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**An Emotional Win for Dale Earnhardt Jr.
and Crew Chief Greg Ives**

NASCAR; A True Family Affair

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Lesa France Kennedy shared an office with her grandmother when she got her first job at Daytona International Speedway. They worked together selling tickets, keeping unsold tickets in an abandoned soft drink cooler and cash in shoe boxes.

More than 30 years later, the granddaughter of NASCAR founder Bill France Sr., has evolved into one of the most powerful women in all sports as the CEO of the family's business, International Speedway Corp., and a board member of NASCAR.

The grandmother, Anne B. France, was meticulous with every dollar. She kept the books and she never really trusted computers. With some insistence of her granddaughter, the family computerized its finances and finally accepted credit cards.

Those humble beginnings and all the lessons learned since, has helped three generations of Frances take ISC into the world's biggest collection of racetracks. Counting Daytona, stock car's flagship facility, ISC owns 12 of the speedways on the NASCAR schedule.

Kennedy and her younger brother Brian France have taken the reigns. They started like their grandfather and father, Bill France Jr., by working every job imaginable at the track. Both have taken tickets at the gate, painted walls, scrubbed toilets, cut grass and swept the garage.

When the Coke Zero 400 was delayed a day in 2014 by thunderstorms, Kennedy collected tickets after many of the track's part-time workers had to return to their other jobs.

"I had a blast and really learned so much," Kennedy said. "I can't encourage that enough. I think it's a great way to learn."

Brian France now is the chairman and CEO of NASCAR; Kennedy is responsible for running ISC.

"I had to say my dad had very high expectations, not just of Brian

and me but of all the employees," Kennedy said. "That had a lot to do with how this sport's grown over the years. He had very high standards. He expected performance from everybody."

Kennedy has a good seat from ISC headquarters in Daytona Beach to watch the \$400 million makeover of the speedway across the street called Daytona Rising. It's a project that's expected to rival the biggest and best stadiums in the NFL, Major League Baseball and the NBA with modern amenities and specialty-themed hospitality areas that stretch for a mile on the frontstretch.



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Named the "Most Powerful Woman I Sports" By Forbes in 2009, Kennedy clearly has a story to tell. She grew up in a sport that reluctantly opened its doors to women. She watched NASCAR grow from a regional sport to be second only to the NFL in television ratings.

"The way I look at it is things have changed a lot since the 80s," she said. "Whatever perceptions might have existed from back then have changed dramatically. Over the years you've seen so many more women in our sport, and in other sports as well, at all levels, from car owners to drivers to executives."

"Across the whole company there have been changes. It takes time. Change takes time. But here we are."

While she's maintained a low profile throughout most of her career, Kennedy was put in charge of the Kansas Speedway project. That racetrack not only is one of the favorites on the schedule, the success led to the construction of the Hollywood Casino over the second turn.

Her newest challenge is Daytona Rising.

"This is our flagship racetrack. It needs to be special. It needs to set a whole new standard for what motor sports racetracks should look like," she said.

"This is our most-ambitious thing we've done, the most expensive project in our company. I would say this is the top of the line. This is going to set a very high bar."

The plan includes a complete rebuilding of the main grandstands

and the elimination of the stands on the backstretch. Work, which involves more than 1,000 workers, is scheduled to be completed in time for next January's Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona.

"It's amazing. You see changes every day," Kennedy said. "We're

on time, which we really don't have a choice. It will be open in January of 2016.

"It's very rewarding because you can start something from scratch and see it all come together, the final product. The biggest reward is seeing people enjoy it."



Lesa France Kennedy

NASCAR Vice Chairwoman/Executive Vice President

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. Captures Sixth Career Sprint Cup Victory at Talladega

By MARK MCCARTER

TALLADEGA, AL - It's a toss-up which is greater, Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s passion for Talladega Superspeedway or the Talladega fan base's passion for Dale Earnhardt Jr.

On a glorious afternoon, Earnhardt offered a one-word order to his team over the radio, a message that could be shared with the thousands of his devotees in the stands: "Celebrate!" he proclaimed.

Earnhardt, his team and Junior Nation could celebrate his 0.159-second victory over Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series GEICO 500 Sunday afternoon, his sixth Sprint Cup win here. It all but assures Earnhardt a spot in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship for a fifth consecutive year.

Paul Menard was third, Ryan Blaney fourth and Martin Truex Jr. fifth. Points leader Kevin Harvick, racing with a mangled hood after an early accident, was eighth.

The victory came barely 24 hours after Earnhardt had acknowledged a responsibility to perform well here for his fan base, saying, "I feel like I'm supposed to get up there and lead."

He did so, leading 67 of the 188

laps, then wove his way into Victory Circle, where he gushed nearly as dramatically as the geyser spewing from an engine that began overheating because of debris on the grille.

"It's just real emotional," Earnhardt said. "I haven't won here in a long time (November 2004), my daddy's birthday was a couple of days ago. It was real emotional. Everything is so good for me right now. I don't know why I don't feel like I deserve it. I just feel overcome with a lot of emotion."

Unlike many Talladega races, the final two dozen laps were essentially run in a single-file parade, first with a 10-car string, then ultimately caught up by a line of another 20 cars.

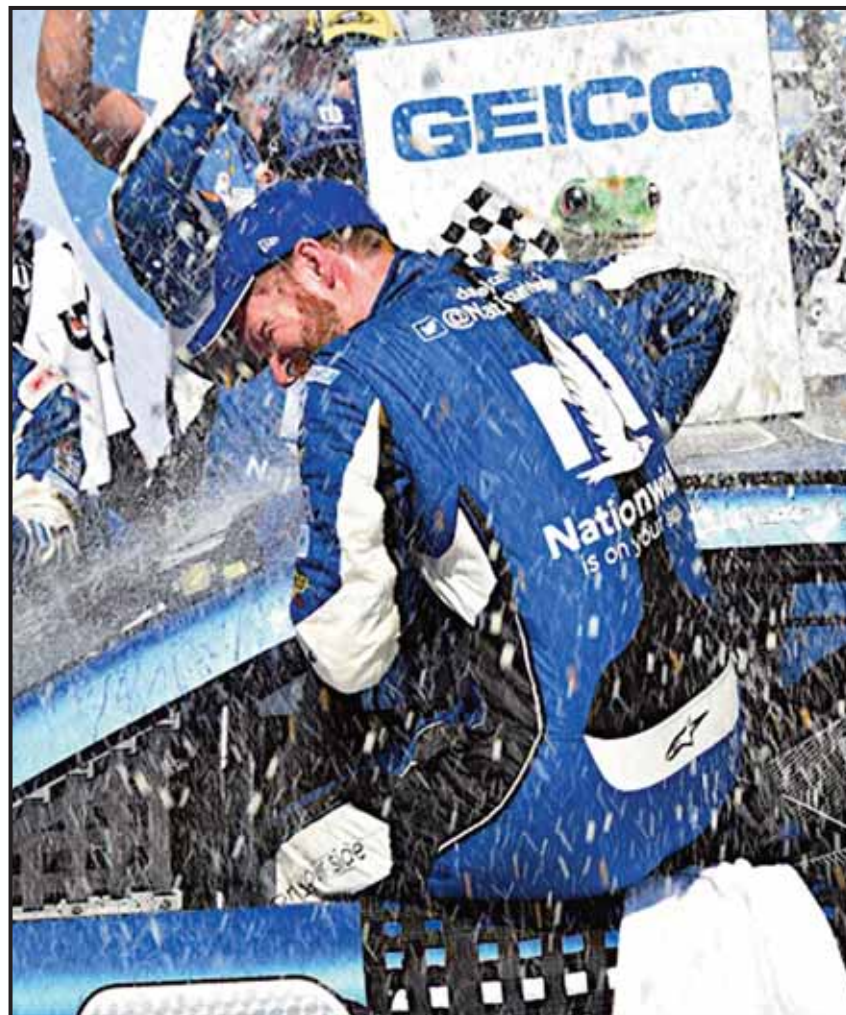
"I don't know what creates that in the drivers' minds to say we're all going to ride at the top," Johnson said. "It doesn't happen every time (but) it does happen every now and then and today was one of those days."

At the white flag, Johnson tried to get a run with Blaney on his bumper, and defending race winner Denny Hamlin made a run.

"I knew he would wait and that's what I would do," Earnhardt said of Johnson.

"I wouldn't want to screw it up for both of us. He tried to back up but he couldn't get a run."

As a wreck happened in their rear-view mirror, with Carl Edwards being spun out, Earnhardt kept his lead, zooming past a nearly filled



Race winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. exits his #88 Chevrolet to a shower of confetti and Gatorade in victory lane at Talladega Superspeedway. (J. HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

grandstands celebrating his triumph.

"Everybody at Talladega is happy," Truex said of the fans. "So all is good."

There was the typical "Big One" accident. On the backstretch on lap

47, Trevor Bayne was passed on the right side by Menard as Kurt Busch was closing on his left rear quarterpanel. It was, as Bayne put it, "double trouble." He lost control of his No. 6 Ford and careened into the outside retaining wall, triggering a crash that affected 14 cars.

It effectively took out of contention Kasey Kahne, who started on the front row, Kyle Larson, Greg Biffle and, in his final ride subbing for Kyle Busch in the No. 18 Toyota, David Ragan.

It was otherwise relatively clean – only six cautions for 23 laps all day – until Austin Dillon's car caught fire on lap 156. Jeff Gordon's day went up in smoke, too. He was penalized for going too fast on pit road, the second time in five races such a penalty spoiled his day.

Following the penalty, his crew chief Alan Gustafson encouraged Gordon over the radio with 26 laps remaining, "Now put on a show right here."

However, the show in the final laps belonged to his Hendrick teammates, Earnhardt and Johnson.



Teammates Dale Earnhardt Jr. (88) and Jimmie Johnson (48) finish the Geico 500 first and second at Talladega Superspeedway Sunday afternoon. (J. HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

Logano Claims Thrilling XFINITY Series Race at Talladega

By MARK MCCARTER

TALLADEGA, AL - Fresh from an "intense" final eight laps, Joey Logano parked his No. 22 Ford, caught his breath and proclaimed that it was "cool to get this thing in Victory Lane."

This, then, can be pronounced a season of "cool" for Logano, who'll turn 25 later this month. His triumph in Saturday's NASCAR XFINITY Series Winn-Dixie 300 at Talladega Superspeedway was his third in five series starts, to go along with two runner-up finishes.

Couple that with a victory in the Daytona 500 and eight top 10s in nine Sprint Cup races, how is he not on everyone's NASCAR fantasy team for Sunday's Sprint Cup GEICO 500 race (1 p.m. ET on FOX) at Talladega?

"This has been a pretty special season so far," Logano said. "We've had some fast race cars."

Brian Scott was second, followed by his Richard Childress Racing teammate Austin Dillon, the Coors Light Pole-sitter. (The front row was All-Dillon, All-RCR, with younger brother Ty on the outside, and Scott starting third.)

J.J. Yeley was fourth and Joey Gase, a youngster with a team budget so small "I don't even have a PR person," was fifth. Gase, who started 39th, noted that his sponsorship funding "for the entire year is what some of these teams have for one race."

Logano stole the lead from Elliott Sadler after a restart with eight laps remaining, then it "was just having the right people you, making the right moves, making the right block and getting clean air. Then it's all in the mirror," Logano said.

Typical of a Talladega race, this was not without incident, though

the infamous Big One didn't erupt.

Barely had the green flag drop than did a yellow flag waved. Sadler, in the lead and on the outside lane, dropped toward the bottom lane on the second lap without having cleared teammate Darrell Wallace Jr. It sent both cars careening, but both were able to resume racing; Sadler went on to finish seventh, Wallace 20th.

Defending XFINITY Series champion and NASCAR Next alum Chase Elliott cut a tire on lap 37, rocketing him into the outside wall in turn 2. He took responsibility for having locked the tires on entry to pit road prior to a two-tire stop only a couple of laps earlier, bemoaning "I wish I had spoken up and (the crew would have) said to come back and fix the two rights."

With only a third of the race remaining, green flag pit stops were necessary. Trouble is, as Kenny Wallace put it, "The whole field can't pit at once or they'll wreck.

And they did."

Between slowing cars, others veering toward the pits and apparent indecision on the part of some drivers, "chaos happened," as an irate Brendan Gaughan said.

A nine-car accident erupted near the entrance to pit road on the front stretch, involving, among others, Gaughan, Ty Dillon, Ryan Reed and NASCAR Next and Drive for Diversity alums Wallace and Daniel Suarez. Two members of Aric Almirola's crew were injured as Gaughan careened into the pit wall; one was treated and released from the infield care center, the other transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.

Logano becomes the eighth winner in nine XFINITY events who is ineligible for the series championship; drivers may race in multiple series but must declare their intention to run for only one title. Reed, 32nd on Saturday, is the only series regular with a victory.



Joey Logano celebrates in Talladega Speedway's victory lane after winning the Winn-Dixie 300. (NKP photo)



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Gragson Captures First Career K&N Pro West Win at Tucson Speedway

TUCSON, AZ - Anxious anticipation characterized the return of NASCAR's K&N Pro Series West to Tucson Speedway after a 14-year absence - among competitors, officials, and the fans packed into the grandstands.

Noah Gragson made sure the race exceeded everyone's expectations, grabbing his first series win after a fierce door-to-door battle with teammate Gracin Raz in a green-white-checked finish in the NAPA Auto Parts Wildcat 150.

Gragson, a Las Vegas native and driver of the No. 7 Alert ID Ford, continued an impressive start to his rookie campaign with his second top five and third top 10 finish in three races.

Raz was lined up next to Gragson on the final restart in the No. 27 Trinity Energy Ford but was forced to settle for the runner up position, giving him two top fives and three top 10s on the season.

David Ash, like Gragson a rookie from Las Vegas, captured third after methodically working his way through the field after the mid-race break. Ryan Partridge led for much of the second segment of the race in the No. 9 Eibach Springs Ford but had to settle for fourth.

Nicole Behar made it an all-rookie top-five after she followed up her record-setting performance at Irwindale with a fifth place finish in the No. 33 Custom Welding and Fabrication, Inc. Ford.

James Bickford, Johnny Borne-man, Brandon McReynolds, Chris Eggleston, and Johnny White rounded out the top 10.

The NAPA Auto Parts Wildcat



Noah Gragson celebrates his first career win in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West after taking the checkered flag in the NAPA Auto Parts Wildcat 150 at Tucson Speedway. Getty Images for NASCAR

150 will air on NBCSN on May 6 at 11 p.m. ET. The NASCAR K&N Pro Series West returns to action on Saturday, May 16 at Iowa Speed-

way in the Casey's General Store 150, the first of two K&N East / West combination races in the 2015 season.

Tim Allen Wins at Screven

Brent Dixon of Elberton, Georgia was a man determined to rebound his 2015 after taking the fast-time in qualifying at Screven Motor Speedway. Dixon was fast in prelims and bested the 20-car field with a lap of 15.225.

However, everyone knew that faster laps were in store during the 40-lap feature.

Following a late decision by track owner Redd Griffin to wet the racing surface moments before hot laps, everyone settled in and waited for the surface to come back in.

The extreme wet conditions would slow the pace down until around the halfway point of the feature. However, this move proved to be worthwhile as the racing surface became very fast later on.

Brent Dixon led the opening 15 circuits around the track, with Casey Roberts and Tim Allen scurrying for the second spot. Casey Barrow and Scott Shirey battled for fourth and Ben Watkins was settled in at fifth.

By lap 8, Dixon was encountering the back of the field, but raced his way in and around the traffic.

Hunter Peacock of Macon, Georgia proved to be a top-five contender in the early stages. The race ran without mishap until a most unfortunate incident with a hung-throttle caused the lead-car of Brent Dixon to slam into the outside wall in turns one and two.

Dixon was uninjured in the crash, but there were a few anxious moments for all watching.

This handed the race lead over to Casey Roberts of Toccoa, Georgia. Roberts would restart alone out front and Tim Allen choose the outside front row. Tim Allen moved to the inside of the #101 Longhorn of Casey Roberts on lap 16 in turn two.

On lap 20, the half-way flag was given to the field in which Tim Allen in his #17 Longhorn racer led at Screven Motor Speedway. In turn three, the scoreboard at the facility was all lit up like a Christmas tree. It was the first event at the Southeastern Georgia track where the scoreboard was functioning. As Tim Allen took the halfway, the fastest lap of the event was posted - 14.431 seconds. Races at Screven have featured lap times in the low 14's in the past. Steve Casebolt, during the World of Outlaws "Winter Freeze" posted a lap 30 time of 14.311, which is the fastest on record according to

records stored on Race Monitor.

The only other caution to hinder the pace of the event came on lap 28 when Scott Shirey's solid top five run came to a slow roll in turn four. A sudden drop in oil pressure prompted Shirey to hit the kill switch.

Tim Allen restarted the race, hit his marks, and led the rest of the event to claim his sixth Carolina Clash feature, first since Fayetteville in March 2013.

Allen was very emotional in his post-race interview, as his heart was racing with memories of his father, Ben Allen, who died in October 2013.

"I didn't know I would even be here tonight. Those guys (pointing to his crewmembers who joined him on the front-stretch) are the reason I am here. They are the ones who keep pushing me to do this."

Allen reflected on the final laps.

"My eyes were filling up with tears and it was already hard to see with all of the wet clay that had smeared up my sight. I just kept hitting my marks. This car was awesome."

Allen credited his win to a solid performing American Racer tire.

"These American Racers are awesome and this tire was the

difference tonight. It is a good tire."

Allen moved to seventh in series points with the win.

Ben Watkins continues to lead the Renegade Race Fuels Rookie of the Year battle over Josh Langley of Lancaster, SC. Watkins also reclaimed the series point lead after point leader Doug Sanders experienced mechanical problems on lap 11, forcing him to pit for the remainder of the race and finished 18th.

The Heintz Performance Hard Luck Award was given to Zack Mitchell after transmission problems forced him to start-and-park.

Josh Langley of Lancaster, SC was the Safety-Kleen Hard Charger of the Race. Safety-Kleen provided a gift box of cleaning products to the team and they also collected valuable bonus points.

The next event will be at Cherokee Speedway in Gaffney, South Carolina on Saturday. Expect most of the Carolina Clash point contenders to be there along with other Carolina Clash regulars.



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Kruczek Gets First Career Super Late Model Win in PASS Event at Beech Ridge

SCARBOROUGH, ME - Bryan Kruczek of Newmarket, New Hampshire claimed his first-ever victory in a Super Late Model car in the Southern Maine Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram 150 for AIM PASS Super Late Models Saturday at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway in Scarbor-

ough.

Kruczek led early and late in the 150-lap grind, swapping the top spot with hometown racer Kelly Moore through the opening stages of the race, cruising with the contenders during a stretch dominated by Turner's Glen Luce, then out-running a late charge by Dave Oliver of Standish.

Oliver made an impressive closing run that sliced Kruczek's once-healthy lead to a margin of victory of about a car length. The highlight of Oliver's charge was a move from fifth to second in less than a lap, with Mike Rowe and Johnny Clark in that mix. Joey Doiron of Berwick rallied late to score a third-place finish after starting in 12th position.

Fourth under the checkered flag was Mike Rowe of Turner, PASS SLM opening day winner at Oxford Plains Speedway and AIM Recycling championship leader entering Saturday's event.

Multi-time PASS North Super Late Model champion Johnny Clark of Farmingdale rounded out the top five.

Bobby Timmons of Windham, Richie Dearborn of Hollis, Jeremy Davis of Tamworth, N.H., Cassius Clark of Farmington and Kelly

Moore of Scarborough rounded out the top-ten.

Garrett Hall of Scarborough and Travis Benjamin of Morrill were the last two competitors to complete all 150 laps. Reigning series champion DJ Shaw of Center Conway, N.H. was the first car scored one lap down in the race, which went 65 laps before caution first waved. Positions were swapped liberally throughout the event.

Only a couple of other quick yellow flag periods slowed the 150-green-flag race, completed in just over 47 minutes.

Dixfield's Ryan Robbins cruised to victory lane in comfortable fashion once out in front of the 35-lap main event for Pro All Stars Series Modifieds.

Doug McClure of Buxton raced his way to runner-up honors, with hard-charging teenager Mitch Miller of West Boylston, Massachusetts crossing the line in third position. Scott Alexander of Newburgh ended up fourth. Reigning PASS Mod champion Andy Shaw of Conway, New Hampshire settled for a fifth-place finish.

Kevin 'K-man' Hutchens of East Waterboro rocketed to his first victory in the Wicked Cool Midget headliner. Candia, New Hampshire racer PJ Stergios pressured the winner en route to runner-up honors, with DJ Moniz of Fairhaven, Massachusetts filling out the podium. Heat race winner Christian Briggs of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts and Richie Morrocco of Plainville, Massachusetts rounded out the top five in the 20-lap race.

Toby Wells of Dublin, New Hampshire claimed an impressive victory in the 50-lap race for

NEMST Mini Stocks. Windsor's Tim Collins was the best of the rest, outgunning Winter Harbor's Justin Trombley for runner-up honors.

Rob Greenleaf of West Bath and Nick Maniatis of Hooksett, New Hampshire rounded out the top-five in a 24-car field.

ARCA Racing

Jones Wins International Motorsports Hall of Fame 200 For First Career ARCA Victory

TALLADEGA, AL - They weren't able to keep up with this Jones at Talladega Superspeedway on Friday, as 18-year-old Blake Jones pulled away from the field on a green-white-checked restart to win the International Motorsports Hall of Fame 200 ARCA Racing Series event.

Not only did Jones' first career ARCA Racing Series victory come in only his second career start on a superspeedway, it also occurred a month before he graduates from high school in his hometown of Sevierville, Tenn.

"It's hard to put into words. This has almost brought tears to my eyes," an emotional Jones said from Victory Lane. "This is the biggest race I've ever won. It's a dream come true.

"Just to be able come here and race at Talladega is amazing. And then to win here, it's unreal. It's just incredible. I really can't explain how happy I am."

Tom Hessert appeared poised to grab the victory before a late caution forced the G-W-C finish. As the cars were getting back up to speed on the final restart, Hessert's car suddenly shook and began to drop off the pace, and it quickly became apparent that he had run out of fuel.

"Tom had a heck of a race car. It was just as good of a car as we had," Jones said. "We kind of knew he was close on fuel, but we didn't ever expect him to run out.

"I think I might have been able to get him even if he didn't

run out of fuel. We had an incredibly fast race car. I'm just glad to be able to get these guys to Victory Lane. It was a great afternoon."

Pole-sitter Cody Coughlin finished second, followed by Cole Powell in third, Brandon Jones fourth, Russ Dugger fifth, Matt Kurzejewski sixth, Scott Sheldon seventh, Sarah Connett-Ching eighth, Bo LeMastus ninth and Tyler Audie 10th. Hessert fell all the way to a 15th-place finish.

The ARCA Racing Series point standings got a little tighter, as the drivers who entered the race in the top two positions in the standings both ran into trouble. Points-leader Grant Enfinger, a native of Fairhope who won the first three ARCA races of the season, finished 28th, while Austin Wayne Self - who was second in the standings - finished 32nd.



Blake Jones celebrates his first career ARCA Racing Series win in victory lane. (arcaraacing.com photo)



Bryan Kruczek celebrates in victory lane with his crew after his first career PASS win. (proallstarseries.com photo)



Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Each May, the spotlight shines on Charlotte Motor Speedway during the 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder, and Gov. Pat McCrory joined speedway officials Friday to officially proclaim May is Motorsports Month in North Carolina and recognize the speedway's impact on tourism, the economy and jobs across the region.

The biggest back-to-back weekends in motorsports, highlighted by the 30th anniversary of the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race on May 16 and the 56th running of the Coca-Cola 600 on May 24, will generate an estimated economic impact of \$230 million to the Charlotte region and support an estimated 4,200 jobs. Annually, the speedway contributes more than \$451 million in economic impact and supports more than 8,000 jobs across the region, part of a \$6 billion annual economic impact by motorsports statewide.

As part of the kickoff event, McCrory presented a proclamation noting that May is Motorsports Month in North Carolina and encouraged fans to celebrate the races at Charlotte Motor Speedway and the motorsports heritage of the

state.

"This was a big dream that became a big reality," McCrory said, applauding speedway founder Bruton Smith's vision for the facility. "I'm so proud that we're the center of NASCAR. This is all about jobs and having fun. That's what racing is all about - great entertainment and bringing jobs to North Carolina. This is the centerpiece of racing throughout the world and we're proud to be part of it."

In a sign of the significant impact motorsports has on the state, McCrory was joined at the kickoff event by Concord Mayor Scott Padgett, Charlotte Mayor Pro Tem Michael Barnes, North Carolina Department of Commerce Secretary John Skavarla and dozens more state and local officials and business leaders.

Following the program, McCrory and several of the other leaders "got to work" painting the start/finish line to represent the thousands of jobs supported by the speedway's May events.

Fans from all 50 states, 15 foreign countries and more than 3,200 cities around the world will descend upon Charlotte Motor Speedway in May, with millions of additional fans tuning in to NASCAR broadcasts aired in more than 175 countries worldwide.

"May 1st is like Christmas for us here at Charlotte Motor Speedway," said Marcus Smith, president and general manager of the legendary 1.5-mile superspeedway.

"We had no idea what my dad, Bruton Smith, was thinking when he came out here and started digging some dirt to build Charlotte Motor Speedway. I'm not sure he knew how big this would be, but 56 years later, here we are ready to complete the 30th anniversary of the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race and the 56th annual Coca-Cola 600."

"When you think about all the activities that happen here during the 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder, it is an amazing tourism extravaganza. It is something that every NASCAR fan has on their bucket list."

The \$99 NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race weekend pass includes frontstretch tickets for the N.C. Education Lottery Camping World Truck Series race and Sprint Showdown on Friday, May 15; plus the no-speed-limit NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race qualifying, a rocking pre-race concert with country mega-group Little Big Town, presented by Rayovac, and capped off with a blockbuster shootout for \$1 million at the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race on Saturday, May 16.

The Coca-Cola 600 weekend package includes tickets to see the stars of NASCAR hit the track to lay down the fastest lap during Lift-Master Pole Night on Thursday, May 21; a Saturday afternoon showdown as the NASCAR XFINITY Series drivers battle it out in the Hisense 300 on May 23; and culminates with the historic 56th running of one of NASCAR's most prestigious events, the Coca-Cola 600, complete with a pre-race concert by Rock and Roll Hall of Famer group ZZ Top on Sunday, May 24, all for just \$99.

Tickets can be purchased online or by calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267). Keep up with all the latest news from the speedway by liking Charlotte Motor Speedway on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, or download the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

Darlington Raceway

DARLINGTON, SC - Darlington Raceway and its food and beverage provider, Americrown Corp., are partnering to offer fans three signature southern food items from the 1970's as part of the track's celebration of that era.

All the items will be sold at or below five dollars.

The food items featured will be a pimento cheese sandwich, fried green tomatoes, and a sausage perlo. Below are the details of each item:

•Pimento Cheese Sandwich -

\$3.00 - Made with scratch-made Palmetto style pimento cheese spread and served on fresh white bread

•Fried Green Tomatoes - \$4.00 - Made from sweet and tangy Roma tomatoes coated in bread crumbs and served with a spicy aioli

•Sausage Perlo - \$5.00 - Sliced grilled pork sausage and served on a bed of South Carolina Perlo rice

All will be featured in several concessions stands for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 event weekend, scheduled for Sept. 5-6, 2015.

"We appreciate Americrown partnering with us to come up with these signature food items we think fans will really enjoy," Darlington Raceway President Chip Wile said.

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North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory "got to work" Friday helping Charlotte Motor Speedway President and General Manager Marcus Smith, Concord (N.C.) Mayor Scott Padgett and other officials kick off Motorsports Month in North Carolina during a media event touting the speedway's economic impact on the region. (CMS photo)

McMahan Wages Fierce Battle at Tri-State to Score Second Win of the Season

HAUBSTADT, IN - Paul McMahan lived up to his nickname, 'Pauls to the Walls,' Sunday night at Tri-State Speedway as he waged a fierce battle with Brady Bacon and scored his second World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series win of the season on a slider with eight laps to go.

"I'll tell you what, man I love this place," McMahan said in victory lane. "This place has been so good to me."

McMahan, who started the night in third, maintained through a caution plagued first third of the race. He got his opportunity to take a shot at the lead on lap 13.

Rico Abreu, who stole the show in the opening laps as he tried every possible line and move to get around Bacon, tried to cross under the leader in turns 1 and 2 for the lead. As he hit the middle of the corner, the lapped car of Kerry Madsen was on the bottom of the track. Abreu made contact with Madsen and subsequently flipped. He was OK.

That moved McMahan into the second position. On the restart, McMahan took up Abreu's mantle and searched for a way around the young driver.

"Brady had an awesome racecar," McMahan said. "In clean air he was a lot better than we were."

Bacon eventually got himself free of McMahan, but as he approached lapped traffic on lap 21, McMahan began closing the gap once again. The pivotal restart came on lap 32 after Shane Stewart got into the turns 1 and 2 wall and brought out a red flag.

"I had one shot at (Bacon) on that restart," McMahan said. "I was able to get a pretty good restart and get a good run on him. Instead of trying to slide him down there in one and two I just thought I'll follow him there and then try to slide him down there. Down in three and four, you get down in there and it takes off on you in the dust. I didn't know if I had enough room or not to go for the lead."

Bacon tried to block McMahan and got pushed up into the turn four wall.

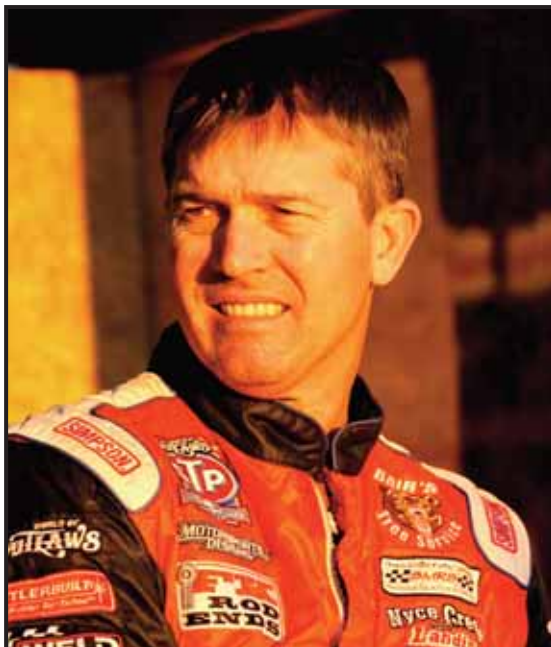
"When he slid me into three I should have just let him go and just crossed back underneath him," Bacon said. "But I tried to block him and we both about crashed off of four."

Bacon lost momentum and was forced to hold off Joey Saldana running in third. He eventually ran McMahan back down but a caution flag came out with three to go.

"That yellow came out and he was just a little better on restarts than I was," Bacon said. "I need to get my car a little better on restarts, that's pretty much what cost me the race."

McMahan parked his car in victory lane, taking home his second World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series win of the season.

"We were getting better as the race went



PAUL McMAHAN

on but I still don't think I had enough for Brady until that caution came out," McMahan said.

The win came a night after McMahan got a DNF following an expired engine late in the feature at Pevely. McMahan credited his team and crew chief Barry Jackson with bouncing back after a frustrating night and some recent bad luck.

"Yesterday we were all down in the dumps when we lost a motor," McMahan said. "This is just the way our team is. We just bounce right back and come back and win the race."

With his win Sunday night, McMahan tied Bobby Allen for 17th on the World of Outlaws all-time wins list. Both drivers have 25 wins.

Joey Saldana, who started on the pole, spent much of the night fending off challenges from Kraig Kinser and, later, a surging Donny Schatz for the third position. Saldana briefly gave up the

position to Kinser in the middle portion of the race but was able to hold Kinser and Schatz off through multiple restarts.

Saldana said he was disappointed with the night and the finish after starting up front.

"We just missed it," Saldana said. "We over adjusted on our racecar and never had anything for him. Just have to do a better job of it and head into next week. Hopefully we can continue to be consistent like this."

Late in the night Schatz battled with Saldana for the third position but was unable to make the move. He took home the KSE Racing Hard Charger Award after advancing 16 positions to finish in fourth.

The World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series returns to action next week at historic Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio for the 'Mother' of all sprint car weekends. The Series joins the USAC National Sprints for the first time ever on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9. Tickets are just \$25 for general admission. Find out more information about the event and how to buy tickets at <http://woosprint.com/eldora-speedway>.

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RACE NOTES: Paul McMahan scored his second World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series victory of the season... Paul McMahan is now tied with Bobby Allen for 17th on the all-time wins list. Both drivers have 25 series wins... Shane Stewart collected his fourth quick time of the season tonight. He is now tied with Kerry Madsen for the most so far in 2015... Donny Schatz was the KSE Racing Hard Charger, advancing 16 positions to finish in fourth.

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Christopher Bell Battles at Pevely for Second Ever Outlaws Win

PEVELY, MO - Saturday night's Spring Classic at Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 was an event no one will soon forget - not least of whom, its winner Christopher Bell and his car owner Keith Kunz.

The epic 40-lap feature at the third-mile bullring was a battle of wills and endurance that pitted some of the greatest veteran, and current and future stars against one another - names like Swindell, Madsen, Sides and Bell. Side-by-side racing, slide jobs and a little bumping and banging led to the second career World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series win for 20-year-old Bell.

"This is unbelievable," Bell said in victory lane. "I can't thank Keith Kunz enough for this opportunity. It's really awesome. They built this car brand new this off-season. It really shows what good equipment does for you."

For Kunz, a prolific car owner and mechanic, the win came in just his 10th start with his winged sprint car and just third ever Outlaws start. The win was his first ever Outlaws win as an owner.

Bell, who stood in victory lane for the first time with the series last season at Jacksonville Speedway, is the 10th different winner so far in 2015.

The night got off to an unusual start after polesitter Rico Abreu was unable to get his car fired for the feature. That shifted Jason Sides

onto the front row with Kerry Madsen. When the green flag flew, Madsen jumped to the lead. By lap five he had already caught lapped traffic as the battles behind him ensued.

Kraig Kinser, Bell and Swindell all fought for the third position. On lap 8, Kinser looked for a way around Bell and as the two came out of four, side-by-side, Bell held onto the position. Three laps later, it was Kinser playing defense as Swindell looked low through turn four and slid past Kinser to take over the fourth position.

Bell meanwhile was charging forward. He got around Sides on lap 12 to take over second and then set his sights on the leader, Madsen. Two laps later, he slid Madsen into turns one and two and took the lead as the two drivers hit the backstretch. Madsen was not done though. He performed a similar move on the following lap and briefly retook the lead as they hit the backstretch, but Bell held on to lead the lap.

As Bell worked to build a lead, Sides battled Madsen for the second spot and found his way around on the low side on lap 19.

A caution flag flew on lap 20, the halfway point of the race, as David Gravel spun on the front straight.

The restart set up an opportunity for Swindell. When the field returned to green, the 294-time Outlaws winner cleared Madsen and Sides and then got around Bell off of turn four as the two completed lap 21. The move was short-lived for Swindell though as Bell battled back around the veteran driver to retake the lead on lap 24. Through

the next several laps, the three way battle between Madsen, Bell and Swindell continued.

Madsen, then running in the third position, nearly met disaster on lap 26. As he entered turn one he slid the car, it caught, and almost sent the driver around. Sides took over the position as Madsen slipped back. Just a few laps later, Sides was back to battling Swindell for the second spot - a fight that lasted for the next several laps.

It was critical lapped traffic that finally provided Sides with the opportunity he needed. As he and Swindell worked to complete lap 37, he was able to get side-by-side going into turns three and four. That lapped car, hanging onto the middle, slowed up Swindell enough that Sides was able to get around.

Sides took over second and then started making up ground on Bell who was struggling through traffic.

As Sides closed, a caution flew for Paul McMahan who slowed on the front with an expired engine. With just two laps remaining, this meant a single file restart and green-white-checkered finish.

Bell quickly built up a lead when the field returned to racing. As Sides fell in behind Bell, the battle for third heated up. Swindell slipped on the start which provided Pittman the opportunity he needed to get around. A surging Saldana, who started in 18th, looked to make up a few more spots.

Bell took the checkered flag followed by Sides in second. With the checkered in sight Pittman and Saldana were side-by-side coming off of turn four. The drag race to the finish favored Saldana by a nose.

Sides, who has been on the upswing so far this season, said starting on the front row was not an ideal situation for his style but he complimented crew members Paul Sides and Scott Gerkin with working hard to give him the equipment he needs to be in contention.

After advancing 15 positions through the feature, in addition to owning a podium finish, Saldana took home the KSE Racing Hard Charger award.

Sweet Homecoming Victory for Shane Stewart at Salina

SALINA, OK - What a sweet homecoming it was for Bixby, Okla.-native Shane Stewart on Friday night as he stood in victory lane at Salina Highbanks Speedway with his third World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series win of the sea-

son.

"This was one of the tracks that I really, really wanted to win at this year," Stewart said. "It's really, really good to win in front of my fans and all my friends and family. I've got Jenn and Nixon here with me. It's a good night."

Stewart battled past Brad Sweet and Aaron Reutzel, and through several restarts throughout the 25-lap feature.

Stewart's third World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series victory of the season puts him second only to Donny Schatz in total wins. Schatz's lead in the championship standings is down to six points over Stewart.

Sweet led the field to the green flag but it was Reutzel, in his first ever World of Outlaws start, who led the first five laps of the night after a red flag and then caution flew in the opening laps. Sweet had his sights set on the lead though and by lap five, he found his way around Reutzel.

Two laps later, as the leaders began working their way through lapped traffic, Stewart, who started third and was running in that position in his Larson Marks Racing car, battled past Reutzel to take over the second position.

Kraig Kinser spun on the backstretch just as the field completed lap 9. The subsequent restart proved pivotal.

Stewart battled past Sweet for the lead as 2013 series champion Daryn Pittman got around Reutzel to take over the third position.

Caution flags flew in the waning laps and each time, Sweet tried to regain his spot. Stewart held tough though and built up a sizable lead. He took the checkered flag in first followed by Sweet and Pittman.

"I just didn't choose the right line on the restart," Sweet said. "We just didn't take off good enough. I don't know what I did wrong. It just didn't work out in our favor."

Pittman said he is feeling better following a crash at Placerville (Calif.) Speedway last month that sidelined him for a weekend with a broken collarbone, but still had some work to do.

"Man, I've been coming here and been in all four of these races and wanted to win this one bad," Pittman said. "If I couldn't do it, I'm pretty proud of Shane to be able to do it and for us to have two Okie boys up here on the front row - I'm pretty proud of that. We grew up racing together and it's a lot of fun to come back and race. We've got some big races this weekend and I've got some confidence going into those."



Christopher Bell scored his second career World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series win after battling the likes of Kerry Madsen, Sammy Swindell, and Jason Sides. (Paul Arch photo)

Ferguson Leads All The Way At Fayetteville To Sweep North Carolina Doubleheader

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - It didn't take Chris Ferguson long to prove his first career World of Outlaws Late Model Series victory was no fluke.

One night after scoring a breakthrough WoO LMS triumph at Friendship Motor Speedway, Ferguson, 25, of Mount

Holly, N.C., led every lap of Saturday's Tar Heel 100 main event at Fayetteville Motor Speedway to complete a sweep of the weekend's WoO LMS North Carolina doubleheader.

Much like he did Friday at Friendship in Elkin, N.C., Ferguson dominated the entire program at Fayetteville, setting fast time in qualifying, running unchallenged in his heat race and dominating the majority of the 50-lap A-Main. He cruised through most of the race in his Clements-powered Longhorn Chassis and smoothly handled lapped traffic on his way to a \$10,050 victory.

"This is unbelievable. It's the greatest weekend of my whole life," said Ferguson, who became just the second repeat WoO LMS winner of the season. "This car is amazing. I'm not even doing nothing special. The car is so fast, I'm just holding the steering wheel."

Leading WoO LMS rookie Brandon Overton equaled his best career WoO LMS finish with a runner-up performance. Darrell Lanigan ran second for much of the way but slid back to third after a back-and-forth battle with fourth-place finisher Steve Casebolt. Rick Eckert rounded out the top five in a race slowed by six cautions.

Starting from the pole, Ferguson easily pulled away from Lanigan and Josh Richards early in the race and built more than a half-straightaway advantage before lapped traffic slowed his pace around lap 10.

Ferguson struggled to overtake the slower cars using the track's preferred low groove, allowing Lanigan and Richards to close the gap. Lanigan pulled alongside Ferguson exiting turn two on lap 13, but Ferguson charged the top of the track entering turn three on that lap and pulled back ahead.

The move to the outside line also allowed Ferguson to begin

passing traffic more easily, and he soon began to ease away from his challengers.

"I was kind of worried because I wasn't sure how good the top was," Ferguson said. "Everybody was running the middle to the bottom. I thought I might have saw (Lanigan) on the left side of me coming off of two one time, so I just started pressing the issue and driving in as hard as I could. I thought I was gonna be over there on the dragstrip a few times going into turn one."

The fourth-starting Overton faded early in the race, dropping as far back as seventh before charging forward after the halfway mark. He moved by both Lanigan and Casebolt to take second following a lap-33 restart. But he never could mount a serious challenge on Ferguson and instead had to hold off a resurgent Lanigan in a side-by-side finish for the runner-up spot.

Dennis Franklin, finished sixth in the final rundown, while Richards slid back to seventh after running third for much of the race. Eric Wells was eighth, while Shane Clanton salvaged an otherwise forgettable night with a ninth-place finish. Johnny Pursley rounded out the top 10 finishers.

The World of Outlaws Late Model Series returns to action Fri., May 8 with its first ever visit to Ponderosa Speedway for a \$10,000-to-win program at the 3/8-mile track. The series then moves to Smoky Mountain Speedway in Maryville, TN, on Sat., May 9 for another \$10,000-to-win event at the Mountain Outlaw 50 Presented by NAPA.

Ferguson Claims First Career WoO Late Model Series Victory At Friendship Motor Speedway

ELKIN, NC - Chris Ferguson finally has a World of Outlaws Late Model Series victory on his resume.

Avoiding the bad luck that has plagued him in a number of past events, Ferguson led every lap of Friday night's Blue Ridge Bash to

earn a career-high \$10,550 for his first career WoO LMS victory in the national tour's first ever visit to Friendship Motor Speedway.

"It's awesome to finally cross a World of Outlaws win off my list and to do it in my home state," said Ferguson, whose breakthrough victory came on the opening night of North Carolina doubleheader weekend for the WoO LMS. "I've been close a few times and just never had things go our way. But it finally did tonight and we took advantage of it."

Ferguson was strong all night, setting fast time during qualifying, winning his heat race and leading every lap of 50-lap A-Main. He cruised out front through most of the feature and pulled away from 10th-starting Josh Richards on a pair of late restarts on his way to becoming the fourth first-time WoO LMS winner this season.

Richards, the three-time WoO LMS champion, settled for the runner-up spot, 1.525 seconds behind Ferguson at the finish. Frank Heckenast Jr. finished third while Eric Wells scored his best WoO LMS finish of the season in fourth.

WoO LMS points leader Shane Clanton muscled his way by Steve Casebolt for fifth on the final lap, stretching his lead in the championship chase to 72 points over Darrell Lanigan who finished behind Casebolt in the seventh. Rick Eckert and Morgan Bagley of rounded out the top 10.

Ferguson, a standout regional racer who typically enters a handful of WoO LMS events each season, has had his share of near misses in major events. He's been successful in WoO LMS preliminary action in the past with three career fast time awards and five heat race wins. But each time his chances of victory all fell short in the main event.

As he closed in on his first WoO LMS victory Friday night, Ferguson feared another bad luck circumstance might cost him yet again.

"There at the end everything starts going through your mind," Ferguson said. "You start thinking something's happening when it's really not. Those last few laps I thought I was spinning a wheel a little bit and thought a tire might be going down, but my crew kept me calm (using signals) down the backstretch and everything went our way."

"To come out here and outrun not only the national guys but all these good regional guys too, it's awesome. These guys that raced out here tonight, they're the best in

the country. We've been close to winning one of these a few times and to be able to finally do it, it's great."

In his first visit to Friendship, Richards was among the few drivers able to make use of the 4/10-mile oval's high groove. Recovering from a poor qualifying effort, Richards hustled his Valvoline-sponsored Rocket Chassis house car forward from his 14th starting spot and took second from Heckenast just after the race's halfway point.

After falling nearly a straightaway behind during the race's longest green-flag run, Richards began closing the gap as Ferguson was slowed by traffic just before the 40-lap mark. Two late restarts gave Richards chances to pressure Ferguson, but he couldn't mount a serious challenge.

"We came here never seeing this place before and I put us behind qualifying driving the wrong line," said Richards, who with the second-place finish moved into third in the series standings.

Among the race's nine yellow flags was a caution for a lap-24 tangle between Richards and Casey Roberts in which contact between the two drivers turned Roberts' car sideways in front of the field on the back straightaway. Roberts' car was hit by Chub Frank leaving both machines heavily damaged.

Due to his actions following the incident, Roberts has been fined and suspended from the WoO LMS effective immediately. The amount of the fine and the length of the suspension have yet to be determined by WoO LMS officials.

Other cautions included an opening lap pileup involving Jordan Yaggy, Chase Junghans, and Brian Ligon. After running as high as high as seventh early in the race, Ross Bailes slowed to cause a lap-21 yellow.

Tim McCreadie briefly held second before his car suffered front-end damage from a tangle on a mid-race restart that eventually forced him to slow for a lap-24 caution. The 2006 WoO LMS champion pitted for repairs and finished 11th in the final rundown.

Brandon Overton started third and ran second in the first half of the race, but ended up 12th after pitting during the lap-24 caution with a flat right-rear tire.

After finishing second in his heat race and redrawing the pole for the feature, Kyle Pierce ran among the top 10 the entire distance until a scrape with the turn-one wall ended his run on lap 45. He finished 16th.



Ferguson

Feger Fends Off O'Neal for Second Straight Lucas Oil Win at Paducah

PADUCAH, KY - Jason Feger had to fight off three other drivers to win the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event on Saturday Night at Paducah International Raceway. Feger's win duplicated his victory from a year ago in the "Spring Showdown."

Defending LOLMDS Champion, Don O'Neal finished a close second followed by Jimmy Owens, Bobby Pierce, and Scott Bloomquist.

"Man I don't know what to say," said Feger. "I just drove it as hard as I could. I knew Davenport couldn't keep up that pace without something happening and it did."

Jonathan Davenport had led the first 18 laps of the race dominating the field until he developed a right rear flat tire forcing him to pit for a tire change.

Feger then took over the top spot as the last half of the race would have the crowd on the edge of their seats. Feger, O'Neal, Owens and Pierce were exchanging slidejobs with Feger and O'Neal making contact for the lead a few times while Owens and Pierce were right in the mix.

Feger held a comfortable advantage as the white flag waved. O'Neal made one last effort on the final circuit, but came up a few feet short. Feger becomes the 10th different winner in 15 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event in 2015.

"I think the fans saw a great race. I was glad to be out in front. I could peek to the inside and see those other guys there. You can't run straight down the straightaways here and with the high-banks it gets pretty wild out there."

"I thought a few times we were going to wreck," said Feger commenting on his contact with O'Neal. "I was sideways down the front stretch at one time. But we both were racing hard and things like that will happen."

"I would like to thank my sponsors, Cheap Cars, Pro Tire and Automotive, Floyd's Disposal, Griffin Sign Shop, Titan, Wehr's Machine, All-Star Performance, and Rhyne Engines." Feger drives his own self-built Hustler Chassis.

O'Neal's second place finish concluded back-to-back nights of

top five finishes Clint Bowyer Racing #5. "It was good points night. We run hard for the lead, there wasn't much give and take, then you had little Bobby [Pierce] in there, man what a race that was. I want to thank everyone at Clint Bowyer Racing, my crew and my sponsors: Peak Antifreeze and Motor Oil, Crawford Supply, Georgia Boot and Cometic Gasket."

Owens in the Rowland Racing, Widow Wax Car Care Products-sponsored entry was pleased with his third place finish. "It feels good

to get a top three here. Our car stayed glued on the bottom for most of the race. Those guys in front of me were jostling all over. It was a great race to watch."

Completing the top ten were Earl Pearson Jr., Billy Moyer, Jimmy Mars, Dennis Erb Jr., and Tanner English.

In preliminary action, Jonathan Davenport set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group B) amongst the 30 entrants, with a lap of 15.349 seconds. Jimmy Owens set the fastest time in Group A with a time of 15.395 seconds. Jason Feger, Scott Bloomquist, Jonathan Davenport, and won their respective heat races. Chris Simpson and Chris Brown won their respective B-Mains.



Jason Feger gets a confetti shower in victory lane after fending off Don O'Neal to win at Paducah International Raceway. (Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series photo)

Bloomquist Banks Tri-City Speedway Lucas Oil Win

GRANITE CITY, IL - Scott Bloomquist reached Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory lane for the first time this season on Friday Night. Bloomquist held on to win the "Spring Spectacular" at Tri-City Speedway after taking the lead from Bobby Pierce on lap 37, and fighting off a late-race surge from Earl Pearson Jr.

The win is the 55th of his career in LOLMDS competition. He becomes the ninth different winner this season on the tour. Earl Pearson Jr. made a last lap run on Bloomquist but came up a car length short at the checkered flag. Brandon Sheppard raced his way from eighth to finish third, followed by Clint Bowyer Racing teammates, Don O'Neal and Steve Francis.

"I have to thank my crew and all of my sponsors. We changed cars last night after Macon and we came here. This car ran just spectacular. The car was great tonight. Kevin Gundaker and his crew do an outstanding job prepping this track."

Bloomquist started third and had a front row seat for the first 35 laps of the race while a terrific battle for the lead among the top five was going on. "I was just sitting there enjoying the way the race was unfolding. I am sure the crowd really was enjoying it was well. We got to second couple of times, then we faded back to third or fourth."

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With 35 laps complete, the first and only caution of the race came out. Up until that point, Pierce had been in front from the third lap on and looked to have a handle on the field. Just a lap after the restart, Pierce started to fade as his hopes of going to victory lane were rapidly disappearing.

Bloomquist was able to wrestle the lead from Pierce on lap 37. Pearson slowly climbed from his ninth starting spot throughout the race and was now running second. Bloomquist battled through lapped traffic in the last five laps holding off Pearson at the finish line.

"I would like to thank Crop Production Services and Dyna-Gro for coming on board in the last week. I also want to thank Reece Monument Company, Mark Martin Automotive, Penske Shocks, Base Racing Fuel, Lucas Oil Products, Horton Coal, and Sorbera Chiropractic," said the 51-year-old Hall-of-Fame driver who drives a Sweet-Bloomquist Chassis powered by an Andy Durham Racing Engine.

Pearson re-gained the points lead over Jonathan Davenport with his runner-up finish. "I'd like to thank Carlton and Kemp Lamm, Dunn-Benson Ford, Lucas Oil Products, and Black Diamond Chassis. It's a team effort and those people make it possible to do this."

Sheppard kept his car glued to the top of the track for most of the 50 laps to secure his third place finish. "Yes it was a real good points night. We just didn't have enough for Scott and Earl there at the end. I have to thank my dad and grandpa for making this possible and a big thanks to Valvoline, Kid's Castle Learning Center, Champion

Spark Plus, and Mark Richards at Rocket Chassis."

Completing the top ten were Jimmy Mars Dennis Erb Jr., Ryan Unzicker, Jonathan Davenport, and Billy Laycock.

In preliminary action, Shannon Babb set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group A) amongst the 45 entrants, with a lap of 14.794 seconds. Dennis Erb Jr. set the fastest time in Group B with a time of 15.232 seconds. Shannon Babb, Scott Bloomquist, Dennis Erb Jr., and Bobby Pierce won their respective heat races. Jason Feger and Chris Brown won their respective B-Mains.

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Owens Wins St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part 100 at Macon Speedway

MACON, IL - Jimmy Owens scored his first Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win of the season on Thursday Night at Macon Speedway. Owens inherited the lead when race-long front-runners Bobby Pierce and Billy Moyer pitted to change flat tires. Owens then led the rest of the way to win the St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part 100.

Trailing Owens to the finish line were Jason Feger, Devon Moran, Shannon Babb, and Ryan Unzicker.

"It feels great to get the first Lucas Oil Series win for Bryan Rowland. We learned a lot from last year running here and we made the proper changes tonight and got the job done," said Owens, who collected his 53rd career LOLMDS victory.

"We came here last year for the first time in a late model. We nearly

got lapped early on by Bobby [Pierce], but we made our way back to finish third. Tonight, I guess Pierce and Moyer cut down tires and that left the door open for us. You have to hit that turn three and four at an angle to scotch it off. It worked out pretty good."

Pierce and Moyer battled back and forth for the lead several times as lapped traffic was causing Pierce issues. Pierce had led the first 20 laps until Moyer took the lead on lap 21. Pierce fought back and retook the point on lap 32.

Pierce and Moyer ran one-two until a fateful caution on lap 58 as both drivers would go pit side with flat right rear tires. Owens then inherited lead and held on till the end.

"I would like to thank Widow Wax Car Care Products, Sunoco Race Fuels, Red Line Oil, Keyser Manufacturing, Ford, Midwest Sheet Metal, Cornett Engines, and Club 29 Race Cars. It is a great way to start the weekend."

Feger, who has ran a limited

schedule thus far in 2015 was happy with his second-place finish. "I am tickled to death with this run. After coming back from a broken arm, we have had bad luck so far, but this makes it a whole lot better," said the driver of the Cheap Cars, Pro Tire and Automotive, Griffin Sign Shop, and Titan #25.

Moran made his first appearance at Macon and came home third in the final rundown.

Completing the top ten were Chris Brown, Brandon Sheppard, Bobby Pierce, Don O'Neal, and Eddie Carrier Jr.

In preliminary action, Billy Moyer set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time amongst the 30 entrants, with a lap of 10.228 seconds. Bobby Pierce set the fastest time in Group B with a time of 10.558 seconds. Billy Moyer, Jimmy Owens, Bobby Pierce, and Brandon Sheppard won their respective heat races. Devin Moran and Jonathan Davenport won their respective B-Mains.

Motorcraft's Paint Scheme Fundraising Contest for JDRF Hits Final Phase

Top 10 Designs Compete for Trip to NASCAR Brickyard 400

DEARBORN, MI - Ten children ages 6-13 from across the nation have reached the Top 10 in the Race Car Design Contest for JDRF, hosted by Ford Customer Service Division (FCSD) and its brands, Motorcraft and Quick Lane Tire and Auto Centers.

Those in the Top 10 amassed the most donations for type 1 diabetes (T1D) research in the first round of voting, which ended April 24. The winning design will be selected from these 10 finalists by FCSD, JDRF and Wood Brothers Racing, which owns the Motorcraft/Quick Lane Ford Fusion stock car in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. The Wood Brothers No. 21 car will carry the winning design in the Brickyard 400 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, July 26, 2015. The winning designer will experience a trip of a lifetime, seeing the car that he or she designed race at the famed Indiana speedway.

The finalists, their age and hometown are:

- Alex B., 9, Buffalo Grove, IL.
- Grace B., 7, Brookfield, WI
- Anna H., 6, Newarack, DE
- Maddilynn K., 11, Houston, TX.

- Logan M., 13, Elknorn, NE
- Logan M., 8, Haddam, CT
- Brian P., 8, West Chester, OH
- Ethan R., 7, Beverly Hills, MI
- Parker S., 9, Napa, CA
- Maryn W., 8, Basehor, MO

The contest started in March with more than 40 children ages 5-18 living with T1D from around the country raising money at www.FordRaceCar.jdrf.org. As voting continues in this final phase of the contest until June 1, 2015, the Top 10 will be paired with Ford dealers in their areas who will assist them with their fundraising efforts.

Every child who entered raised money for JDRF by asking their friends and family to "vote" with donations. The money raised will help to continue JDRF's efforts to turn Type One into Type None through the support of research.

"We started with 42 child designers and are now pleased to unveil the Top 10 finalists," said Mary Lou Quesnell, director of marketing for Ford Customer Service Division. "Each entrant has done an outstanding job helping to raise more than \$28,000 for T1D research in the first phase of the competition. We can't wait to see the winning design at the Brickyard, racing around that famous speedway."



Scott Bloomquist captured his first Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win of the season in the "Spring Spectacular" at Tri-City Speedway. (Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series photo)

Chad Kemenah Rolls to Win at Mercer Raceway Park

Former champion Chad Kemenah scored his first win of the season in the new UNOH All Stars Circuit of Champions Sprint Car Series event held at Mercer Raceway Park. Kemenah is building confidence with his new team, and he's ready to regain his winning form.

"For years with the Outlaws, I got my (butt) kicked pretty hard, but I want to turn it around and start kicking."

Kemenah was able to pounce when leader Lee Jacobs brushed the front-stretch wall after he got hung up behind a slower car. "Sometimes, when you are leading, it ain't the best place to be," Kemenah explained.

Cody Darrah, who put on a late race charge to take second in his first appearance at the Park, admitted that he was struggling earlier in the race.

"I was having trouble with the top, and I started moving around and that helped me shake my car out." He added, "I thought there for a minute that I had something for Chad, but he was so good on the bottom, and then he got through the lapped traffic, and I didn't have a chance to get there."

Jacobs noted that he "got into the wall with the right rear, and that's what messed up my entry into one, and that's when Chad was able to get around us."

While some would be disappointed with such a turn of events, Jacobs was pleased because his team had been struggling so far this season.

"It was a big accomplishment for this team to qualify well, win the dash, and log a top three finish," he said.

Lee Jacobs and Eric Williams had the fans on the edges of their seats, as they battled back and forth in the early stages of the main event. Jacobs held a slight advantage over the defending track champion. As the leaders got into lapped traffic, Jacobs was able to open a three car length lead over Williams.

However, misfortune soon struck Williams. On lap 8, he spun in turn four as he tried the tricky outside groove to dispatch a lapper.

That put Kemenah into the second spot, with another local fa-

vorite, Jack Sodeman, Jr., right behind. Cody Darrah restarted in fourth, with Dale Blaney, Cole Duncan and Ed Lynch, Jr. in the mix.

Jacobs got away cleanly, but he could not shake free from Kemenah. With 16 laps down, Kemenah powered off turn two to take the lead from Jacobs, who got hung up behind a slower car. By now, Dale Blaney had worked his way into the third position. Meanwhile, Sodeman was keeping Darrah at bay.

While Kemenah and Jacobs led the way, Blaney, Sodeman, and Darrah hooked up in a three car battle for third. Darrah found the inside to his liking coming through turns one and two. On lap 22, he shot off the second turn, passing both Blaney and Jacobs.

Darrah then began to close in on Kemenah, but he simply ran out of laps. Kemenah swept under the checkers first, with Darrah just a couple of lengths back. Jacobs held on for third, one of his best outings of the season. Ed Lynch, Jr. scrambled up to the fourth spot in the final laps, with Sodeman getting fifth.

Blaney faded to sixth in the stretch run. Brandon Spithaler was seventh. Duncan, Greg Wilson, and Ryan Smith completed the top ten.

Jared Zimbardi, Dan Kuriger, Cody Darrah, and Ed Lynch, Jr. prevailed in the heat races. Lee Jacobs took the Dash win. Parker Price-Miller copped the B Main.

Dale Blaney was the evening's fastest qualifier, setting a new track record at 13.241. Blaney did not eclipse the record set by Erin Crocker, when the track was smaller and the cars raced without weight restrictions.

Kuriger had the misfortune of withdrawing from the dash after drawing the pole. He was unable to start the A Main in his own car, but switched to the Davey Jones 76 to get his starting money.

Dale Blaney Scores Lernerville Win

SARVER, PA - Lernerville Track Champion and multiple-time All Star Sprints Champion Dale Blaney set quick time and won the 30-lap, \$5,000-to-win A-Main on one of his home tracks; his 3rd All Star win at the Action Track.

Blaney wasn't the only driver with local roots to find success tonight, as Danny Holtgraver won



Chad Kemenah celebrates his first win of the UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions season. Kemenah held off a late race charge from Cody Darrah to win at Mercer Raceway Park. (Paul Arch photo)

his heat, Eric Williams won the dash and Ed Lynch Jr. won the B-Main after finding bad luck in his heat.

Super Late Model star Jared Miley showed the Sweeney Rush (crate) Late Models how to get around 4/10-mile Sarver speedplant by winning the 20-lap feature. Jason Fosnaught returned to his

stock car roots and hopped into the Brett McDonald #25 for the night and passed his brother Jimmy to pick up his first win in several years in the Millerstown Pic-A-Part DIRT-car Sportsman feature. Buffalo, NY's Adam Hilton continued his Lernerville dominance in the Sweeney Rush Sportsman Modifieds.



Dale Blaney scored his 3rd career All Star win at Lernerville Speedway on Friday night. (Paul Arch photo)

Seth Bergman Rocks the Rock 'N Roll 50 at Riverside International Speedway

WEST MEMPHIS, AR - In a race with five different leaders, the 7th annual Eagle Motorsports Rock 'N Roll 50 presented by MyRacePass.com saw Washington's Seth Bergman charge from 12th to win for his second career victory at the famed Riverside International Speed-

way.

Winded after the 50 lap affair, Seth Bergman's win is his first of the season with the Lucas Oil ASCS presented by MAVTV American Real, and matches Tim Crawley as the only other two-time winner of the Rock 'N Roll 50.

"I was really bad at the begging of this deal. We tightened the car up way too much and I was actually worried we were going to go a lap down before that first caution came out so I just told myself - man up, put this thing on the fence, and if you bring it back on the Wrecker, at least you know you tried - and I'm pretty sure I bounced it off every piece of wall out here."

Taking off following a false start, Aaron Reutzel jumped around fellow front row starter Anthony Nicholson for the lead. Starting to find slower traffic in the early laps, Reutzel came under fire from Tim Crawley for the lead; relinquishing the top spot on the seventh round.

Caution on Lap 19 for Brandon Hanks, the lead battle had shifted

as Reutzel faded to fourth, allowing Blake Hahn and Johnny Herrera to second and third. Regrouping on the restart, Reutzel worked back into the lead battle; trading slide jobs with Tim Crawley and Blake Hahn before Hahn found the wall exiting turn-two on Lap 37.

Restarting fifth, Bergman rode the wall at either end of "The Ditch", moving by Crawley on Lap 39 and setting sights on Reutzel as the red flew the following lap for the No. 82 of Zach Pringle who flipped in the first turn. Zach was okay.

Under red, Reutzel saw his night take a turn as the right rear went flat. Along with Johnny Herrera, the pair ended up in the work area. Handing Seth Bergman the race lead, it was not wasted as Seth drove to a 1.530 second advantage over Tim Crawley for the win.

"Sometimes when you're leading, you just don't know what's going on behind you and you're just a sitting Duck," commented Crawley on the runner-up finish after leading the lion's share of the night's 50 laps. "Once they showed they'd moved up some, and I tried it but I was so tight trying to get in against the wall, I was struggling up there. So second; again."

Utilizing the restart on Lap 40, Wayne Johnson made the charge from fifth to round out the night's podium, "We were really good early in the race there, and I really thought we were going to have something for these guys but then Johnny got to having that flat there

and kind of got wide and it messed me up and that's when Bergman got by me. Not making excuses the car was good, just had a third place car evidently."

Matt Covington crossed fourth with Mississippi's Dale Howard completing the top-five after starting 14th.

With fresh rubber on the right rear, Aaron Reutzel put on a clinic from deep in the field to grab sixth in the final ten laps, putting the No. 87 to a 78 point advantage over Johnny Herrera in the championship standings.

Earning the final transfer into the night's A-Feature, event promoter, Tony Bruce, Jr. was the night's Hard Charger from 21st to seventh. Kyle Bellm from 15th crossed the line eighth with Marshall Skinner and Anthony Nicholson completing the top-ten.

The night saw 36 drivers drawing in with five Heat Races going to Anthony Nicholson, Tim Crawley, Derek Hagar, Wayne Johnson, and Matt Covington. A pair of B-Features went to A.G. Rains and Andy McElhannon.

The next event for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by MAVTV American Real is Thursday, May 7 at Lakeside Speedway with the McCarthy Auto Group KC Klassic. Tickets are on sale at www.racinboys.com.

For continued updates on the American Sprint Car Series, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

Cornell Wires ASCS Warrior Opener at Lucas Oil Speedway

WHEATLAND, MO - Jonathan Cornell picked up right where he left off in 2014, leading every lap to win the 2015 season opener for the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region in the Impact4800.com Open Wheel Showdown at the Lucas Oil Speedway.

Cornell's 23rd career Warrior Region triumph, the VKCC No. 28 was chased to the line by Randy Martin with Odessa, Texas driver Josh Baughman grabbing third from ninth. Oklahoma's Tyler Thomas was fourth with Austin Alumbaugh completing the top-five.

Jerrold Hull was sixth with Ricky Lee Stangl seventh from 16th. Dustin Adams charged from 18th to eighth with Matt Close ninth from 20th. Danny Thoman completed the top-ten.

The Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region competes again on Thursday,

May 7 with the Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour at Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, Kan. For continued updates on the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

Carney Claims Battleground Bounty

HIGHLANDS, TX - For the first time against the Southern Trailer Works ASCS Gulf South Region presented by Griffith Truck and Equipment, El Paso's John Carney II parked the Briley Trucking No. 74b in Victory Lane, topping regional action at Battleground Speedway.

Winning from the pole, Carney was chased to the finish by Michal McNeil with 10th starting Travis Rilat completing the podium. Kevin Ramey from ninth and Friday night's winner, Scottie McDonald completed the top-five.

From 15th, Ray Allen Kulhanek crossed sixth with Morgan Turpen, Terry Gray, Klint Angelette, and Travis Elliot completing the top-ten.

The Southern Trailer Works ASCS Gulf South Region presented by Griffith Truck and Equipment competes next at the Shady Oaks Speedway on May 23 and returns to the Battleground Speedway on May 24.

McDonald Tops ASCS Gulf South at Golden Triangle Raceway Park

BEAUMONT, TX - With 27 drivers taking on the one-third mile Golden Triangle Raceway Park, Scottie McDonald posted his third career ASCS Gulf South Regional victory; topping the 12th annual John Bankston Memorial.

Taking over the points lead and pocketing \$3,000, the win is McDonald's first of the season with the Southern Trailer Works ASCS Gulf South Region presented by Griffith Truck and Equipment. Taking the lead on Lap 7, the Dissolvalloy No. 88 was chased to the finish by 2014 Regional Champion, Channin Tankersley who challenged for the lead in the closing laps. Travis Rilat from ninth grabbed third with John Carney II fourth from 12th and Jacob Lucas fifth after starting 11th.

The top-ten rounded out with Morgan Turpen, Zane Lawrence, Travis Elliot, Mike Walling, and John Pate.



Seth Bergman picked up the custom guitar for the second time, winning the Eagle Motorsports Rock 'N Roll 50 at the Riverside International Speedway. (Rob Kocak / ASCS)



Bowman Gray Stadium

WINSTON - SALEM, NC - Before the green flag waved, Burt Myers seemed to have the odds stacked against him. But when the checkered fell, Myers walked away with the trophy.

In qualifying for the Hayes Jewelers 200, Burt Myers of Walnut Cove was fourth fastest. His younger brother, Jason Myers of Walnut Cove, clinched the pole with a blistering lap. Tim Brown of Tobaccoville jumped behind the wheel of a new car and turned the second-fastest lap. Brandon Ward of Winston-Salem was third-fastest, piloting the powerful car that used to belong to Tim Brown.

Getting to the lead would be tough for Myers. Staying in the lead would be tougher. Yet that was his plan. "I wanted to get out front. If I can put it out front, I can set my pace," said Burt Myers.

Burt Myers was able to maneuver past Ward on the initial start and get by Tim Brown on the first double-file restart. 20 laps into the race, Burt Myers was already able to start challenging Jason Myers for the lead.

The #1 car of Burt Myers was impressive on the outside, seemingly unbeatable during a double-file restart. But with a cluster of incidents one after the other, it took a while before Burt was able to make his pass stick.

Burt Myers held his own during the next eight restarts, fending off Jason Myers for each double-file challenge. "The car was awesome. The car did exactly what we needed to do. When we dialed the car in, it was on older tires - so we knew what to expect late in the run," said Burt Myers.

The closest Burt came to losing the lead wasn't due to the competitors behind him itching to pass - it was due to slower traffic that Myers was preparing to lap. Long-time rival Junior Miller of Winston-Salem spun into the infield and resumed the pace at the tail end of the lead lap - right in front of leader Burt Myers.

Myers held back for nearly 50 laps, unwilling to go around Miller. "I was just trying to set a good pace and not trying to run hard. You run as hard as you have to run," said Burt Myers. "I was content there for



Burt Myers (1) grabbing the lead away from younger brother Jason Myers (4). (Eric Hylton Photography photo)

a little while, and the pace needed to be picked up a little bit - so I made a move."

As the laps ticked by, Jason Myers waited patiently for the chance to make his move. With 10 laps to go, Jason slammed the gas from the outside row in a double-file restart, riding door to door with older brother Burt for almost a lap. At times, Jason got a nose ahead of Burt. But the younger of the Myers brothers couldn't complete the pass.

"I was saving tires and trying to beat him on the restart. I knew I wasn't going to pass him just racing, because we were too even," said Jason Myers. "I knew I had a shot - just making it stick was the whole thing. And both of us on worn out tires, we were both sliding around."

Burt Myers went on to grab the checkered in the Hayes Jewelers 200, the longest race of the season for the Brad's Golf Cars Modified Series. Jason Myers finished second. Brandon Ward battled back and forth with Tim Brown to take third.

Tim Brown had a rollercoaster ride of a race, running in third in the early stages before falling back to eighth - only to fight back to a fourth place finish. "We had an ignition problem," said Brown. "And I think I was in like four different wrecks."

In the Farm Bureau Insurance Sportsman Series, Zack Ore of Winston-Salem put the pedal down to win an uncharacteristically caution-free 40-lap race. John Holleman of Winston-Salem came in second.

Derrick Rice of Kernersville flew from fourteenth up to the front to win the 20-lapper for the Q104.1 New Country Street Stock Series. Father and son, Jacob Creed and David Creed of Ararat, finished second and third.

In the McDowell Heating & Air Stadium Stock Series, Daniel Yates of Lexington won the first 15-lap-

per. A.J. Sanders of Mocksville claimed the checkered in the second 15-lap race.

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - One week after almost winning the 30-lap NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Modified Feature at Grandview, Ryan Grim came back Saturday night with a determined vengeance. The Laury's Station-based driver went from second to first on the initial start of the Ingersoll-Rand Night sponsored event and at the wave of the checkered Grim chalked up a well-deserved first career victory over runner-up veteran Ray Swinehart, who posted his season best finish. Grim became the fourth different Modified feature winner of the season.

In the 25-lap NASCAR BRC Late Model feature Chuck Schutz, the only driver running VP Fuels gas in the class, overtook Joe "Geezer" Fanelli on the 15th lap and went on to be the first repeat winner in the division.

Brett Kressley started deep, 18th, in the pack of the 25-lap NASCAR Sportsman feature but that didn't deter him from passing leader Kenny Gilmore with one lap to go and score back-to-back victories in the feature.

All three winning drivers received an Ingersoll-Rand Tool Pack worth \$600 along with monetary prizes from T.P. Trailers and VP Fuels product prizes if they were eligible.

Mother's Day will be celebrated on Whelen Engineering Night on Saturday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. This will be a four division night of racing featuring the NASCAR 358 Modifieds, BRC Late Models, Sportsman stock cars and the Blast from the Past Vintage racers. Adult admission will stay at \$15 for adults and youngsters 11 and under are admitted free. The first 200 moms through the main spectator gate will receive a "pop cake" courtesy of Grandview Speedway manage-

ment. Tammy Auman Photography will present 100 moms with a bottle of Natural Hand Lotion from Green Lemon Spa as they head through the main gate. And 50 moms going through the pit gate will receive a Green Lemon Spa Gift Bag from Tammy Auman Photography. One lucky fan will receive an Ingersoll Rand Power Tools gift pack and two tickets to a regular Grandview Speedway event. To have a chance to win text "IRTtoolsGRV" to 313131.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway was back on track under the lights for the first time in 2015 with the BFF Friday program on Friday night, May 1st. Ronnie Williams took the lead early and then had to hold off challenges from Eric Berndt, Rowan Pennink, and then Keith Rocco to claim victory in the 40-lap SK Modified® feature, Josh Wood was the winner in the 30-lap Late Model feature, Joey Ferrigno was the winner of the 20-lap SK Light feature, Cliff Saunders won the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature, Trace Beyer won the 15-lap DARE Stock feature, and Dana DiMatteo won the 20-lap Legend Cars feature.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Jeff Rocco didn't come up to speed on the start in the outside groove and it backed things up throughout the field to where Woody Pitkat and Tyler Hines got into the frontstretch wall to bring the caution out.

Ronnie Williams led the first lap back under green but Eric Berndt quickly worked his way past Williams and took the lead on lap-2. Williams came back strong and nearly made a pass going into turn 3 on lap-3, but he settled back into line behind Berndt. Matt Galko was third, with Joey Cipriano and Ryan Preece in fifth.

Williams was able to make a pass stick on lap-5 and he retook the lead from Berndt. Cipriano and Berndt were now side by side for second with Berndt getting the batter of that battle. Jeff Rocco, Todd Owen, and Jeff Baral spun in turn 4 to bring the caution out with 6 laps complete.

The restart saw Williams and Berndt side by side for two laps before Williams got clear into the lead. Cipriano won the duel for third with Rowan Pennink moving up to fourth and Matt Galko taking fifth. The caution came out with 11 laps complete as Michael Gervais, Jr. got loose in turn 4 and several

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cars got collected as they tried to avoid Gervais, including Ted Christopher, Mike Christopher, Jr., and Dan Avery.

Back under green, Berndt took the lead with Williams tucking into line in second. Pennink was now up to third with Cipriano and Tom Bolles locked in a side by side duel for fourth. Williams made a move to the low side of Berndt on

lap-15 but Berndt was able to keep Williams behind him. Williams tried the move again in turns 3+4 and this time he was able to pull alongside Berndt. They raced side by side for the next lap with Williams taking the lead at the stripe by a half car length. Williams cleared Berndt for the lead on lap-18 and Pennink made a move to get by Berndt on lap-19. Pennink's move on Berndt opened the door for Cipriano to get alongside Berndt while Keith Rocco was all over the back bumper of both Cipriano and Berndt.

With 25 laps complete, there was a 5-car train consisting of Williams, Pennink, Berndt, Rocco, and Cipriano that were pulling away from Ryan Preece, Galko, and Bolles in sixth, seventh, and eighth. The order up front changed on lap-32 as Rocco went by Berndt to move up to third place while Williams continued to hold the lead with Pennink right behind him.

With 5 laps to go, Pennink was right on Williams' back bumper with Rocco glued to his bumper in a 3-way fight for the lead. Rocco made an amazing move to the inside of Pennink, going as low in turn 3 as he could possibly drive his car to take over second with 3 laps to go. Rocco was right there but he couldn't get close enough to Williams in the closing laps to make a move as Williams scored his first win of the 2015 season. Pennink finished third, with Berndt and Cipriano rounding out the top-5.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Following the completion of the April 25-26 NAPA Spring Sizzler NASCAR Whelen All-American Series feature events, Stafford Motor Speedway officials have announced the following penalty:

#39 SK Modified, Driver Chris Jones

Infraction- Unsportsmanlike conduct, on-track. Unsportsmanlike conduct, off-track. Actions detrimental to the sport.

Penalties- Disqualification from Spring Sizzler feature event, placed to last in the finishing order. Suspended from competition at Stafford Motor Speedway for the next 6 completed events. \$250 fine payable to The Shane Hammond Foundation or The Spalding Foundation, through Stafford Motor Speedway. The fine must be paid to the Speedway office prior to the next attended event. Placed on probation through December 31st, 2015.

Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - The calendar showed Friday to be the first day of May, but springtime temperatures around Northeast Tennessee were unseasonably chilly in the Model City for NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action at Kingsport Speedway.

Ronnie McCarty of Kingsport jumped out into the lead at drop of the green flag and led flag-to-flag in winning the caution-free, 60-lap 'First Kingsport Credit Union' Late Model Stock Car feature.

"Getting our second win of the season tonight by leading every lap, this was probably the most fun I've ever experienced driving a race car," said McCarty with a smile on his face after climbing from his race car in victory lane. "Winning period is a great feeling. But to win like we did tonight in leading from drop of the green flag until the checkered flag waved, I believe really showed everybody what a great race car we have, along with also having a great team backing me."

McCarty earned the pole award in qualifying with a fast-lap of 15.086 seconds around the .375-mile banked concrete oval. The roll of the inversion dice produced a "two," putting Justin Fontaine on the inside of the front row and McCarty on the outside.

McCarty flexed his muscle on the start to take the lead over Fontaine, Zeke Shell, Wayne Hale and defending track champion Kres VanDyke. VanDyke moved past Hale for fourth place on lap 5 racing off (turn) two.

Lee Tissot rode around the high line between turns one and two on the sixth circuit to take the fifth spot away from Hale, which began a steady slide backward for Hale as Austin Peters, Kyle Barnes and Taylor Coffman all passed Hale, dropping the veteran back to ninth in the running order.



Ronnie McCarty of Kingsport, Tenn., captured his second NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Model Stock Car victory of the season Friday at Kingsport Speedway. (RANDALL PERRY photo)

With the race running clean-and-green and leader McCarty setting a blistering pace out front, by the halfway mark he began to put a little distance between himself and Fontaine, Shell and VanDyke. VanDyke passed Shell for third on lap 38 racing off the second corner.

The 28-year-old McCarty was in control out front, holding about a six car length advantage over his closest challengers with the signal from the flag stand showing 10 laps remaining. However, lapped traffic proved to be a little more difficult to navigate than what the leader had hoped for.

But once McCarty, driving the Luv Homes of Kingsport/Ron's Mobile Home Parts & Service of Kingsport/Corner's Nest Antique Mall in Elizabethton/Bill Parsons Insurance Agency in Bristol, Va./A-Hood Bail Bonds/Charlie Long Race Engines/Marlowe Race Cars/Performancenter Racing Warehouse/No. 5 Ford Fusion cleared the slower cars, he rolled on to his second Late Model Stock Car win this season. McCarty now holds a three-point advantage in the point standings over Tissot.

McCarty captured the victory over Fontaine with his best career run, followed by VanDyke, Shell and Tissot.

Completing the top 10 finishers were Barnes, Hale, Coffman, Joey Trent and Jerry Lane.

"Even though we stayed out front the entire distance, I will admit I almost got a little too cautious there with around 10 laps to go

when working some lapped traffic," said McCarty. "It's like those cars were running right in the middle of the track, and I didn't really know whether to try and pass them to the inside or the outside. You don't want to make the wrong move when attempting to overtake slower cars, you just want those cars to hold their line and then you just pick your way past them. Fortunately for us I was able to cleanly get by them, and then I guess you could say it was clear sailing to the finish."

"I really want to thank my parents (Ron and Gina McCarty) for all the opportunities they've provided me to race over the years. This is now my third career NASCAR Whelen All-American Series win, and just to see the smiles on mom and dad's faces in victory lane, that's what it's all about. I also want to thank everybody that helps out on the team, my crew chief Mark Ketron, Kevin Street, Kelly Hooper, Mike Lloyd, and then I've got great support from my fiancée Patricia Dygert."

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGSGROVE, PA - Polesitter Mark Smith of Sunbury made up lost ground late in the race to score an exciting victory in Saturday night's 30-lap United Racing Club-sanctioned 35th Annual Jack Gunn Memorial for 360 sprint cars at Selinsgrove Speedway.

For Smith, the \$3,500 win was his third at the track and fourth
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overall this season in 360 sprint car competition at the wheel of the Mach 1 Chassis No. 1. Aaron Ott of East Berlin was the night's Fast Tees Fast Qualifier over the 32-car field with a lap time of 17.308.

Steve Campbell of Danville won his first race of the season in record-setting fashion in the 25-lap super late model feature. Campbell's 46th career late

model win at the speedway was a new track record for the distance in a time of 9:02.20.

Kyle Bachman and Nathan Long of Selinsgrove see-sawed for the lead for several laps before Bachman came away with his first win of the year in the 15-lap pro stock feature.

Selinsgrove Speedway will hold the Max Media Pack The Track Night this Saturday, May 9, featuring \$5 general admission for adults and students for a four division racing show of 360 sprints, late models, pro stocks, and roadrunners at 7 p.m. Max Media will be hosting a tailgating party 4-6 p.m. at the main gate with music, games and prizes prior to the start of the racing program.

Second-place starter Robbie Stillwaggon drove into the lead at the start of the sprint car feature and was chased by third-place starter Josh Weller. Polesitter Mark Smith lost some ground on the start but kept the leaders in his sights.

The caution flag unfurled on lap four when Jason Shultz's car developed a flat tire. On the restart, Stillwaggon continued to set the pace while Smith cleared Weller's car for the second position. The race was stopped on lap eight for a four-car melee at the end of the backstretch in which Shultz's car flipped over. Cody Keller, Ryan Kissinger, and Tyler Ross were also involved in the incident. All drivers escaped injury.

By the midway point of the race, Stillwaggon and Smith were setting a blistering pace through traffic with Weller, eighth-place starter Davie Franek, and fourth-place starter Aaron Ott in close pursuit.

With five laps to race, Stillwaggon and Smith diced their way through traffic. Entering turn one on the 27th circuit, Smith made the winning pass using the high line. Once in front of the pack, Smith



Matt Piercy (25) and Annabeth Barnes(12) get tangled up as they were coming to the white flag during the feature at Hickory Motor Speedway Saturday night. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

cruised to a 1.4 second margin of victory over Stillwaggon, Ott, 22nd-place starter TJ Stutts, and Franek

Fremont Speedway

FREMONT, OH - Byron Reed and Craig Mintz – both former two time Kistler Racing Products Fremont Attica Sprint Title (FAST) Championship Series champions – waged a tremendous battle at Fremont Speedway Saturday. When the non-stop 30 laps came to a conclusion it was Reed with his first victory of the season at "The Track That Action Built" on Baumann Auto Group Night.

The win in the Fort Ball Pizza Palace 410 Sprints would put Reed atop the FAST point standings as he tries for his third \$10,000 championship. It was his 27th career win at Fremont and moves him into a tie for 15th on the track's all-time win list.

"That was a good race. Rich Farmer told me to kick some ass tonight and I tried to do that. I was getting a little goofed up with some lapped cars. I'm just glad...I love Fremont Speedway but this particular track...I call it the old Fremont. I usually never run well on the old Fremont so this is great. It means good things for our team because we're doing good on surfaces we usually don't run good at," said Reed beside his Crown Batter/Kistler Engines/Fremont Auto Parts backed #5.

When asked if he was ready to defend the home turf against the All

Stars coming up at the end of the month, Reed said Saturday's race was just as important.

"It's funny. As I've gotten older I've become a point's racer. I worry less about those (All Star) races than I do these races. I keep saying I'm going to slow down but they keep throwing money out there and saying there's a good prize at the end of the year. The All Star races are just kind of a fun night really. I want to thank the fans of Fremont...they are always a great crowd....the people are really into it," added Reed.

"I have a back up pit crew tonight and I have to thank Keith Brewer, Donnie Corwin, Kevin Meyer...my main crew chief is out farming tonight," concluded Reed.

Fremont's Bobby Clark would lead all 25 laps of the Fremont Federal Credit Union 305 Sprint feature but it wasn't easy as Jamie Miller hounded him the entire distance. A lapped car the final three circuits nearly cost Clark the win as he struggled to get around the back marker. But, when the checkers flew Clark raced to his second straight win at Fremont.

Clark now has 31 career wins at "The Track That Action Built" and is tied with hall of famer Rollie Beale for 13th on the all-time win list.

"I couldn't get by that lapped car. He moves around a lot. I tried to go around him and I really wasn't getting any where. I thought I didn't want to get snuck on the bottom so I went back down. I could hear

someone up top but until I saw someone I wasn't going to change," said Clark beside his Fremont Fence/Kear's Speed Shop/B&L Plumbing and Cooling/Nagy Equipment Sales/Miller Rigging/Shel-lukes Bar/Willey's Towing/Big D's Pizza/Kistler Engines backed machine.

"Dave (Foos, crew chief) knows what to do when the track gets slick like this. He just tells me be patient with it early and it will come around at the end," added Clark.

"To tie Rollie Beal...that name to me was a legend. It's a great thing. I love racing here. We've had a lot of success. It's an honor to be tied with him," Clark concluded.

In the AAA Ohio Auto Club Dirt Truck feature, Kent Brewer took the checkered for the second time this season and the fifth of his career at Fremont, but he wasn't happy with himself. He and Cory McCaughey battled early in the race and made contact at the half-way point which sent McCaughey to the pits to change a flat tire.

"I feel really bad. I got into Cory. He should have really won. I feel really bad. Cory should be out here on the front straight away," said Brewer.

"I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. I didn't do a very good job on the truck. I appreciate my sponsors and all the people who help me on the truck and everyone that comes out every Saturday night to support Fremont Speedway," Brewer added..