and come to rest in turn three after hitting the wall. Henley's night would end with a wrecker ride to the pits. Kvapil and Loden would bring the field back to the green flag. Kvapil would once again use the high line to move to the top spot. Kvapil would face a late race challenge and hang on to claim the win. Loden would pressure for the top spot late, however he would have to settle for 2nd with Cox finishing 3rd. Lowder would finish 4th and Tissott would take 5th.

Hitting the track next would be the Super Trucks as they would roll off for their 35 lap feature. Charlie Watson in the #9 would set fast time and start from the front with Joey Shuryan in the #30 to his outside for the green flag. Watson would pull to the early lead with Shuryan in second. Zach Hale in the #97 and Dennis Trivette in the #28 would put on a hard fought battle for the third spot. Hale would nose ahead for the position with Trivette in his tire tracks. Trivette would get around for third at the halfway point. Hale would spin coming off of turn four and make contact with the front stretch wall on lap 25, bringing out the caution. Hale would be okay, but his truck would sustain substantial damage and end his night on the wrecker. Watson and Shuryan would bring the field back to the green flag. Watson would go quickly back to the lead. Lap 31 would see the caution fly as contact between Trivette and Shuryan would send Shuryan spinning. The restart would see Watson and Shuryan up front for the green flag. Watson would move back to front with Trivette coming to

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second. Watson would drive on to the win with Trivette grabbing 2nd. Shuryan would take 3rd while Hale would finish 4th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would be the next to hit the track for their 50 lap battle in the Paramount Kia 'BIG 10' Racing Challenge. Josh Kossek in the #44k would take the pole position and start from the front with

Dylon Ward in the #21 to his outside. Josh Stark in the #32 and Justin Whitaker in the #44 would make up row two for the start. Kossek would win the early battle and pull to the front with Ward close behind. The racing would be fast and furious throughout the field when Whitaker would spin coming off of turn four. Kossek and Ward would lead the field to the green flag. Kossek would pull ahead as Ward would see Stark coming in his rear view mirror. The caution would fly on lap 17 as the #42 of Ricky Bruce would spin on the backstretch. Whitaker would get collected in the incident and have to be towed back to the pits. Kossek and Ward would pace the field to the green flag. Kossek would move back to the front and bring Stark to second. Chase Janes in the #47 would have to start at the rear of the field after mechanical issues during qualifying, but would move all the way up to fourth on lap 25. The caution would fly on lap 29 as contact would send Stark spinning in turn two. Several cars would spin to avoid contact and everyone would be able to continue. Kossek and Janes would bring the field to the green flag. Kossek would move to the front, however the caution would quickly fly on lap 30 as the #4 of JR Goode would spin in turn three. Kossek and Janes would pace the field once again. Kossek would move ahead to the front. Cars would scramble for position on the backstretch and a pileup would occur with Stark getting the worst of it and ending what was a great run. Kossek and Janes would once again take the field to the green flag. Kossek would move to the top spot while the #14 of Akinori Ogata would challenge Janes for second. Janes would take the spot and set his sights on the leader. Ward would pressure Ogata for

third, taking the spot on lap 44. Kossek would hold off a late race challenge and take the win. Janes would finish 2nd and Ward would grab 3rd. Ogata would finish 4th and the #66 of Kevin Dill would finish 5th.

The Street Stocks would thunder onto the track next for their 30 lap feature. Mark Whitten in the #77 would start from the top spot with Gary Ledbetter in the #32 to his outside. Ledbetter would pull to the front on the backstretch. As the cars would come off turn four Kevin Eby in the #03 would look under Whitten for position and the #2 of Ethan Johnson was looking to his outside. Johnson and Whitten would make contact, sending both cars into the outside wall and into the tire barrier at the track entrance. Both drivers would be okay, but neither car would be able to continue. Ledbetter and Eby would make up the front row for the restart. Ledbetter would nose ahead for the lead but Eby and the #64 of Marshall Sutton would remain close. Ledbetter would prove too tough on the night as he would grab the win. Eby would finish 2nd and Sutton would finish 3rd, Trey Buff in the #48 would come home in 4th and the #56 of John Guker would take 5th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Late Models would finish out the night with race two of their doubleheader. After the nine car invert from the finishing order of race one, Parker Chase in the #77 and Blake Stallings in the #19 would make up the front row. Row two would see Thomas Beane in the #31 and Connor Mosack in the #8, door to door for the green flag. Chase would pull to the early lead with Stallings facing a challenge from Beane. Connor Mosack in the #8 would move to third, getting around Beane. Josh Berry in the #88 would patiently move up to fourth on lap 10. The lead would change hands as Stallings would move around Chase. Mosack and Berry would move to second and third and give chase to the leader. Lap 23 would see Berry pull to the lead with Ryan Millington in the #15 hot in his tracks. Millington would give chase, but Berry would drive on to the win and complete the sweep of both 40 lap features. Millington would finish 2nd and Stallings would cap off the night with a good run in 3rd. Nolan Pope in the #1 would move his way up to finish 4th while Mosack would finish in 5th.

Hickory Motor Speedway will be taking a much needed break next week and celebrate the 4th of July

with family.

Racing returns to America's Most Famous Short Track on July 11th with a full slate of NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Racing Series action.

For more info check us out at www.hickorymotorspeedway.com, Twitter, Instagram, or call us at 828-464-3655.

Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - Kres VanDyke used his heavy right foot and a good-handling race car to twin 35-lap Late Model Stock features at Kingsport Speedway on Friday night.

Fellow Abingdon racer Kevin Canter hit a milestone with his 50th career win in the Mod 4 division of the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series program.

VanDyke set the fast time in qualifying and his red No. 15 Chevrolet was fast out front in the first 35-lap feature to open the night's racing action.

Wayne Hale, last week's winner in the No. 19 Toyota, finished second, over five seconds behind VanDyke. Hayden Woods was third in the No. 6 Chevrolet.

After an inversion of the top eight drivers to start the second race, VanDyke didn't take long to make his way up front again. He made his way to second by lap 10 and passed Hale for the race lead three laps later.

Even when a caution bunched the field, VanDyke faced little challenge and drove away from defending track champion Nik Williams for his second win of the night and third of the season.

"This No. 15 was bad to the bone," VanDyke said. "We started working on it about noon and we were at first a little slow. We just kept digging at it, found the sweet spot and the car was on fire.

"I'm so excited. It was a good points night and we want to keep

this train rolling. I was stuck behind Wayne in the second race before the caution came out, but the tires started coming in and I started reeling him in.

"I thank everyone who helps us out and thank God for letting us have this opportunity."

Williams, driving the No. 32 Chevrolet, finished second ahead of North Carolina teenager Ashton Higgins. Kingsport's Brad Housewright finished fourth in both Late Model features.

Williams was fifth in the opening race and Keith Helton was fifth in race No. 2.

"We went to changing some stuff," Williams said. "We got out in left field, but we will get it again where we're fast. It was good points night and I wish we would have run better the first race, but the car just wasn't there.

"This is killing me. I want to win so bad."

Hale fell out of contention in the second race when he cut a right rear tire. The car was a handful over the closing laps, but the Bluff City driver never spun out.

"We had the right rear tire go down and the car was all to pieces," Hale said. "It got pretty hairy, but it just wasn't our night. The first race, we got to second but never got any cautions to get bunched up."

MOD 4

Canter's 50th career victory was one the four-time defending Mod 4 champion won't soon forget.

After an inversion of the top-six qualifiers, Canter had to work his way to the front and passed Kirby Gobble for the lead on lap 14. Going into the next turn, Gobble spun Canter's No. 3 Ford and Canter was at the back of the lead lap.

The setback was only temporary, however. Canter passed Gobble with five laps to go and raced on to his fourth win of the season.

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Kress VanDyke is getting comfortable in Kingsport Speedway's victory lane again in 2020. (KS photo)

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Canter has won the last 12 Mod 4 races at Kingsport dating to last season.

Gobble finished second ahead of David Brown, Tyler Bush and Billy Duty.

PURE STREET

Tony Dockery also remained undefeated on the season and captured his seventh straight Pure Street victory dating to 2019.

He took over the lead when Billy Walters got loose off turn 2 on lap 13. Once out front, there was no catching Dockery's No. 05 Chevrolet.

Rob Austin finished second and Jay Swecker was third with all three top finishers in Camaros.

Walters was fourth ahead of Jamie Meadows.

PURE 4

Billy Byington passed Craig Phelps for the lead near the midway point of the Pure 4 race and led the rest of the 30-lap feature in his white No. 11 Toyota.

Phelps raced to second in the 24-car field, holding off Bucky Smith, last week's winner. William Hale and David Trent finished fourth and fifth.

SPORTSMAN

Derek Lane took advantage when his brother Trey Lane and Kirby Gobble made contact battling for the lead, passing both on lap 8 and rolling to the Sportsman victory.

Derek Lane's No. 28 Chevrolet paced the field the rest of the 30-lap race. Gobble fended off multiple challenges from Kyle Barnes to hang on to second.

Barnes wound up third, and Rusty Clendenin and Alex Miller rounded out the top five.

Lake View Motor Speedway

LAKE VIEW, SC - Michael Marlowe of Mt. Olive, SC got the advantage at the drop of the green flag and held off a hard-charging Johnny Pridgen to take his first Late Model win in over three years on Saturday night at Lake View Motor Speedway.

Veteran Timmy Blackwell qualified on the pole position, but was beat into the first turn by Marlowe at the start. After qualifying seventh, Pridgen made a bold three-wide move on the first lap to move into fourth. Following a caution on

lap six for Wesley Hooks going over the turn one embankment, Marlowe led the field to the restart. When the green flag waved, second row starters, Blackwell and Dustin Perritt nearly wrecked on the frontstretch after contact, allowing Pridgen to move past both into second.

Pridgen hounded Marlowe in lapped traffic over the final laps, but Marlowe was withstand the challenges for his first win of the season. Following Marlowe and Pridgen at the finish were Blackwell, Perritt, and Steven Blanton. Rounding out the top ten were Matt Pridgen, Blake Sanderson, Johnathan Ward, Chris Miller, and David Baker.

The Mid-East Modified Tour Coastal Division competed in Twin 15s Saturday night with Case Daniels and AJ Belanger splitting the wins. In Twin #1, Daniels made a three-wide move on a restart to bypass Greg Brown and Greg Cain to take the lead. Daniels led the rest of the way for the win over Cain, Brown, Chris Stowe, and Belanger.

For Twin #2, the top five finishers were inverted from race 1 putting Belanger and Stowe on the front row. Belanger led every lap for his second Lake View win of the season over Daniels, Daniel Allen, Cain, and Stowe.

Ron Pope of Erwin, NC got the advantage over Benji Thompson at the start to lead every lap for his second Super Street win of 2020. Rounding out the top five were David Royal, Scott Patterson, and Donnie Odom.

Rocky Gasque of Loris, SC got the jump over Chuck Jackson at the start and led the rest of the way for his first Crate Racin' USA Street Stock win of the year. The first caution of the night waved on lap one when Devin Bryant spun in turn three and collected Jamie Nobles. Bryant's night would end after another spin in turn three which also eliminated Donald Williams. Daniel Johnson had a strong run going in the top five until a near spin resulted in contact with Michael Butler. Following Gasque and Jackson at the finish were Butler, Mike Manes, and Joey Wilkes.

Casey Shane passed Jerry Johnson, Jr. on lap six and held on in a wild finish for his first SCDRA Sport Compact win of the year. Johnson took the early lead before relenting to Shane, setting up the race for the finish. Shane weaved through lapped traffic followed closely by new second place runner, Derek Kemper. On the final

lap, Shane got caught up behind the slower car of Eddie McNamara, allowing Kemper to close in on the leader in turn three. Coming to the checkered flag, Shane spun McNamara in turn four and was able to beat Kemper to the finish line by less than a car length. Rounding out the top five were "Joker Style" Kyle Jenks, Dillon Thompson, and Billy Wallace.

Morghan Johnson took advantage of mechanical problems for early-race leader Donovan Jackson and led the rest of the way for her second Mod-Lite win of the season at Lake View. Following Johnson at the finish were Bladen Core, Troy Van Allen, Andrew Albertson, and Parker Belch.

The next event at Lake View Motor Speedway will be Saturday night, July 11th, featuring a huge \$5,000 to win event for the SCDRA Sport Compacts. Late Models will also be in action, along with the Bell & Bell Vintage Modifieds. Be sure to "Like" Lake View Motor Speedway on Facebook, follow @LakeViewDirt on Twitter to keep up on all that's going on in 2020 or visit lakeviewmotorspeedway.com.

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Other Sunday victors included Briggs Williams in "Advanced" Junior Sprint action, Randle McRoberts in Open Outlaw Karts and Daniel Williams in Adult Karts.

The Little DCRP clay oval resumes action on Sunday, July 19.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Selinsgrove Speedway hosted the Jan Opperman/Dick Bogar Memorial for Red Robin Pennsylvania Speedweek 410 sprint cars on Sunday night and Danny Dietrich came out on top in what was a non-stop, dizzying event filled with astonishing exhibitions of high-speed skill at the hands of not only himself but by Rico Abreu, Kyle Larson, Anthony Macri and Brock Zearfoss as well.

All five drivers vied for the prestigious payday, exchanging positions repeatedly in the turns, see-sawing back and forth for the top spots while in clear contention for the victory.

The \$5,099 win was the second of Dietrich's career in the Opperman/Bogar Memorial and his sec-



Buddy Mullens celebrates winning both the Winged and Non-Wing A Classes portion of Sunday's races at Little DCRP. (DCRP photo)

Little DCRP

DODGE CITY, KS - A pair of drivers raced to a pair of wins during Sunday's season-opening event for Micro Sprints and Karts atop the 1/7-mile Little DCRP clay oval.

Buddy Mullens swept through both the Winged and Non-Wing "A" Classes portion of the Micro Sprint action with Kye Ricke picking up Restricted "A" Class honors.

Deekan McRoberts doubled up as well, first winning the Junior Sprint "Novice" main event and then topping the Junior Kart fea-

ond in the 2020 speedweek series after also scoring on Saturday night at Lincoln Speedway.

The Gettysburg driver took over the speedweek point lead with his run at the famed Snyder County oval.

In the 20 lap 305 sprint main, Nick Sweigart scored the win to record his first ever division win at the track.

The 30-lap Opperman/Bogar Memorial would go non-stop from flag to flag with both Dietrich and Rico Abreu of St. Helena, California, taking their turns at the lead all

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the while fighting to hold back Elk Grove, California's Kyle Larson, Dillsburg's Anthony Macri and Brock Zearfoss of Jonestown.

Dietrich fought off Abreu's immediate challenge on the start with Zearfoss racing in third.

But by lap six, Abreu had caught back up to Dietrich and was ready to pounce as the leader entered

the rear of the field on the eighth tour by which time Macri was up to fourth and Larson was running fifth after starting seventh.

By lap 11, Larson and Macri were exchanging fourth in every corner while Abreu began swapping the top spot with Dietrich.

And all the while, Zearfoss, Macri and Larson were collectively catching the leaders.

Abreu went out front over Dietrich for the first official time at the line on lap 13 but Dietrich would be scored the leader of lap 14.

And in between the official scoring at the stripe, the pair went back and forth for the lead in the turns.

It was Abreu back to the official lead at the halfway point as the exhilarating race and pace of the event made the affair a sprint car fans dream and delight to watch.

Dietrich would again be scored the leader on lap 17 as Macri crept up to third with Larson and Zearfoss in tow.

At that time, Larson began masterfully slinging his mount through the corners, showing amazing speed onto the chutes, catapulting himself up to third with 11 laps to go while nipping at the outside retaining wall.

For the next five laps, Larson dueling with Abreu for second and at times the pair raced side by side around the big half-mile and this was the key for Dietrich as it allowed him to begin sneaking away from the field.

And by lap 26, the Gettysburg speedster had a firm command of the field as Abreu again secured second.

During the final few laps, Macri came back on Larson for third but Larson would hold onto the spot to the finish.

Dietrich's margin of victory was 5.115 seconds over Abreu with Larson in third, followed by Macri and Zearfoss.

Sixth through 10th went to Freddie Rahmer, Brent Marks, Ryan Smith, Blane Heimbach and Logan Wagner.

Heats for the sprint cars went to Ryan Smith, Larson, Dietrich and Rahmer with the B Main going to Justin Whittall.

Fast Tees fast time was set by Zearfoss with a lap of 17.179 seconds.

Dietrich took the speedweek point lead with his run in the race by 43 points over Larson, followed by Rahmer, Smith and Zearfoss.

Ron Aurand led the first 12 laps of the 305 sprint main before Nick Sweigart took over for the win.

Kassidy Kreitz ran home second while catching the leader, followed by Ken Duke Jr., Landon Price and Aurand.

Heats went to Derek Hauck, Erin Statler and Duke with Kyle Keen taking the last chance race.

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Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Mark Smith stormed to the fifth Kramer Kup win of his career at Selinsgrove Speedway on Saturday night, besting the URC Sprints for laurels in the 8th running of the Kramer Williamson Memorial event, run in honor of the track's late champion and URC stalwart.

Jeff Rine of Danville won his second super late model main in as many weeks at the track on Saturday to score career win 111 in the division at the oval while Jake Jones scored his second win of the season in roadrunner action.

Dallas Schott of Myerstown started on the pole of the 30-lap Kramer Kup with Derek Locke to his outside.

Schott motored into the lead when action began with third starter Mark Smith of Sunbury blasting up to second on the start.

Smith at first appeared ready to storm by Schott during the first two circuits but after nearly colliding with the leader when he hopped the first turn cushion on the second lap, Smith instead fell back while Schott pulled away.

By lap eight, Schott had a 1.693 second lead over Smith but when the leader entered traffic, Smith made up dramatic ground, allowing him to drive up on the leader's tail.

It was lap 11 when Smith blasted by for the lead, just seconds before

a caution flag bunched the field.

At the halfway point, Smith was in control over Schott, Jason Shultz, Locke and Adam Carberry.

Smith hit traffic with 10 laps to go while Locke and Shultz traded the third spot and Chad Layton challenged Carberry for fifth.

With five laps to go, Smith had a lead of more than seven seconds as Locke got by Schott for the runner up spot.

Schott then faded backward as Smith headed for the checkers worth \$3,073 ahead of the field by 6.511 seconds at the finish.

Locke rode home second followed by Jason Shultz, Adam Carberry and Chad Layton.

Sixth through 10th went to Josh Weller, Ryan Kissinger, Schott, Joe Kata III and Davie Franek.

Twin heat races went to Weller and Locke.

Rine pulled a two in the feature redraw to start the 25-lap super late model main and wired the field for the victory.

Andy Haus drove from fourth to second on the start but eventually fell victim to seventh starter Dylan Yoder who was motoring the top groove to the front of the pack.

Yoder bypassed Haus for second on lap 12 but was 5.499 seconds back of leader Rine when he crossed the line.

A yellow flag with three laps to go put Yoder on Rine's tail for a shot at the lead but Rine jetted to the win by 4.011 seconds.

Yoder was second followed by Bryan Bernheisel, Haus and Jim Yoder.

Sixth through 10th went to Brett Schadel, Coleby Frye, Jim Bernheisel, Hayes Mattern and Dave Brouse Jr.

Heats were taken by Rine and Haus.

Keith Bissinger of Orangeville led the first nine laps of the 12-lap roadrunner main before fourth starter Jake Jones got alongside for the lead.

Jones had pressured Bissinger from the start but was only able to make a pass with two laps to go.

The pair of leaders raced up close to the wall in the first turn on the final lap with Jones getting by for his second speedway win of the season.

Bissinger settled for second followed by Will Brunson, Curtis Lawton and Terry Kramer.

Heats went to Jimmy Kessler and John Schreffler.

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South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Due to restrictions in Phase 3 of the re-opening plan for the Commonwealth of Virginia and implications to the speedway's insurance coverage, South Boston Speedway officials had no choice but to cancel Saturday night's Thunder Road Harley-Davidson Presented by Grand Atlantic Ocean Resort Late Model Twin 100s racing program and post-race fireworks show. Track officials said refunds will be provided to those fans who purchased advance tickets for the event.

"We are extremely disappointed in having to cancel the event," South Boston Speedway officials said.

"Unfortunately, circumstances over which we have no control make it impossible for us to proceed with the event. We very much appreciate the support we have received from competitors, fans and sponsors as we have attempted to start our 2020 season."

Under the Commonwealth's Phase 3 re-opening plan, the speedway would be limited to a capacity of 1,000 patrons.

"The Phase 3 guidelines still make it impossible for us to hold our exciting events for the race fans and to employ the 100 people in our county every weekend. We hope to be able to open our 2020 season soon."

Southern National Motorsports Park

The finest stars and cars of the tri-state region roared into Southern National Motorsports Park Sunday afternoon with NC State champion, Bradley McCaskill from Archers Lodge visiting Solid Rock Carriers victory lane in the first feature for the LMSC division. Mason Diaz from Manassas, Va. followed in 2nd place with Brandon Clements from Swansboro 3rd with Rusty Daniels and John Goin from Buckingham, Va. rounding out the top 5. The 30 lap Mini Stock winner was Lee Kozikowski from Clayton, Robert Strmiska, Lexington; Joseph Pittman, Lucama with Travis Tiller and Buckshot Jones from Lucama were your top 5 finishers. Smith Auto Body Shop St. Stocks winner Gary Ledbetter, Jr. and the Black Pearl of Greg Barnette raced hard for 40 laps in the feature and young

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gun Matthew Gurganus crossed the stripe in 3rd place with David Thomas and car #13 your top five places.

The Any Car feature was a wild one with numerous lead changes and after a couple of green, white, checkered flag restarts, Wayne Walker and his daughter visited victory lane. Tyler Stalls from Plymouth and Allen Rose

rounded out the top 3 finishers. The Charger feature winner was Dylan Newsome from Goldsboro. Newsome held off Ronald Renfrow, Wilson and Carter Langley from Clayton to visit victory lane. Cars #44 and #3 Travis Robertson completed the top 5. The Legends car feature was a barnburner that was a photo finish with Justin Mitchell nipping Kyle Beattie at the stripe, Thacker crossed the stripe in 3rd place with Kade Lambert from Burlington rounding out the top 4 places. The second LMSC twin 40 saw an 8 car invert and first time winner, John Goin, Buckingham, Va. in victory lane in the rain shortened feature. Brandon Clements and Mason Diaz ran 2nd and 3rd; Clear 1 minute, Sprinkles the next, then the bottom fell out and then trouble in turn one; prayers for all with tore up race cars.

Big Southern National Motorsports Park thank you to the Fans, Drivers, Car Owners and Staff for working for through these times. The CDC, social distancing, masks and stuff seemed to work well, NCDHHS worked well, great seeing the few fans in the stands but maybe by mid July we can be back to fans in the stands, just pray about it. Southern National Motorsports Park is available for practice, we sell Sunoco gas, Hoosier Tires, follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and the world wide web. By the Grace of God and 600 horsepower, see you at the races.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - After a 2-month delay due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Stafford Motor Speedway opened its doors for racing with NAPA Auto Parts Opening Night on Friday, June 26. 126 cars lined the paddock area with Keith Rocco in the SK Modified® feature, Wayne Coury, Jr. in the Late Model feature, Jonathan Puleo in the SK

Light feature, Andrew Durand in the Limited Late Model feature, and Travis Hydar in the Street Stock feature all becoming the first drivers to reach NAPA Victory Lane in 2020 at Stafford.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature, Ronnie Williams and Todd Owen went side by side for the lead at the green with Williams getting clear on lap-2. Michael Christopher, Jr. was third in the early laps with Cory DiMatteo moving into fourth and Keith Rocco was fifth.

Owen made a move to the inside of Williams in turn 3 to take the lead on lap-4. Christopher followed him through to take second before the caution came out with 4 laps complete for Teddy Hodgdon and Dan Wesson, who both went through the frontstretch infield with Wesson coming to a stop.

Owen powered his way back to the lead on the restart with Williams in second. Rocco was up to third with Christopher fourth and Woody Pitkat fifth. Williams made a move to the inside of Owen for the lead on lap-8 and he was able to complete the pass on lap-9 and take over the lead. Rocco followed him by Owen to take second and Christopher took third, dropping Owen back to fourth. Matt Vassar and Tyler Hines spun in turn 2 to bring the caution back out with 9 laps complete.

Williams was the leader back under green with Owen and Rocco side by side for second. Pitkat was fourth in line with Christopher fifth and Andrew Molleur in sixth. The caution came back out with 12 laps complete for a spin in turn 4 by DiMatteo. Bryan Narducci spun in turn 2 to bring the caution back out before a lap could be completed.

Owen took the lead on the restart with Rocco right behind him in second. Williams was third in line with Molleur in fourth and Pitkat back to fifth. Stephen Kopicik was applying heavy pressure to Pitkat for fifth but Pitkat was able to hold him off. Up front, Rocco was all over Owen's back bumper looking high and low for a way to take over the lead. Owen was able to keep Rocco behind him. Rocco continued to look high and low for a way around Owen until the caution flew with 19 laps complete for a spin on the backstretch by Michael Gervais, Jr.

Rocco got right back to applying heavy pressure to Owen's back bumper on the restart as they fought for the lead but Owen was once again able to keep Rocco behind him. Williams was third with Kopicik up to fourth and Pitkat in

fifth. Rocco was finally able to make a pass stick on lap-24 as he went by Owen in turns 1+2 to take over the race lead. David Arute spun coming out of turn 2 to bring the caution out with 27 laps complete.

Rocco took the lead on the restart while Williams got around Owen to take second but the caution came back out with 28 laps complete for a multi-car accident on the backstretch involving the cars of Glen Reen, Tony Membrino, Jr., Tyler Leary, Teddy Hodgdon, Molleur, and Troy Talman. The restart saw Tom Bolles get into the turn 3 wall, which collected several other cars that brought the caution right back out.

The restart saw Owen go from third to first with Rocco falling back to second. Pitkat was up to third with Kopicik fourth and Williams fifth. Rocco was immediately back to applying heavy pressure to Owen, looking high and low for a way to get back to the front of the pack. Rocco made his move in turn 3 on lap-34 to get back to the front. Pitkat was still third behind Owen with Kopicik and Williams continuing to make up the top-5 cars.

Kopicik made a move to the inside of Pitkat on lap-38 to move into third. Williams followed Kopicik by Pitkat to take fourth and drop Pitkat back to fifth. Rocco pulled away from Owen at the front to take down the first SK Modified® win of 2020. Kopicik finished third with Williams and Pitkat rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature, Tom Fearn took the lead at the green with Paul Arute right behind him in second. Tyler Leary and Ryan Fearn were side by side for third place with Adam Gray riding in fifth place. Fearn took third from Leary on lap-2 and the top-5 were now single file with Tom Fearn showing the way.

Fearn was starting to pull away from Arute, Ryan Fearn, Leary, Gray, and the rest of the field. Darrell Keane took fifth from Gray on lap-8 while the top-4 cars remained unchanged. With 10 laps complete, Tom Fearn had opened up a nearly half straightaway lead over the field but his car dropped off the pace on lap-12 and he limped back to pit road and pulled behind the wall with Arute now the race leader. The caution came out with 12 laps complete to slow the field.

Arute took the lead on the restart but Ryan Fearn was applying heavy pressure. The field was only able to complete one lap before a

pileup in turn 1 occurred involving Kevin Gambacorta, Duane Provost, Al Saunders, Rick Langan, Jordan Hadley, and Trace Beyer to bring the caution back out with 13 laps complete.

Ryan Fearn powered his way into the lead on the outside of Arute as the race went back to green. Arute slid back to sixth in line as Gray took second, Leary third, Keane fourth, and Wayne Coury, Jr. fifth. Keane spun in the middle of turns 3+4 to bring the caution back out with 15 laps complete.

Gray did to Ryan Fearn what Fearn did to Arute on the previous restart and he took the lead in the outside lane. Coury was up to third behind Fearn and Arute with Leary fourth and Arute fifth. Fearn made a move to the inside of Gray in turn 1 on lap-17 and got loose and spun, collecting Gray in the spin and bringing the caution flag back out with 17 laps complete. Coury was now the race leader with Leary on his outside and Arute and Jim Mavlouganis lined up behind him for the restart.

Coury took the lead with Leary holding off a stiff challenge from Michael Bennett for second. Bennett slotted into third with Michael Wray up to fourth and Jim Mavlouganis up to fifth. Keane was back up to sixth after his earlier spin and Arute was seventh in line.

Bennett got around Leary to take second on lap-23 and he took the lead from Coury on lap-24, but before the lap could be completed, Gambacorta spun in the middle of turns 1+2 to bring the caution back out and put Coury back up front for the restart.

Coury took the lead back under green but the caution came back after one lap had been completed as Mavlouganis' car came to a stop in turn 4.

Coury took the lead on the restart with Bennett taking second. Arute was up to third with Saunders fourth and Gray in fifth. Bennett was almost glued to Coury's back bumper as they completed lap-28. Coury held off a determined Bennett to take down the first Late Model win of the 2020 season. Arute finished third with Saunders and Gray rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature, Rit Dulac spun on the start in turn 2 to bring the caution out before a lap could be completed. Robert Bloxson, III and Joey Ferrigno ran the first lap side by side for the lead before Bloxson got clear on lap-2. Chris Matthews and Jonathan

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Puleo were side by side for third with Brian Sullivan in fifth. Matthews got the better of the duel with Puleo to take third on lap-3 as Bloxsom continued to hold the lead.

Puleo was looking to get back around Matthews for third, but Matthews was able to fend off his challenge on lap-5. Puleo made the move stick on lap-6 and he took third with Sullivan moving into fourth as Matthews slid back to sixth, just behind Amanda West in fifth. Bloxsom was still leading Ferrigno when Cassandra Cole spun on the frontstretch infield to bring the caution out with 11 laps complete.

Bloxsom took the lead on the restart with Puleo pulling alongside Ferrigno for second but only one lap was completed before a multi-car incident on the backstretch brought the caution back out with 12 laps complete.

Puleo went side by side with Bloxsom for the lead on the restart with Puleo taking the lead on lap-14.

Sullivan was third behind Puleo and Bloxsom with Alexander Pearl up to fourth and Joey Ferrigno was back to fifth. Peter Bennett went around Ferrigno on lap16 to move into fifth and Bert Ouellette followed him by as Ferrigno slipped back to seventh place.

Bloxsom made one last ditch effort on the final lap, getting to the inside of Puleo in turn 3 but Puleo powered his way off turn 4 on the outside and he held off Bloxsom and Sullivan for not only the first SK Light win of the 2020 season, but his first career win at Stafford. Pearl finished fourth and Bennett rounded out the top-5.

In the 15-lap Limited Late Model feature, Matt Clement powered into the early lead from pole position with Jeremy Lavoie and Andrew Durand side by side for second. Lavoie took second on lap-2 with Gary Patnode up to fourth and Alexandra Fearn sitting in fifth. Devon Jencik was shown the black flag for leaking fluid from his car.

Durand made a strong move to the inside of Lavoie on lap-5 to move into second. Just behind the Durand-Lavoie battle, Fearn was making a move to the inside of Patnode for fourth place and she took the place at the line as the

field completed lap-6.

With 10 laps complete Clement was still in front with Durand right behind him in second. Lavoie was starting to fade backwards from the lead duo with Fearn in fourth and Patnode fifth. Clement slipped up the track in turn 1 on lap-12 and Durand took full advantage of the slip to get to Clement's inside and take over the race lead.

Durand led Clement to the checkered flag to pick up his first Stafford win since August 2010, a span of nearly 10 full years. Lavoie finished third with Fearn and Patnode rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature, Meghan Fuller charged into the early race lead with Chris Meyer in second. Al Stone, III was third with Ryan Waterman fourth and Travis Hydar in fifth.

The caution came out with 2 laps complete for Jason Futoma who spun in the middle of turns 1+2 and had nose damage on the #22 car.

Fuller took the lead on the restart but she was overtaken by Meyer on lap-4.

With Fuller stuck in the outside land, she slipped all the way back to eighth place as Waterman was now second, Stone third, Hydar fourth, Moose Douton fifth, Zack Robinson sixth, and Adrien Paradis, III seventh.

Up front the action was heating up as Waterman and Meyer swapped the lead back and forth between them with Waterman taking the lead on lap-9. Jason Lafayette spun on the backstretch to bring the caution out with 10 laps complete.

Waterman took the lead back under green with Meyer slotting into second right behind him. Robinson took third from Hydar on lap-12 with Douton holding down fifth. Waterman's car got loose in turn 4 and he spun in front of the field to bring the caution back out with 12 laps complete. The field avoided hitting Waterman as he did a 360 and rejoined at the rear of the field.

Meyer took the lead on the restart with Hydar holding off a 3-wide duel with Paradis and Robinson to take second. Paradis and Robinson were side by side for third with Paradis emerging in third on lap-14. Douton was still running fifth. The caution came back out with 15 laps complete for a spin in turn 2 by Paradis.

Meyer held off a challenge from Robinson and Hydar on the restart but the caution came right back out one lap later as Stone got into the

frontstretch wall and came to a stop just past the start/finish line.

Meyer powered into the lead on the restart while Douton was up to second before he got loose in turn 4 and fell back several spots. Waterman was charging his way back through the field when the caution came out with 18 laps complete for a spin in turn 2 by Larry Barnett.

Lafayette nearly went 3-wide on the restart but fell back into line behind Meyer and Robinson. On the final lap Paradis and Waterman got together and hit the backstretch wall. The race stayed green to the finish and in turn 4 Robinson made contact with Meyer with Meyer spinning and Robinson taking the checkered flag. Robinson was penalized by NASCAR Officials for the contact with Meyer, making Hydar the winner. Meyer finished second with Douton, John Orsini, and David Macha, Sr. rounding out the top-5.

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Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Lance Dewease muscled past Brian Montieth and then outran Kyle Larson to win the opening night of the 30th annual Red Robin Pennsylvania Speedweek Series for sprint cars at Williams Grove Speedway on Friday night.

Dewease earned \$5,000 for his 99th career victory at the oval aboard the Don Kreitz-owned No. 69K.

In the companion 358 sprint main, Kevin Nouse took over when Zach Newlin dropped out of the lead to win the 20-lap feature event.

Dewease started second in the 25-lap speedweek feature but it was polesitter Montieth who would take the lead when the race began.

Montieth was in control when the red flag appeared on the sixth tour for a two-car tangle in the second turn.

Montieth had Dewease, Danny Dietrich and Larson lining up behind for the restart.

Only two more laps could be completed before the pace was again slowed, this time for a spun Robert Ballou in the second turn.

Racing was back underway for just one more lap when TJ Stutts and Rico Abreu made contact on the backchute, again slowing the action.

Dewease went to work on the ensuing restart, keeping pace with

Montieth and the pair crossed the line side by side, split by just .002 seconds with 10 laps completed.

After a turns three and four dive by Dewease coming to the line to get that close, the Fayetteville flyer crossed over entering the first corner to ride momentum around the outside of the track and net the lead with 11 completed.

Two laps later, Larson went low on Dietrich for third in the fourth turn and then held him down entering the first corner to get the position and begin his assault on the leaders.

Larson had run down Montieth for second with eight laps to go when Montieth suddenly dropped off of the pace and withdrew from the race.

That put Larson in clear sight of pacesetter Dewease and with five laps to go, he was clearly gaining on the leader.

Larson got close enough to mount a challenge with two laps to go but then a mistake when he hopped the first turn cushion just after the two to go mark cost him too much ground to make up again during the final one and one-half laps.

Dewease took the win by .931 seconds over Larson with Freddie Rahmer in third followed by Dietrich and Ryan Smith.

Sixth through 10th went to Anthony Macri, Brent Marks, Lucas Wolfe, Jeff Halligan and Brock Zearfoss.

Heats went to Montieth, Larson, TJ Stutts and Dietrich with Matt Campbell taking the last chance race.

Abreu set fast time over the 38-car field with a lap of 16.645 seconds.

Zach Newlin led the first three laps of the 358 sprint main before dropping out of the race while surrendering the lead to Kevin Nouse.

Nouse had started 10th in the field but quickly worked to the front during the early going to be in position to assume the lead.

Derek Locke started 11th in the field and drove into second on lap five.

Locke kept the leader in his sights for the remainder of the race but could not get close enough to make a bid for the win.

The victory was the 23rd of Nouse's career at Williams Grove Speedway.

Russell Hammaker finished third followed by Kyle Denmyer and Chris Frank.

Heats went to Hammaker, Locke and Scott Fisher with Nat Tuckey scoring the consolation race.