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Who Knew How Really Good He Could Be

While his impact as a driver always will be felt throughout NASCAR, there's no question Dale Earnhardt Jr. also has distinguished himself as an entertaining – and equally informative – television broadcaster.

NASCAR and NBC banked on his ability to keep old and new

fans tuned in, even as attendance and rating numbers continue to decline. But nobody could have predicted how natural and easy his delivery has been.

It started quickly at his first race earlier this month at the Chicagoland Speedway with Kyle Busch and Kyle Larson bumping and banging on the final lap with Busch eventually winning by turning Larson around.

Earnhardt clearly was excited about the racing, yelling “slide job!” when Larson took a short-lived lead in the third turn, followed by a high-five with fellow commentator Steve Letarte at the finish line. More important, it was easy for viewers at home to feel that same excitement.

The transition from the driver's seat to the television booth has been remarkably smooth, which came as a surprise, and relief, to the 15-time most popular driver.

“You know, when you're a driver, you think you have all these ideas about how a sport needs to – what the sport needs to be better or be – we're always trying to improve the health of the sport,” Earnhardt said. “Everybody has got the sport's best interest at heart, and as a driver you have those opinions of what those things are, and then when you go into the broadcast booth and you're on the other side, just looking at it through a totally different lens, some of those things change like 180 degrees.”

Much like preparing a winning race car, there was a lot of work behind the scenes to get Earnhardt up to speed. Along with fellow commentators Rick Allen, Jeff Burton and Letarte, the group worked several “practice” races. It didn't take long for the group to build a rapport.

For Letarte, it was an extension of their working relationship as driver and crew chief in 2014.

“I'm excited that Dale is joining the team,” Letarte said. “There's been a lot of preparation. The preparation really never stops. We've been working hard in the booth, but the other groups have been working hard on graphics and everything else it takes to put on a broadcast, and after a lot of conference calls and meetings and practices, it's time to go live, and that's usually just the most exciting part of the season.”



DON COBLE

Putting Earnhardt behind the microphone helped his enormous fan-base get over his sudden retirement last year. Not only does he maintain his presence in a sport this family helped build, he has provided a unique insight.

For example, Earnhardt talked about his father's ability to “see the air” in the draft before the July 7 race at the Daytona International Speedway. He said the fact his father wore an open-face helmet allowed him to feel changing air pressure as his car moved through traffic.

A simple answer to a complicated question, as well as his unbridled candor, is exactly what NASCAR needed. Although he said it was easier to learn the intricacies of driving a car at 200 mph than putting his feelings into words, he's managed to find an effective niche.

“I felt like that I had a lot more understanding of what I was getting myself into with race cars,” he said. “Growing up around it, and my family being so involved in it on my mom's and my dad's side, I was pretty sure at least when I was younger that I thought I knew everything about racing.”

“I had no history or background in broadcasting. Really kind of coming from a blank page here and drawing from my teammates, Jeff and Rick and Steve and everybody around me at NBC, just trying to draw all the information I can.”

Part of that process includes being critical of his friends. So far, he's been spared any controversy, but he knows a time will come when he has to call out a driver. The key, he said, is being honest.

“I think we just have to talk about what we see on the racetrack, talk about the action, have energy and genuine passion about what we're



Dale Earnhardt Jr. is an entertaining and knowledgeable addition to the NBC Sports team covering NASCAR races. (NBCSPORTS photo)

seeing and what's happening in front of us, and I think that'll come across to the viewer and make the viewer feel like they're watching something unique,” Earnhardt said. “I've always felt like that the broadcaster has an incredible responsibility to make – to engage with the viewer and make the show entertaining and point out what about the show is exciting.

We can't just rely on the race to do all the work.”

The sport needed the collective entertainment experience of the

entire NBC crew last Saturday night when Martin Truex Jr. turned the race at the Kentucky Speedway into another blowout. It pushed all the behind-the-scenes preparation to the limit.

“It's important for the production and us in the booth and everyone else to just kind of make – bring the fan into the experience and make them feel like they're getting something unique,” Earnhardt said.

Unique, for sure. Entertaining, absolutely. And genuine, without question.

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PAUL ARCH

New Faces at Eldora

This week, the motorsports fans will focus on a small town in Ohio with a half-mile dirt track. It's the annual visit of the NASCAR Camping World Truck (CWT) Series to the Eldora Speedway. The clay half-mile will host the Camping World Trucks for the sixth consecutive year to the historic track owned by racing leg-

end Tony Stewart.

The historic short track in Rossburg, Ohio, built in 1954, will host the CWT Series regulars along with a list of new drivers who may not be familiar names to NASCAR fans. Let's take a look at the new faces who will attempt to make their mark in one of NASCAR's premiere events.

Max McLaughlin will make his CWT Series debut behind the wheel of the #36 Niece Motorsports Chevrolet Silverado at Eldora.

Max is the son of Mike "Magic Shoes" McLaughlin, a very talented racer who won the 1988 NASCAR Modified Series National Championship and who was elected into the DIRT Hall of Fame in 2013 based on his dirt racing accomplishments in upstate New York.

"Dirt tracks have always been home for me," Max said. "I'm incredibly excited to make my Truck Series debut at Eldora. The truck will definitely be a different animal at Eldora, but I can't wait for the challenge. Eldora is truly a special place, so it means the world to me to start my Truck Series career there."

Cody Efaw, Niece Motorsports General Manager, will serve as Crew Chief for McLaughlin at Eldora.

"I grew up going to Eldora with my family, so this place means the world to me," Efaw stated. "I've seen what Max can do on dirt, and I think we have a great chance at winning. The whole organization is excited to have Max on board, especially considering his expertise on dirt."

Another driver making his CWTS debut at Eldora is Logan Seavey. The Toyota Racing Development Driver will drive for Kyle Busch Motorsports in the Eldora Dirt Derby. Seavey, the 2017 POWRi Lucas Oil National Midget Series Champion, will drive the #51

Tundra with Mobil 1 as the primary sponsor.

"Running the Truck Series race at Eldora for Kyle Busch Motorsports is the chance of a lifetime and I can't thank everyone at Mobil 1, Toyota, and TRD enough for having the confidence to put me in this position," Seavey commented. "Not many people get the chance to run a stock car on dirt, and it's definitely going to be a big challenge racing something so much heavier than what I'm used to.

Hopefully, I'll have a little bit of an advantage just knowing what dirt racing is like and how the dirt changes."

Brandon Mitchell from Russellville, Alabama will make his CWT debut at Eldora as well. Mitchell will pilot the #33 Sparks Energy Inc. entry for Reaume Brothers Racing. The 19-year old has been racing dirt late models since he was 13 and currently races fulltime in the Nesmith Dirt Crate Late Model at North Alabama Speedway. Mitchell will have the talents of NASCAR Xfinity driver Joey Gase who will spot for him at Eldora.

"I'm beyond excited to be making my NASCAR debut this week," Mitchell said. "I can't thank Reaume Brothers and Sparks Energy Inc. enough for giving me a chance to show my talent in front of some of the NASCAR greats."

The #63 MB Motorsports Chevy Silverado will also have a new face at Eldora, The High Side Tickler, Dirt Modified Ace Kyle Strickler will look to extend the streak of strong runs at the historic Eldora Speedway.

"There's no disputing Kyle Strickler is a premier dirt track racer," Team Owner Mike Mittler added. "I am extremely excited to get to Eldora and see what we can do. As long as we can put a solid truck underneath him, I think we can bring home another good finish for the 63 truck."



DENNIS PUNCH

Strickler is a two-time IMCA Super Nationals Champion who will receive sponsorship from the organization for this event.

"The IMCA Super Nationals is a crown jewel in American dirt track racing and I'm very proud to have them on board with us at Eldora," Strickler said.

One driver with a previous CWT Series start at Eldora will be making his return this week. Chris Windom will bring a ton of dirt track success with him to pilot the #54 Toyota Tundra for DGR-Crosley. Windom was the 2016 USAC Silver Crown Champ and the 2017 USAC National Sprint Car Championship along with six victories at Eldora. Windom also has some CWTS experience to the first-year truck team. He raced Eldora, Martinsville, and Homestead last season. Windom finished 19th at Eldora driving for MB Motorsports.

"The opportunity to team with DGR-Crosley allows me to compete for a win at a track that's had

"I have a lot of redemption I want to get at Eldora, especially from 2016 when a blown engine led to an early exit," Anderson said. "But, when Ryan and I got talking, I really starting thinking about what this meant for me as an owner and for the guys who work with me and the sponsors that help us grow this team – the health of this team and how it does is good for everybody. So, the move to put Ryan in the truck is one that was well thought out between everybody."

And, if new faces and names of drivers in the race weren't enough, FOX Sports will add another twist to the Eldora event. Veteran dirt track aces and current NASCAR stars Christopher Bell and Kyle Larson will make their broadcasting debuts at Eldora on Wednesday night.

Bell, the reigning Truck Series champ, won the Chili Bowl National championship in 2017 and 2018 as well as the USAC National Midget title in 2013. Larson won the 2011 4-Crown Nationals at Eldora, becoming just the second driver in history to win in all three types of USAC cars in a single night.

Bell won the 2015 CWTS race at Eldora in a Toyota, while Larson won the 2016 event in a Chevrolet.

Larson will join Vince Welch and Michael Waltrip in the booth for the historic event, with Bell working in the pits alongside Hermie Sadler and Kenny Wallace.

"Eldora is such a special event, and since we have access to two of the best dirt racers in the country, why not add them to the FOX Sports race telecast?", Mark Smith, producer for the FOX Sports Truck Series races, commented. "We look for them to help us not only understand the art of dirt racing better than anyone else can explain, but to translate the challenges of racing a truck on dirt to the millions of dirt-racing fans. They might be a little nervous about being part of a TV broadcast for the first time, but both of them lit up when we sat down to discuss the opportunity."

So, whether it's on the track, in the TV booth, or on pit row, new faces in different places will highlight the sixth annual NASCAR CWTS event at Eldora Speedway. It certainly will be entertaining to see who places their name alongside Austin Dillon, Bubba Wallace, Bell, Larson, and Matt Crafton as winners of the Eldora Dirt Derby.



A 4-car wide salute started the 2017 Eldora NCWTS race. (BRETT MOIST/NKP photo)

a significant impact on my career," Windom added. "Eldora means so much to dirt racers everywhere, and the Truck Series race has become a must-see event in which I'm proud to take part."

One driver competing at Eldora this week will certainly not be a new face or a new name for NASCAR fans. Ryan Newman will return to the Truck Series for the first time since 2015 when he pilots the #3 Chevrolet for Jordan Anderson.

Truex Sweeps Stages at Kentucky for Fourth Victory

SPARTA, KY - Martin Truex Jr., made it a clean sweep at Kentucky Speedway this weekend.

After starting from the pole, Truex won all three stages and successfully defended his victory from last year's Quaker State 400.

Truex led 174 laps en route to his fourth win of the season and his 19th career victory in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series.

"What a hell of a night this was," Truex said. "We try to do this every single week but that just shows you how hard it is. We made it look easy last year, but it certainly wasn't. Hats off to my guys for sticking with me all year. We've really been working hard on these race cars trying to figure them out."

The No. 78 Furniture Row Racing team certainly figured it out on Saturday night. Truex held a 1.901-second advantage over Ryan Blaney at the finish line. Brad Keselowski finished third followed by Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick, Kurt Busch, Erik Jones, Aric Almirola, Kyle Larson and Joey Logano.

"It's a positive, that's for sure," Blaney said of his fourth top-five finish and best result of the season. "I hate it. I thought we were in a good spot there restarting fourth and Martin struggled a little bit the

first couple laps and I thought I could get by him, but just couldn't quite get a run on him. His car came in and mine kind of faded a little bit and he won the race. That stunk. I thought we had a shot at it tonight, but I'm really proud of the gains we made all race though, to be honest with you. I didn't think we were a second-place car at the beginning of the race, and we got a lot better throughout the night so (crew chief) Jeremy Bullins and everybody did a great job."

Entering the weekend, Truex was adamant about the No. 78 Furniture Row Racing team picking up additional Playoff points. He did just that by winning the first two stages of the race in dominant fashion. Truex led 51 of the first 80 laps and won the first caution-free segment by .963-seconds over Harvick. The third member of the "Big Three," Kyle Busch, finished third.

Logano, who pitted on Lap 62, skipped pit road when the lead-lap cars came in for service on Lap 84 to gain the lead. However, it was short-lived as Kurt Busch, who opted for a two-tire stop between stages, muscled past him on the restart. But Truex was back at the point 10 laps later and extended his lead to 1.3-seconds over Kyle Busch for his second stage win of the evening and fifth of the season.

Stage 2 was a bit more eventful, when Alex Bowman, who also took



Martin Truex Jr. waves the checkered flag that he won at Kentucky Speedway Saturday night. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

two tires between stages, popped a right front tire and slammed into the Turn 3 wall. The team was forced to take the No. 88 Chevrolet to the garage after 108 laps. The accident stopped a streak of three-consecutive top-10 finishes and ended a DNF-free season.

"We were the last guy that didn't have any DNF's - we made it one week farther than everybody else," Bowman said. "But it's a bummer. We popped a right front (tire) there. Don't know if a brake rotor caused that or if we just had a tire go down. It's unfortunate, but we will move on from it and go to the next one."

Keselowski, who came from two laps down following a pit road speeding penalty in the first stage, battled from 33rd to 15th in Stage 2. A two-tire stop vaulted the No. 2 Team Penske Ford to first to start the final stage on Lap 164.

But as was the case with all of Truex's other contenders, Keselowski fell to the No. 78 Toyota on Lap 201.

"Obviously, we wanted to win here at Kentucky," Keselowski said. "We had a solid run up front, led a bunch of laps there at one point. We really didn't have anything there for the 78, but we led laps and kept them honest."

Seven laps later, JJ Yeley hit the wall to trigger the fourth and final caution. The No. 41 called for a two-tire stop and Kurt Busch returned to the lead. But 14 laps later, Truex returned to the lead and held on for his second career Cup win at Kentucky.

Kyle Busch retains a 59-point lead over Kevin Harvick in the Cup standings. Truex, who remained third in the standings, trails Harvick by eight points.



Martin Truex Jr., driver of the #78 Toyota, leads the field past the green flag to start the Quaker State 400. (MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Christopher Bell Maneuvers from Back of Field to Win at Kentucky

SPARTA, KY - A spin didn't stop Christopher Bell from the win in the ALSCO 300 at Kentucky Speedway.

The Joe Gibbs Racing rookie was going for the pole in the final round of qualifying and spun out before completing the lap.

Bell was forced to start from the rear of the field but recovered for his first win on the 1.5-mile track and his second of 2018.

"This is really special," Bell said. "I keep making mistakes. I have to stop doing that to my team. They build really fast race cars and I made another mistake there in qualifying and I didn't know if I was going to be able to get back. But this Camry was good enough that I was able to get back around these guys."

"Hats off to Daniel Hemric. He's been trying to get an Xfinity win for a long time. He's been really close."

Hemric, who passed Kyle Busch on Lap 143 and led eight laps, settled for second.

"I can't make excuses," Hemric said. "I should have gotten it done."

Kyle Busch led a race-high 111 laps before finishing third. Justin Allgaier, Cole Custer, Tyler Reddick, John Hunter Nemechek, Ryan Truex, Paul Menard and Austin Cindric rounded out the top 10.

Busch took the lead from Custer, the pole sitter, after just 14 laps and held a 3.218-second lead when he won Stage 1. Custer finished second followed by Nemechek, Matt Tifft, Cindric, Brandon Jones, Reddick, Allgaier, Hemric and Sadler. Bell moved up to 28th after the first lap and finished 14th in the first stage.

Busch retained the lead following service on pit road. Ty Majeski, who rolled off second, gained 14 positions with a two-tire pit stop. Custer, Nemechek, Cindric, Tifft, Brandon Jones, Menard, Reddick

and Sadler completed the top 10 when the race returned to green for Stage 2 on Lap 52.

Majeski's track position was short-lived after he slid up in to the wall on the restart exiting Turn 2. He dropped to 20th before pitting on Lap 57. Busch set sail with Custer, Cindric, Nemechek and Jones in tow. Reddick moved up to sixth, followed by Allgaier, Bell, Menard and Sadler.

Busch tagged the wall on Lap 64

road followed by Custer, Nemechek, Cindric, Allgaier and Bell. The third caution occurred when Josh Williams clipped Blake Jones in Turn 4 on Lap 99. Busch retained the lead followed by Custer, Allgaier, Bell, Nemechek, Brandon Jones and Hemric.

Entering Turn 2 on the Lap 104 restart, Nemechek slid into Brandon Jones and the No. 19 hit the wall to trigger the fourth caution. The Joe Gibbs Racing crew was forced to push Jones behind the wall.

"Gosh, one of our really good mile-and-a-half cars here," said Jones, who finished 36th. "This has got to be a kill or be killed situation on these restarts."

Busch elected to take the inside lane for the Lap 108 restart with Custer, Bell, Allgaier and Hemric in

torsports team allowed Michael Annett to move up to second. Nemechek lined up third, but lost power attempting to save fuel. He was forced to pit for a new battery and dropped to 21st, one lap down. Hemric moved up to third followed by Custer, Menard, Allgaier, Cindric, Tifft and Bell.

Annett slapped the wall on the restart. Hemric passed Busch for the lead coming off of Turn 2 on Lap 143. Allgaier moved passed the No. 18 Toyota for second on Lap 145. Tifft slid up into Sadler coming out of Turn 2 to bring out the sixth caution on Lap 146.

Hemric controlled the Lap 151 restart, but Allgaier moved to the lead on the outside coming through Turns 3 and 4. Joey Gase spun in Turn 4 for the seventh caution of the night with 39 laps remaining in the race.

With a push from Bell, Allgaier pulled out to a three-car lead on the Lap 166 restart. Bell moved up to second while Hemric dropped to third. Busch, who dropped to eighth after pitting during the sixth caution, rebounded to fourth followed by Custer.

Allgaier held a .3-second lead over Bell with 20 laps to decide the contest. Bell went low coming to the line on Lap 184 for the lead. Hemric passed Allgaier for second while Busch moved in on the bumper of the No. 7 Chevrolet, eventually taking over third-place.

Bell continued to pull away from Hemric with 10 laps remaining and extended his lead to .848-seconds for his third-career win in the Xfinity Series.

"To be able to come from the back here at Kentucky, it just really shows how good of car we have," Bell added.

"This Rheem Camry was extremely good on the long run. Even on the short run too, I could fire off and have really good restarts, so I'm just thankful that everyone stayed behind me and everyone at Joe Gibbs Racing believes in me, so it's a dream come true to be racing in the Xfinity Series, let alone standing in Victory Lane one more time."

Sadler, who finished 12th, leads the NXS standings on a tie-breaker over Hemric.



Happiness exudes from race winner Christopher Bell after he battled his way to the win of the ALSCO 300 at Kentucky Speedway. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

but Custer couldn't take advantage of the champion's rare mistake. Nemechek, however, passed the Custer on Lap 71. He used the low line to take the point from Busch on Lap 80. The rookie driver held the lead by .396 seconds over Busch for his first Xfinity stage win. Custer finished third followed by Cindric, Jones, Allgaier, Bell, Menard and Hemric.

The final stage was rife with cautions. Busch retook the lead on pit

tow. Reddick, Tifft, Nemechek, Cindric and Menard rounded out the top 10. Bell grabbed second from Custer and closed in behind Busch. Hemric followed for third. Nemechek moved by Custer for fourth on Lap 125.

Majeski's misfortunes continued on Lap 132 when he spun through the front stretch to ignite the fifth caution. Busch retained the lead coming to the Lap 139 restart. A two-tire stop by the No. 5 JR Mo-

Kentucky Native Rhodes Speeds to Victory at Home Track

SPARTA, KY - The Louisville Slugger knocked it out of the park on Thursday night at Kentucky Speedway.

Ben Rhodes, who grew up less than an hour west of the venue in Sparta, Kentucky, finally won a NASCAR Camping

World Truck Series race at his home track.

A fuel-only gamble by the No. 41 ThorSport Racing team in the closing laps paid off for the 21-year-old Louisville native, who led the final 24 laps of the Buckle Up In Your Truck 225.

Rhodes held off Stewart Friesen by .922-seconds at the line for his first win of the season and the first victory for ThorSport since switching to Ford Performance at the start of 2018.

"I still don't have any words," Rhodes said after his second-ca-

reer win in the Camping World Truck Series. "This is amazing, a dream come true. This has been such a long time coming. These guys deserved it so much. They've been working their butts off and we've been having such bad luck this year.

"We've had trucks like this all year long, finally we could showcase it. I'm so proud of this team. This is exactly what we needed."

Friesen came from the rear of the field after the team was forced to change engines prior to the race to finish second – tying his career-best from Texas Motor Speedway earlier this year.

"We had an engine problem during time trials and the whole team stepped in," Friesen said. "It was awesome. We had less than an hour to go to swap 'em out and we had a good finish.

"We led some laps. Didn't get off the way we needed to on pit road at the end and it was the difference of about 100 yards and a lot of

clean air. Proud of the guys, but I made a little mistake there and it cost us."

Matt Crafton, Brandon Jones, John Hunter Nemechek, Grant Enfinger, Todd Gilliland, Noah Gragson, Dalton Sergeant and Justin Haley rounded out the top 10.

Rhodes passed pole sitter Noah Gragson with three laps remaining in the first segment to win Stage 1. Gragson came back to win Stage 2. Parker Kligerman led the field to green for the final segment. Friesen swapped spots with Kligerman and finally gained control of the point by Lap 89.

Rhodes came from fifth to second with a bold move taking Kligerman and Brandon Jones three-wide to gain the position. Although Friesen led 37 laps, a problem in the pits with the right rear tire proved costly for the No. 52 Chevrolet on Lap 124. Rhodes gained the lead before pitting on the next lap.

Crew chief Eddie Troconis elected to pit for fuel only and a chassis adjustment. Although he had the lead entering pit road, a fire in the pit ahead of him left a cloud of smoke blocking his view of his box.

"I was really worried," Rhodes

said. "I came in with the pit stall on fire in front of us. I almost missed my stall with all the smoke coming out."

Still, Rhodes cycled out to the lead with Friesen in second place.

"It was a bold move, but that's how you win, you win with bold moves," Troconis said.

"That's what we came here to show them that we're going to win this championship. This kid has a lot of talent."

With 15 laps remaining, Rhodes' lead was just over .32-seconds over Friesen. But after Rhodes settled in he extended his advantage over the Friesen in the closing laps.

"A huge thank you to Ford Performance, ThorSport Racing and Carolina Nut Company," Rhodes said. "They've been behind us 100 percent. This is our first win with Ford this year for ThorSport, so I'm pretty happy about that."

Johnny Sauter, who suffered a speeding penalty on pit road late in the race finished 15th but retained the points lead by 42 over Noah Gragson.

The only caution other than the completion of stages occurred on the first lap of the race when Tyler Matthews made contact with Nemechek and spun the No. 83 truck.



Ben Rhodes poses with the winner's decal on his truck in Victory Lane after winning the Buckle Up in Your Truck 225 at Kentucky Speedway. (MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY IMAGES photo)

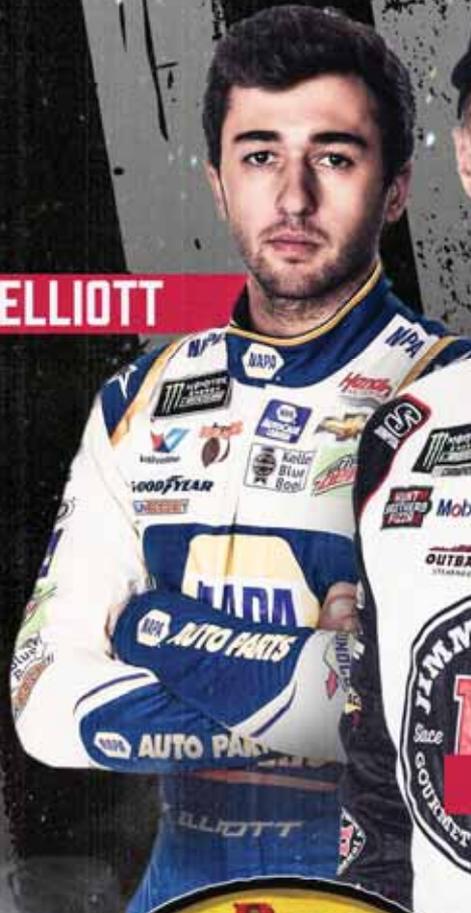


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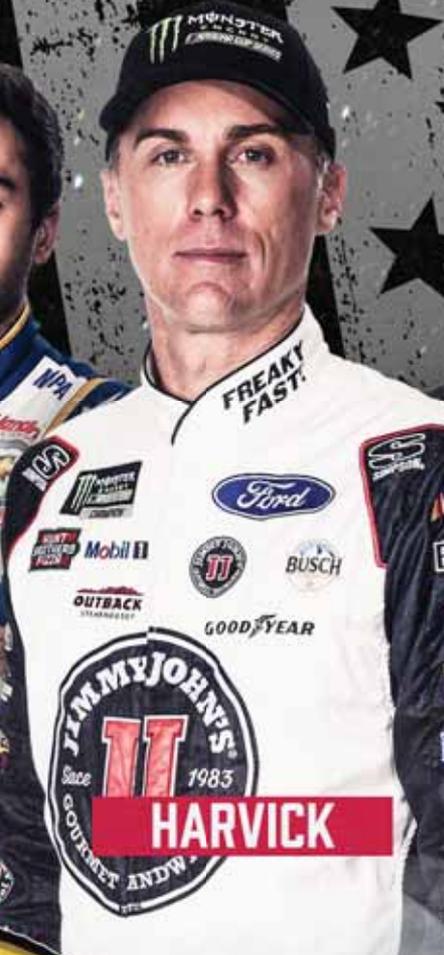
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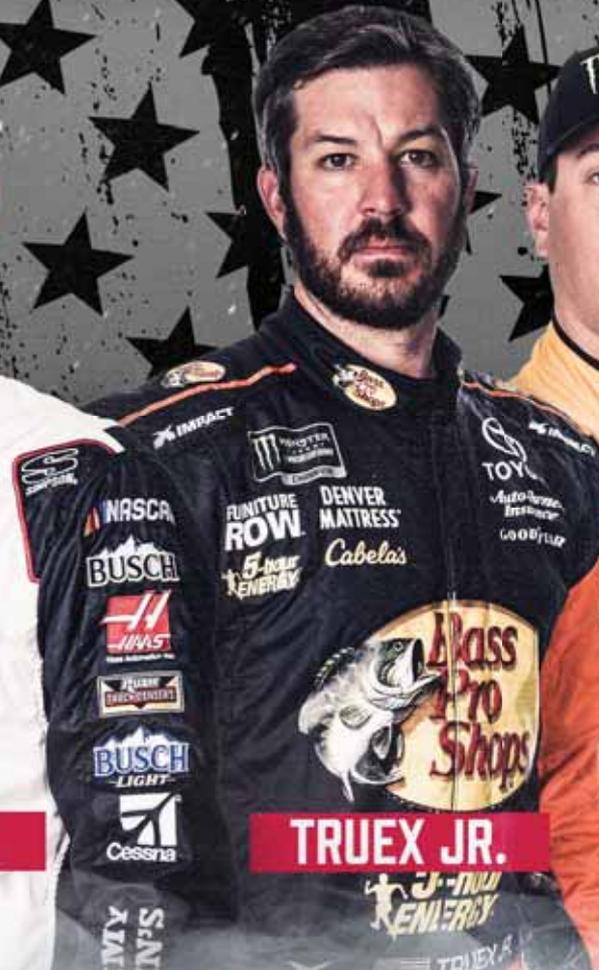
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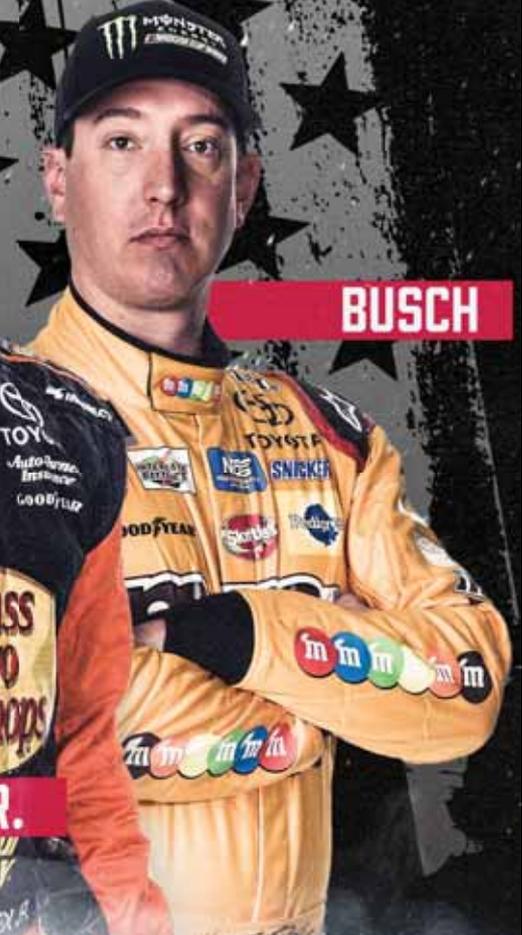
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Tyler Ankrum Drives To The Front at Thompson

THOMPSON, CT - After being sent to the rear for failing to pass post qualifying inspection, there was nothing that was going to stop Tyler Ankrum from charging through the field to win the King Cadillac GMC Throwback 100 on Saturday.

It was an eventful day for the series points leader to say the least. After setting the pace in practice and breaking the track record in qualifying, Ankrum was forced to start the 100-lap event from the rear. After nearly 70 straight green flag laps, the field was brought back together for the only restart of the night on Lap 73 after Ruben Garcia Jr. spun in Turn 3.

Ankrum capitalized and on Lap 94 he made the winning pass around Dillon Bassett en route to his second win of 2018.

"It was a pretty hectic 100 laps" said Ankrum. "I was in qualifying mode from start to finish. Awesome

racecar, awesome night with the DGR Crosley Modern Meat Toyota."

The excitement came with the restart at Lap 73. Spencer Davis, who started from the pole, led the first 75 laps and appeared to be well on his way to victory, began to fade. Bassett was able to get around Davis for the lead at Lap 75 and started to pull away.

"At about halfway I figured it was going to go all green" said Davis. "With that caution our tires just cooled down so much and made us so tight in the center and I think we just blew through the right-front which you're going to get that when you go that hard so early."

The battle for the lead intensified at Lap 90 as Ankrum reached the back bumper of Bassett. The two would race door-to-door for the next four laps before Ankrum was finally able to make the high side stick around Bassett.

A win would have been the first since 2015 for Bassett.

"The 17 (Ankrum) was really strong" said Bassett. "I just did everything I could, I pinched him off



Tyler Ankrum came from the rear to win at Thompson. (Adam Glanzman/NASCAR via Getty Images photo)

a little bit to just try to slow up his momentum but he was too strong for me to hold off."

Tyler Dippel finished third after an eventful weekend. Extensive repairs after Friday's test session put the team behind the eight ball, however, a steady 100 laps allowed Dippel to claim a podium finish.

"We wrecked this car in practice and all of the DGR guys had to cut the back of the car off and fix the rear clip" said Dippel. "Third is never a bad deal but I think we could be better."

Davis wound up fourth, while

Chase Cabre rounded out the top five.

Alfredo, Brandon McReynolds, Chase Dowling, Garcia Jr., and Ryan Vargas complete the top 10.

The second win for Ankrum in 2018 allows him to extend his points lead to 22 over his teammate, Dippel.

The K&N Pro Series East will be back in action next week at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, and Ankrum is excited to carry the momentum with him.

The King Cadillac GMC Throwback 100 from Thompson will air on July 24 at 6 p.m. ET on NBCSN.

Oxford 250 And Richmond Spots On The Line For PASS South Go at Orange County

CHARLOTTE, NC - The only thing hotter than the temperatures in the Carolinas right now will be the action on the track when the Pro All Stars Series (PASS) South Super Late Models return to action at Orange County Speedway on

Saturday night, July 21. The Easter Bunny 150 and Mason-Dixon Meltdown aside, the Orange Blossom Special at Orange County is the oldest event on the PASS South schedule, dating back to the series inaugural season in 2006. But, this year's race will have added importance with the top five finishers gaining guaranteed starting spots for either the 45th Annual Oxford 250 or the inaugural PASS Commonwealth Classic at Richmond Raceway in October. In addition to PASS South, the MASS Street Stocks will make their first ever visit to Orange County Speed-

way, the Limited Sportsman will race for \$1300 to win in the Donnie Carver Memorial and the Charger cars will be in action.

Tate Fogleman is a third-generation racer and hometown favorite at Orange County Speedway. He knows anything less than a top five finish in the Orange Blossom Special will be a huge missed opportunity to get locked into either one of the biggest short track races of the year.

"Getting locked in for either Oxford or Richmond is huge," says Fogleman, driver of the Solid Rock Carriers Ford #8. "Knowing you are locked in relieves a lot of pressure. Those events will be hard to make and the whole weekend will go smoother knowing that you will be locked in."

Fogleman has reason to be confident heading back to Orange County. Last fall, the 2015 PASS South champion completed one of the most dominant performances in series history by the taking the

checkered flag at his home track.

This year's "Roads To Oxford And Richmond" program will see the race winner get a guaranteed starting position at full start money for the Oxford 250 or at Richmond. The remaining top five finishers will be guaranteed a starting position for either the Oxford 250 or Richmond at half start money.

All the action gets under way on Friday, July 20 at Orange County Speedway with open practice for all competing divisions from 5 - 8 PM. On Saturday, July 21, practice will begin at 2 PM, with qualifying starting at 5 PM for the PASS South Super Late Models, MASS Street Stocks, Limited Sportsman, and Chargers, followed by main events scheduled to start at approximately 7 PM.

PASS Super Late Model entry forms for Orange County Speedway and Oxford Plains Speedway, can be found at ProAllStarsSeries.com.

Entry List For 45th Annual Oxford 250 Reaches Milestone

NAPLES, ME - The entry list for the most prestigious asphalt short track race in America reached a major milestone over the week-

end. With still over a month to go before the green flag drops, there are now over 50 Pro All Stars Series (PASS) Super Late Model entries for the 45th Annual Oxford 250 at Oxford Plains Speedway in August. Trevor Sanborn is the 50th official entrant, while two-time Oxford 250 winner, Eddie MacDonald, has actually pushed the number of drivers entered to date to 51. Competitors will have the opportunity the race for the richest winner's purse in asphalt short track racing, with \$25,000 to win, plus an additional \$25,000 in lap leader money. Last year's winner, Curtis Gerry, took home over \$31,000 for his efforts.

This year's entry lists features some of the best short track racers in North America, including former Oxford 250 winners, Mike and Ben Rowe, Travis Benjamin, Wayne Helliwell, Jr., Joey Polewarczyk, Curtis Gerry, and Scott Robbins. Former PASS champions, Johnny Clark, DJ Shaw, Cassius Clark, Joey Doiron, and Tate Fogleman have also entered, along with Derek Griffith, Kodie Conner, Ray Christian, III, and Jimmy Renfrew, Jr. The Canadian Maritimes are also being represented by Cole Butcher, Kyle Reid, and Lonnie Sommerville.

Riggs Thins the Herd, Wins CARS Tour Visit to Kingsport's Concrete Jungle

KINGSPORT, TN - Layne Riggs captured his first CARS Response Energy Tour victory of the season on Saturday night in the Food Country USA 125 at Kingsport Speedway after a fierce, race-long battle with local standout and former track champion Kres Van Dyke. It was

the sixteen year-old's third career CARS Tour victory.

While many tour regulars struggled to find speed on Kingsport's unique .375-mile concrete layout, Riggs rocketed to the Hedgecock Racing Pole Position in qualifying, earning him the right to start on the front row. On the initial start, Riggs shot to the front and took command of the race with Van Dyke keeping pace with him for the first 22 laps.

Cautions for Charlie Watson's misfortunes (lap 22) and a Trey Bayne Spin (lap 27) setup a pair of early race restarts, the latter of which saw Van Dyke steal the top spot from Riggs using the high side of the track. A third yellow on lap 34 allowed Riggs to challenge again on the restart, but Van Dyke held on to the point and lapped nearly up to the top ten before a yellow on lap 74 slowed the field once again.

Using the inside lane from second place, Riggs took advantage of a Van Dyke miscue in turn two, clearing the No. 15 Chevrolet and once again taking control of the 125-lap contest. It appeared to be Riggs' race to win until a caution for Nik Williams slowed the field with only six laps remaining.

Although Riggs won the race off turn two, a lap later the field slowed again for Cody Haskins' stopped car in turn four after he suffered a suspension failure.

With Van Dyke to his outside and Lee Pulliam directly behind him, Riggs executed a veteran-like restart and cleared all challengers off of turn two. Despite heavy pressure from Van Dyke and Pulliam, Riggs held on to claim the victory after leading 78 of the 125 circuits. Sam Mayer and Deac McCaskill rounded out the top five.

"We gave it our all every lap and that's why they call it The Jungle, this place is insane," Riggs exclaimed in Edelbrock Victory Lane. "They're saying to save, but you

can't save, you run hard every lap and give it your all every single lap. The car held up and I have to thank everyone who helped us out.

"When the spotter said 'caution,' I knew I had to give it my all because Kres had a great car," he continued when asked about the final restarts. "He's a class act and raced me clean. I was able to take the outside and be able to trust him and that means a lot. Dad came over the radio with one 'til the green and said it was going to be the restart of my life. I gave it my all, went through the gears, and cleared him with the best car here, I think."

Riggs also hinted that his No. 99 crew may be making a late-season challenge to Bobby McCarty and the rest of the championship contenders.

"We're fast in every practice, getting three poles in a row, and have really started to figure these racecars out and most of these tracks. We were struggling at the beginning of the year and could hardly get a top ten. We kept working at the shop - me, Dad, and Adam at the shop who's at home and didn't get to come today. With what we've figured out and the way the car felt tonight, we can win, I think, the rest of the races this year."

The next opportunity for Riggs and any of the CARS Tour com-



Layne Riggs raced his way to victory lane at Kingsport Speedway for his first win of the season with the CARS Response Energy Tour. (Drew Hierwarter photo)

petitors to visit victory lane comes during the Throwback 276 at Hickory Motor Speedway on August 3-4. The two-day event features a limited late model race on Friday with pit stop competition for CARS Tour teams and a concert, while a capacity crowd is expected to fill the stands once again on Saturday for the twin 138-lap late model stock and super late model races. Saturday's festivities feature throwback, retro-style paint schemes on the majority of cars and a half-dozen NASCAR and racing legends on-hand to meet fans and sign autographs including NASCAR Cup Series Champion Bobby Allison, Donnie Allison, Hut

Stricklin, two-time NASCAR Xfinity Series Champion Randy LaJoie, Robert Pressley and recent NASCAR Hall-of-Famer Ron Hornaday, Jr.

For more information on the CARS Tour, visit their website at www.carsracingtour.com. Fresh content and updates can also be found on the series Facebook page (@carstour), Twitter (@carstour), Instagram (@cars_tour), Snapchat (@carstour) and Youtube channel (/carstour).

The series Roku app is also available for installation to see live and on-demand events by following the instructions available at www.carstour.tv.

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Dean Strikes Gold at Elko

Gus Dean used a unique - if risky - pit strategy and had help from some well-timed caution flags to score his first ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards victory of 2018 in the Sioux Chief PowerPEX 250 at Elko Speedway.

Dean stayed out under the first round of pit stops for the leaders at lap 60, and led until lap 68 before the drivers that took tires eventually caught him and worked their way past. Dean would eventually fall a lap down to leader Chandler Smith before spinning in turn two on lap 160. Dean pitted for four tires and took advantage of the cautions to regain track position and get back onto the lead lap.

Dean took the No. 32 Gree Cooling Products/Baker Distributing Chevrolet to lead for the first time on lap 237 and held off a strong challenge by Joe Graf, Jr. on a restart with three laps to go to score the victory. He defeated Christian Eckes, who started the No. 15 JBL Audio Toyota from the General Tire Pole, by 0.857 seconds to pick up his second career ARCA win. His first came in 2016 at Talladega Superspeedway.

"Joe (Graf, Jr.) got a little better

restart that we did," Dean said in victory lane. "We went down into one and he tried to crowd me down a little but I wasn't going to give. It's a couple of laps to go and we're fighting for the win and we really needed this. I owe it all to my crew chief Jamie Jones. We needed to do something a little different and we tried some tire strategy. We were two laps down at one point but the cautions fell just right and we got back on the lead lap, got the two right side tires and here we are."

The restart was setup after Chase Purdy's No. 8 Bama Buggies Toyota erupted in flames down the backstretch and keyed an accident that also ensnared Eddie Fatscher in the No. 55 Jenel Construction Toyota. Purdy had led 21 laps, but contact with Dean as they battled for position left his car wounded, and he was dropping back through the field before eventually erupting into flames. Purdy was examined in the infield and released; he was uninjured.

On that restart, Graf got the jump and his No. 77 Big Tine Ford was scored as the leader on lap 247, but he and Dean made contact going into turn one and Graf was forced up the racetrack. He lost two positions, but regained one coming to the checkered to finish third.

"He did what he had to do, and I



Gus Dean celebrates in victory lane after a risky pit strategy helped him to the win at Elko Speedway. (arcaracing.com photo)

can't say that I wouldn't do the same thing," a dejected Graf said after the race. "We'll remember that one and go on to the next race. Chad Bryant and the guys gave me a great racecar and we ran really strong all night long. But it sure would be nice if one of these close races goes our way before too long."

Riley Herbst finished fourth after starting from the rear of the field due to unapproved adjustments after qualifying. Natalie Decker picked up her first career short track top-five finish in the No. 25 N29 Capital Partners Toyota.

There were eight caution flags for 62 laps, and one red flag. The yellows held the average speed to

62.570 miles per hour in a race that lasted one hour, 29 minutes and 54 seconds. There were 12 lead changes among four drivers with Chandler Smith leading 160 of the race's 250 laps. Smith spun while battling for the lead with Purdy; he finished sixth.

Next up for the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards is the Primera Plastics 200 at Berlin Raceway. Practice is scheduled for 2:30 pm ET with General Tire Pole Qualifying to follow at 6:30 pm ET; the race will go green at 9 pm ET and will be televised live on MAVTV. ARCARacing.com will have live timing and scoring, live chat, and live on-track updates for all sessions for registered users.

Marcum Wins Motion Motors/PGG Shoot-Out 100 at Anderson Speedway

SALEM, IN - Morristown's Jeff Marcum remained perfect in late model racing at Anderson Speedway this season with a win in the Motion Motors/PGG Shoot-Out 100 on Saturday. It was also Marcum's second straight Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman

Powered by JEGS win and his second straight Triple Crown Series win, after also winning the Raintree 100 at Mt. Lawn Speedway on July 1st.

As a result of the inversion drawn by Allstar Performance Fast Qualifier Tony Dager, Marcum started on the front row in the pole position along side Dustin Burge. Eddie Van Meter and Dager lined

up on the second row.

Marcum got the jump on the start with Van Meter moving into the second spot with an inside pass of Burge on the front straight before two circuits were completed. For the next 98 laps Van Meter would look for a way to get around Marcum to take the lead.

Marcum was able to maintain the lead through three restarts with Van Meter able to keep pace on the outside for several laps before dropping back into the second spot.

There were several times when Van Meter could get right on the rear bumper of Marcum's car but was never able to complete the pass.

Marcum went on to win by 1.1 seconds over Van Meter, picking up the \$2,000 first place payoff and the classic rifle trophy presented by event sponsors Motion Motors and

PGG. Marcum picked up the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race award for keeping Van Meter behind him on the three restarts.

It was Marcum's sixth consecutive win on the high banked quarter-mile oval.

Van Meter finished in second. J. P. Crabtree finished in third on the track, but was disqualified to last place after failing post-race tech inspection.

Local driver Ronnie Rose finished in third place. Michigan racer Brandon Varney came from his eighth place starting position to finish in fourth and picked up the Racer Parts Wholesale Sweet Move of the Race Award for his passes to get a top five finish.

Tony Brutti came from his 18th place starting to finish in fifth after having issues and not being able to qualify, plus having to go to the tail after an on track incident with Tony Brunke on lap five. Brutti picked up the Spillers Towing Hard-charger Award for his efforts and the Racing Electronics Hard-charger Award.

The Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman will return to Anderson Speedway for their next event on Saturday, July 28th, a 75 lap regular event that was rescheduled from April because of weather. Information on all the CRA Series is available at www.cra-racing.com.

CRA Street Stocks Event Rescheduled for July 22

SALEM, IN - The Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks Powered by JEGS postponed event at Kentucky Motor Speedway has been rescheduled for next Sunday, July 22nd. That was the only available date between the series and Kentucky Motor Speedway's schedule. The rescheduled Bobby's Tire and Mechanical 200 will be the third event of the 2018 CRA Street Stock Five Crown Series and will be a one day show on that Sunday.

More information on the CRA Series is available at www.cra-racing.com.

Schatz Wins Third Consecutive Kings Royal to Become King Donny the 35th

ROSSBURG, OH - Donny Schatz started fourth, took the lead on Lap 15 and never looked back, leading the rest of the way to win his 15th World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Feature of 2018 and third consecutive Kings Royal at Eldora Speedway, worth \$50,000. Brad Sweet surged late and came within a half of a car-length at the checkered flag, finishing behind Schatz by just 0.189 seconds. Cory Eliason, in his first career Kings Royal start, completed the podium.

With the unique Kings Royal format, the six Heat Race winners occupied the first three rows for the 40-lap Feature. Trey Starks won Heat 6, earning the pole in his first Kings Royal start alongside Heat 5 winner, Paul McMahan. A caution on the initial start involving Hunter Schuerenburg, Sheldon Haudenschild and Brock Zearfoss brought out the only stoppage of the event.

The complete restart saw Starks shoot to the lead, in search of his first career World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Feature victory in a big way. Schatz and McMahan battled for second with Schatz taking the position on Lap 3 and setting his sights on Starks. Schatz took a look underneath Starks on Lap 14 and completed the pass for the lead one lap later down the backstretch.

Cory Eliason, who started sixth after winning Heat 1, established himself as a threat moving by Starks into second on Lap 16. Eliason actually slid Schatz for position, but was never able to maintain momentum and stay in front of the Tony Stewart Racing No.15.

Brad Sweet maneuvered into third on Lap 17 and showed a lot of speed pounding the cushion. As Sweet closed in on Eliason for second, Donny Schatz extended his margin out front. Sweet would get by Eliason for second on Lap 27 and begin cutting into Schatz' sizable advantage.

As Schatz searched for grip the last 10 laps, Sweet really closed in. Sweet got hung up behind Daryn Pittman in lapped traffic and finally cleared him with five to go, setting

up one last charge at Schatz. And charge he did.

On the absolute cushion of the racing surface, Sweet closed in on Schatz, setting up a hectic finish. Sweet cut the gap to five car-lengths down the backstretch on the final lap and ended up just half a car-length short from his second career Kings Royal triumph.

Schatz acknowledged that he was searching for speed the last 10 laps, "I knew someone had to be coming. I was hanging the last 10 laps, I could not get stuck anywhere. I'm lucky it wasn't 41 laps tonight, because obviously, the No.49 was coming there at the end," Schatz said in Victory Lane.

"Lapped traffic was tough tonight, it was tricky and slick. I feel like I completely failed in Qualifying going 21st quick, but the way format works tonight it put us in the right position," Schatz said before thanking all the fans, even the ones that boo him, for coming out and praising the track crew given the high temperatures all weekend.

Brad Sweet was obviously disappointed but was pleased with the speed he showed.

"I came up one lap short, some of those lapped cars didn't cut me a break. Coming to the checkered, I was cussing because I wanted it to be the White Flag," Sweet said with a smirk.

"To be the best, you've got to beat the best and the way [Schatz] shows up at these big money events, is why he'll down in history as one of, if not the best of all time. This NAPA racing team has nothing to be ashamed of tonight, I just wish it was one more lap tonight," Sweet added before encouraging the huge crowd to come to the pits and introduce themselves.

Cory Eliason was extremely pleased with his third-place run, "That was a great learning experience. I got to follow and watch Donny and Brad tonight and they are the two best out here right now. There is a huge learning curve coming to these tracks and to go out and be competitive is awesome."

"After not making the first two shows of the weekend, to finish third behind Donny Schatz and Brad Sweet, feels like a win for this team," Eliason added in good spir-



Donny Schatz sits on the throne in victory lane at Eldora Speedway after winning his third consecutive Kings Royal. (Paul Arch photo)

its after the race.

Lee Jacobs represented the Buckeye State coming from 16th to finish fourth with Kraig Kinser coming from 13th to complete the top five.

12th-starting Jacob Allen finished sixth with Paul McMahan coming home seventh. 16th-starting David Gravel finished eighth with Rico Abreu coming from 24th to ninth, earning KSE Hard Charger Honors. Outlaw rookie Ian Madsen completed the top ten, coming from 23rd.

Christopher Bell set Quick Time over the 51-car field and was running in the top five when he pulled pit side with 14 laps remaining. After the caution on the initial start, the race went non-stop.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series continues its 40th Anniversary Season and Month of Money with the Don Martin Memorial Silver Cup at Lernerville Speedway, which will pay \$25,000 to the winner. Following that the Outlaws will head to Central Pennsylvania to take on the Pennsylvania Posse at Lincoln and Williams Grove Speedway. If you can't make it to the track, be sure to watch every lap LIVE on DIRTVision.com.

Donny Schatz Wins Knight Before Kings Royal at Eldora

ROSSBURG, OH - Donny Schatz passed Brian Brown on Lap 10 and never looked back en route to his Knight Before the Kings Royal victory at Eldora Speedway. It was Schatz' 275th career World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series victory. Greg Wilson charged from 14th to finish second, with Sheldon Haudenschild completing the podium in the non-stop Feature.

Brian Brown won the first Sears Craftsman Dash to earn the pole for the 30-Lap Feature, alongside Hunter Schuerenburg, who won the second Dash. Brown, in search of his fifth career Outlaw victory, set the pace out front of the field as Schuerenburg remained within striking distance.

Donny Schatz, who started third, recovered from his start and got by Tim Shaffer for third on Lap 5, but not without making heavy contact with the outside retaining wall in turn two. The contact didn't faze Schatz at all as he began chasing down Schuerenburg and Brown for the lead.

On Lap 9, Schatz ducked underneath Schuerenburg for second and one lap later, using the same line, Schatz took the lead from Brown. From there, Schatz began to work through lapped traffic in an attempt to extend his lead while all eyes were on Greg Wilson.

Wilson, a former Outlaw Eldora winner, was charging forward from his 14th-starting spot. Wilson took third from Schuerenburg on Lap 21 and surpassed Brown a lap later for the runner-up position. Wilson, glued to the extreme bottom of the racing surface, then set his sights on Schatz. Sheldon Haudenschild was in hot pursuit of Wilson running the polar opposite line, banging down the cushion. Haudenschild worked by Schuerenburg and Brown on Lap 23 to move into third. Wilson closed slightly in traffic, but Schatz had built too much of an advantage and went on to win his 14th Feature of the season by 2.273 seconds.

"It got real slick," Schatz said after the race. "I think my car was best in the middle and it's not exactly my bag of tea to bounce off the cushion every lap," Schatz

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added with a smile. "Greg [Wilson] is really good when the track gets like that. I know if I do everything right, there's not many people that will pass this 15 car, but Greg is one of them. We've got to get a little bit better tomorrow for 10 more laps or Greg will kick all our asses," Schatz said in good spirits.

Wilson had high praise for Schatz following his personal season-best finish. "That 15 car man, he's the best out here and the cleanest race car driver I have ever raced with," Wilson said before thanking the Eldora Speedway track crew for providing an excellent dry-slick racing surface.

Sheldon Haudenschild was pleased with his third-place finish and looks forward to Saturday's King's Royal.

"My crew has done a phenomenal job and I think we'll be right there tomorrow. I can't thank the fans for being great all weekend," Sheldon said.

Early race leader Brian Brown fell to fourth at the checkered flag with Dave Blaney charging from 22nd to complete the top five and earn KSE Hard Charger Honors.

Shane Stewart Breaks Through for First Win of 2018 During Jokers Wild at Eldora

ROSSBURG, OH - There's no denying it has been a tough year for Shane Stewart and the Kyle Larson Racing No.2 team. That changed in a big way on Thursday evening at Eldora Speedway when Stewart passed Jacob Allen on a Lap 10 restart and never looked back, scoring his first World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Feature win of 2018. Tim Shaffer and Donny Schatz completed the podium.

David Gravel won the Sears Craftsman Dash, earning the pole for the 30-lap Feature in search of his fifth victory of the season aboard the CJB Motorsports No.5. Gravel led the opening lap with Shane Stewart, who started next to him, close in tow.

While those two separated from the field, all eyes were on Jacob Allen who charged from his ninth-starting position to take third on Lap 7. Two laps later, Allen, glued to the

bottom, took the lead to a large roar from the Eldora Speedway crowd in search of his first career Outlaw triumph.

Gravel and Stewart battled for second, with the duo making contact and Gravel ending up backwards with 10 laps complete. "I thought I had David clear, it was all my fault. I don't ever want to race like that," Stewart said after the race in good jest.

Allen elected the bottom on the double-file restart, but it was Stewart taking control of the field down the backstretch in the Kyle Larson Racing ENEOS-sponsored No.2 machine.

Stewart stretched out the lead around the famous Ohio half-mile as Tim Shaffer and Donny Schatz began their charge forward. By Lap 20, Shaffer had worked by Allen for second and set his eyes on Stewart. Schatz stormed by Allen for third on Lap 24. Shaffer closed in on Stewart in lapped traffic, but never truly challenged the Bixby, OK native for the lead as Stewart would win his first Feature of the season by 1.665 seconds.

"I never want to win a race by crashing a guy," Stewart said in Victory Lane before savoring the triumph.

"We've been close to winning a couple of times this year, hopefully, we can have some momentum now and get rolling," Stewart said in Victory Lane.

Tim Shaffer's second-place finish was the best of his 2018 Outlaw campaign. Shaffer, a two-time Outlaw winner last year, charged from eighth to fourth in the Sears Craftsman Dash riling the cushion.

Donny Schatz, who won both Outlaw events at Eldora in May, settled for third.

Kerry Madsen, the Jokers Wild winner last year, charged from 16th to fourth with Brent Marks completing the top five. Marks started 20th and his effort was good enough for KSE Hard Charger Honors.

Donny Schatz Scores Exciting Brad Doty Classic Triumph at Attica Raceway Park

ATTICA, OH - Donny Schatz passed Joey Saldana on a Lap 21 restart and fended off Kyle Larson to win the Brad Doty Classic at Attica Raceway Park, his 13th World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Feature of the year. Larson, who started 15th, settled for second with Saldana completing the podium. There were a season-high 50 cars signed in.

Carson Macedo won the first of two Sears Craftsman Dashes to earn the pole for the 40-lap Feature, alongside Brent Marks, who won the other Dash. Macedo did a wheelstand on the opening lap, allowing Marks to get the jump into turn one and Schatz to take second down the backstretch.

Greg Wilson brought out the caution on Lap 2 as Marks paced the field, in search of his second career Outlaw victory. A pair of cautions for Lee Jacobs (Lap 6) and Aaron Reutzel (Lap 13) kept Marks out of traffic and allowed him to stretch his lead, but that didn't stop the action behind him.

Saldana, pounding the cushion, got a run on Schatz down the backstretch and threw a big slide job in turn three to take the second spot by a nose at the line when the caution waved for Reutzel. The restart saw Schatz and Saldana exchange slide jobs, once again allowing Marks to escape.

Saldana wrestled the runner-up position away from Schatz on Lap 17, as Kyle Larson made his presence known moving into the top five from his 15th starting spot.

As the caution flew for Brad Sweet on Lap 21, heartbreak struck for race-long leader Brent Marks. Marks pulled pit side with a flat tire that was ailing his family owned No.19 machine for a handful of laps.

Marks' misfortune awarded Joey Saldana the lead and lane choice on the double-file restart with 19 laps remaining. Saldana elected the bottom, giving Schatz the top. Saldana slid up the track, attempting to halt Schatz' momentum, but the nine-time Series Champion turned his Textron Off Road sponsored, Tony Stewart Racing No.15

underneath to lead down the backstretch on Lap 22.

Schatz led the lap with Saldana and Larson nose to tail at the line. Saldana tried another slider the following lap, but Schatz once again, cool and smooth, turned it back underneath to maintain the lead. Saldana made another attempt for the top spot but allowed Larson to sneak by for second in the process.

Larson set his eyes on Schatz, following him on the cushion in turns three and four and going lower than him in turns one and two. While Larson was never farther than five car lengths back, he also never truly threatened to take the lead from the Fargo, ND native as Schatz went on to win by 1.273 seconds over the NASCAR star.

"I won the Brad Doty Classic," was the first thing Schatz exclaimed after exiting his TSR No.15 in Victory Lane. "I did not expect the track to stay that good throughout the race. Hats off to my entire Textron Off Road team, they work extremely hard and make this car a lot of fun to drive," Schatz added before thanking Attica Raceway Park for packing the stands on a Tuesday evening.

Joey Saldana, who just came back from the West Coast, was pleased to finish third and have speed all night. Rico Abreu was strong all night, finishing fourth with Macedo fading to fifth at the line ahead of Daryn Pittman and 21st-starting Sheldon Haudenschild. Haudenschild's charge was good enough to earn KSE Hard Charger honors.

After bringing out the caution on Lap 2, Greg Wilson stormed back to finish eighth, with 14th-starting David Gravel and Shane Stewart completing the top ten.



Donny Schatz (center) raced his way to victory lane at Attica Raceway Park to win the Brad Doty Classic. Kyle Larson (right) finished second and Joey Saldana (left) rounded out the top three. (Paul Arch photo)

Chris Madden Repeats Past Success at Ogilvie Raceway for Series Win No. 5

OGILVIE, MN - Chris Madden repeated his 2017 success at Ogilvie Raceway on Saturday as he collected his fifth World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series victory of 2018.

The route back to Victory Lane for Madden and his Barry Wright Race Cars [BWRC] wasn't an easy one. The team was forced to unload their backup car on July 6 at Dubuque Speedway after a multi-car tangle in the heat race. Entering four events since then, the team continued their search for faults in the car which simply just wasn't performing to their recent standard.

In the past four races in the backup BWRC No. 44, Madden collected a pair of seventh place finishes, a third and a 15th. Whereas in their primary car, Madden had only four finishes outside of the top-five of 20 races entered.

So, enough was enough. It was time to get back on the team's hot streak and back into the primary car. At Ogilvie Raceway, the BWRC team went back to the basics and got to work to get the BWRC house car back in pristine condition to compete with the best Late Model drivers in the nation. Their hard labor paid off – \$10,000 to be exact.

"No, [the trip] won't be bad at all," Madden said in Victory Lane of the teams 18-hour drive back to Gray Court, SC. "These guys can get some rest and I'll try to drive as far as I can tonight. I can't wait to get home to see my wife, my kid and my family."

Madden charged to the lead from a fifth place start on lap 10 and never looked back. Not even a single caution on lap 13 (for Tyler Erb who punted a tire barrier onto the track in turn-one) could pose a threat to the strength in Madden's ride.

"It was actually fun," said Madden of the 50-lap shootout. "Great racetrack and this is an awesome place here. You can race all over this thing. Those guys back there (crew guys) made it to where I could win tonight."

Madden's biggest hindrance was lapped traffic which allowed a

hard charging Brandon Sheppard to gain ground on his lead.

"I thought I was [hung up in lapped traffic] there but my car was really good enough to where I could move around more than actually what I was," added Madden. "I should have actually moved around a little earlier on some of those cars. I let Brandon catch up with me there a time or two, just kind of not doing what I needed to be doing. We got the job done tonight."

Sheppard finished second in the feature to continue the hot streak for the Rocket1 Racing team finishing fourth or better for the past six events. Sheppard followed Madden's lead on lap 9 driving up to the top line rather than staying on the bottom of the track like in previous circuits. The topside momentum slingshot the pair ahead of pole-sitter and race leader at the time, Rick Eckert.

"We would have liked to get the win tonight, but everybody would have I guess," chuckled Sheppard. "It's a really big confidence booster knowing we can keep this thing up in the top-three. We have a really good piece, I just made a few wrong moves there that probably lost me that race. Good job to Chris, he did a really good job. The track was awesome tonight and I have to thank all of the fans for coming out tonight... Hopefully we put on a good show."

Eckert's third-place run was his best of the 2018 season thus far. The veteran World of Outlaws driver has come close to cracking into the podium on four separate

occasions but had fallen short by one position.

"We are definitely building," said Eckert. "We can see [the leaders] now but we just have to figure out how to keep them behind us. I have to thank [my crew]. Those guys worked hard with me today changing motors and stuff. I have to thank the fans for coming out this is an awesome racetrack. We could run the inside or up against the outside wall, so hats off to the track crew."

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series returns to action on July 24 at Davenport Speedway in Davenport, IA.

Marlar Charges to the Top of Point Standings in Part of Outlaws Win No. 4

GRAND FORKS, ND - Mike Marlar was behind the wheel of a rocket ship on Friday night at River Cities Speedway en route to collecting his fourth World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series victory of the 2018 season. With this triumph, Marlar charged to the lead of the championship point standings for the first time this season.

It wasn't an easy victory – Marlar had to work for it. Starting fourth in the feature, the driver of Winfield, TN maneuvered his way past Ricky Weiss, Rick Eckert and Brandon Sheppard to commandeer the top spot.

"I don't think I've worked that hard in a racecar in years," said Marlar. "It was a fun race to drive but a lot of times I was like, 'Man, one of these times I'm going to give this thing away and let loose of the steering wheel or something'"

Marlar claimed the lead on lap 22 after running door-to-door with Weiss for multiple circuits. When the checkers fell, Marlar finished

nearly one second ahead of a hard-charging Sheppard who had closed in on the No. 157 the final laps.

"This northern racing up here is awesome," added Marlar. "We had a good car there. It was a handful to drive. The thing that made it hard to drive is probably the thing that made me win, so it was really good. Man, I had a lot of torque and a lot of traction but man, that made 'er hard to drive too. The track guys worked on this racetrack all night. Track prepping it and prepping it. Thanks to my crew Josh [Davis] and Jerry [Sprouse], my car owner Ronnie Delk and everyone that makes this happen. It's a lot of fun."

"Awesome race and I guess we got the points lead, so that's cool," continued Marlar. "We just want to go out every night and win some races and just run good everywhere and whatever happens, happens."

Marlar swept the night with by collecting the PFC Brakes Fast Time Award, his heat win and the \$10,000 victory. That was just the results that Marlar and his team were hoping for. Headed into the event, Marlar was tied for first in the championship point standings with Chris Madden.

While Marlar had a picture-perfect evening, Madden found a strike of bad luck. As he was running sixth on lap 39 of the 50-lap event, Madden blew his motor forcing him to retire from the remainder of the race. Madden went from being tied for first in the point standings, to plunging 30 points behind. This places him only eight points ahead of Sheppard in third.

Sheppard has been on a recent hot streak allowing him to steadily climb ahead in the standings. Winning three of the past five races and eight Series wins overall, Sheppard and his Rocket1 Racing team are still hungry for more victories and podium finishes.

"I had a really good car there," said Sheppard. "I think Marlar was a little bit better. He could steer right across the black a little bit better than I could to pass the lap cars. I couldn't get up into the corners like I needed to. All-in-all we did really good. Our team has been working hard. Danny, Mark, Austin, Joel, everybody involved with this Rocket house car. It's unbelievable to drive, hopefully, we can keep it in the top-three the rest of the season and get some more wins. It's been fun and this track was a lot of fun tonight. It was a little bit more top-dominated than I wanted but we'll take second place."

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Mike Marlar takes the checkered flag at River Cities Speedway Friday night for win number 4 of the season. (Mike Spieker/WoOLM photo)

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Devin Moran rallied to third place after an exciting battle for the spot with Ricky Weiss and Shane Clanton. Moran started sixth in the feature and fell back to as far as 12th mid-race. After a restart on lap 29 caused by Eckert who slowed on the track, Moran charged from seventh to fifth and kept climbing forward from there.

"Once again, we were just terrible at the start of the race," said Moran. "We fell back to 12th and then we had to pass everybody, we just worked really hard. The track was really awesome and you could throw those massive sliders and we started doing that there. A couple of guys got into my left side and it made me get up on the wheel even harder. I was trying not to deal with that so I had to get around them. I tried to catch these two up front but they were pretty checked out... I didn't see the white flag, I was just going as hard as I could as long as I could... Hopefully, we can carry this over to tomorrow."

Brandon Sheppard Collects World of Outlaws Win No. 8 of 2018

RAPID CITY, SD - Brandon Sheppard collected his eighth World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series victory of the season at Black Hills Speedway on Tuesday evening. The Rocket1 Racing team continued their recent hot streak at the Series most western stop of the 2018 season.

The defending World of Outlaws Championship team has collected three wins of the Series last four events: Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 on June 30, Dubuque Speedway on Friday, July 6, and Black Hills Speedway on July 10. The one event he didn't win, Sheppard collected a fourth-place finish.

"We're just trying to win races now," said President of Rocket Chassis Mark Richards. "We've had some bad finishes here that's cost us and put us where we are. If we could wipe away three or four [poor finishes] we'd feel a lot better."

Sheppard and his Rocket1 Racing team currently sit third in the point standings but just 34 points

shy of a tie for first between Chris Madden and Mike Marlar.

"I'm sure it will [come down to World Finals]," continued Richards. "As tight as it is right now, it's not a runaway for anybody. So, it's going to be a tough race the rest of the way."

While the points race may not be a runaway, Sheppard, sure enough, ran away with Tuesday's Sears Craftsman Feature. Sheppard challenged polesitter and reigning race winner Rick Eckert side-by-side for the first 19 laps of the 50-lap shootout. On lap 20, Sheppard secured the pass for the lead and the took off on a rocket ship. At one point even holding a more than 5-second lead ahead of the field.

Marlar finished second after taking the spot on lap 25 from Eckert. From there, Marlar was never challenged for the position. With this finish, Marlar tied Madden in the championship point standings for the first time of the season.

Madden started on the outside of the pole but fell out of the top five in just the first 15 laps of the 50-lap event. Madden maneuvered back through the field to finish third behind Marlar which erased his two-point advantage tying the Series standings.

History in the Making: The Growth and Success of the Prairie Dirt Classic

FAIRBURY, IL - On July 27-28, the town of Fairbury will double in size as dirt Late Model lovers from around the globe flock to Fairbury American Legion. The energy at the historic quarter-mile clay oval is electric for the annual Prairie Dirt Classic, and the unique format keeps the crowd on the edge of their seats. But for World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series Director Matt Curl, the event also holds a far more personal significance; it is a homecoming and a celebration of the journey that brought him to his current career in the industry.

"In 2012, when I initially presented the idea of moving the date of the Prairie Dirt Classic and making it a sanctioned 100-lap event with the World of Outlaws, the Fair Board was a little skeptical of how it would turn out. I presented pages and pages of statistics as to why it would work, and they trusted me; we went for it," said Curl, former promoter at Fairbury American Legion Speedway. "The team we assembled was bound and

determined to make this event one of the best in the country, not only to display the extraordinary facility to national drivers and fans but also in order to boost the local economy in the town of Fairbury."

In 2013, when the World of Outlaws first sanctioned the Prairie Dirt Classic, the shift in the magnitude of the event was an obvious one. In 2012, the 22-car field was comprised completely of the bad boys of Illinois. Just one year later, the starting field was packed with the best dirt Late Model drivers in the country.

Shannon Babb thrilled his home-state crowd, outdueling Dale McDowell and Bobby Pierce down the stretch to win the 2013 edition of the Prairie Dirt Classic. This shootout was arguably the most dramatic of the 2013 World of Outlaws Late Model campaign and one of the most memorable Prairie Dirt Classic shootouts to date.

Babb, Pierce and McDowell ran three-wide at times during the last five laps, igniting the packed house that turned out for the biggest event

in Fairbury's storied history. The trio came off turn two close together on the final lap, but Pierce and McDowell vied for the same real estate in turn three and lost momentum, allowing Babb to vault away to the checkered flag in his Victory Circle car.

It wasn't just the high-quality drivers that rapidly excelled the magnitude of the Prairie Dirt Classic; Curl and his track crew at Fairbury presented the perfect track surface, which produced exactly what they were gunning for: one badass race. The race was so memorable that DirtonDirt.com deemed it the single best race of 2013.

Four 25-lap thrilling World of Outlaws showdown features will pay \$2,500 to win and \$200 to start. The top four finishers from the showdown features will be locked into the \$30,000-to-win 29th annual Prairie Dirt Classic on July 28.

For more information on the Prairie Dirt Classic visit fairburyspeedway.com. Tickets are still available online.

Bloomquist Celebrates 600th Career Victory

WHEATLAND, MO - Scott Bloomquist took the lead on lap 32 and then pulled away to his 600th career victory on Saturday night at Lucas Oil Speedway during the CMH Diamond Nationals. The Hall-of-Fame driver picked up his sixth Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win of the season and his all-time series leading

92nd victory.

Jimmy Owens led the first 31 laps of the race as he looked to capitalize on his past Lucas Oil Speedway success. Bloomquist, who re-started third on the grid after a caution for debris, went around both Owens and Mason Zeigler for the lead which he stretched out over the final laps of the race.

Zeigler finished in second with Friday night's winner at Tri-City Speedway, Earl Pearson Jr. earning another podium finish for the weekend by coming home in third. Will Vaught led the home-state contingent with a fourth-place finish and Owens rounded out the top five.

In Lucas Oil Victory Lane, Bloomquist stated that there were so many people to thank as he reached his milestone 600th career victory.

"It seems like it's been a few years since we got number 500 at Brownstown. It's basically been me and Cody Mallory the last few years. We put in so many hours in the shop. It was a good race for the fans. They may have finally got the track to where it's right up there with the best in the country. We are going to keep working hard and maybe we can get to 700 someday."

Zeigler was pleased with his second podium finish of the month as the Pennsylvania driver maintained his lead in the rookie-of-the-year chase.

Pearson advanced from his fifth starting spot to finish third.

"We got into traffic and it was good battle with Zeigler. I hope we put on a good show for the fans. I had some people here tonight from Jacksonville and I hope they enjoyed the show as well. Thanks to Ronnie and Terri Stuckey and all of my crew, it was another good points night."

Completing the top ten were Jonathan Davenport, Bobby Pierce, Logan Martin, Chad Simpson, and Hudson O'Neal.

Pearson Snags NAPA Know How 50

GRANITE CITY, IL - Earl Pearson Jr. bolted from his ninth starting spot to win Friday night's NAPA Know How 50 at Tri-City Speed-



Scott Bloomquist raced his way to his 600th career victory with the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series with a win at Lucas Oil speedway. (lucasdirt.com photo)

way. Pearson took the lead on lap 37 from Jimmy Owens and went on to his third Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win of the season. Owens finished in second with Tim McCreddie coming home in third. Completing the top five were Mason Zeigler and Bobby Pierce.

Tony Jackson Jr. grabbed the lead at the start of the main event and led the first 33 circuits before Owens forged.

Pearson quickly began to pressure Owens for the top spot and was able to gain the advantage with 13 laps to go.

"Jimmy [Owens] was awful good tonight. I watched him in the heat race and knew he would be hard to beat tonight. I just married myself to the bottom," said the 46-year-old Pearson in Lucas Oil Victory Lane. "He [Owens] slipped up just a little bit down there in the corner and I held my line around the bottom. Thanks to my crew: J.C. Wright, Garrett Alberson, and Marshall Hooter, they all did a great job

tonight."

"I told Kevin Gundaker on the stage during driver's introductions that a hurricane was about to blow into Tri-City tonight so watch out. They had a little ring around the bottom and I just stayed there. The track was in great shape tonight. You could run anywhere on the track. Hats off to Kevin and his entire track crew. I know the fans saw a terrific race."

Owens, who led four laps during the race, was pleased with his runner-up finish as he congratulated his good friend in Victory Lane.

"Thanks to Leon Ramirez of Ramirez Motorsports, my crew, and all of my sponsors and especially to that number one car that won the race. I hope the fans enjoyed that race."

McCreddie finished third despite smoke from the car in the final laps.

Completing the top ten were Josh Richards, Don O'Neal, Tony Jackson Jr., Jonathan Davenport, and Hudson O'Neal.

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Cornell Unbeatable During ASCS Kansas Sprint Week With Victory at 81-Speedway

PARK CITY, KS - Three nights and just as many wins. Safe to say Kansas Sprint Week was a wild success for Jonathan Cornell with his latest triumph against the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products coming at 81-Speedway.

Joined again with NCRA, Cornell gave chase until a restart with four laps to go.

Going after Alex Sewell for the lead, the race into turns one and two saw the Kiowa Line Builders No. 28 shoot past Sewell for the top spot. One more caution before the race's conclusion, Sewell was not able to make work of Cornell who sped away for the win.

Sewell's third podium run in as many nights, the Oklahoma driver was joined on the podium by Jay Russell. Fourth went to Zach Chappell with Mathew Howard running from 14th to fifth. Lance Norick from 12th crossed sixth with Danny Jennings slipping from the pole to seventh. Picking up eight spots, Ray Seemann grabbed eighth with J.D. Johnson and Jake Greider to make the top-ten.

The American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products will see action again on Friday, July 27 at Creek County Speedway in Sapulpa, Okla., followed by I-30 Speedway in Little Rock, Ark. on Saturday, July 28 with the ASCS Mid-South Region.

For other news, notes, and information on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the Regional Tours that make up the nearly 150 races across the ASCS Nation in 2018, log onto www.ascsracing.com, follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter (@LucasOilASCS).

Jonathan Cornell Wins By Inches In ASCS Red River/NCRA Showdown at Humboldt Speedway

HUMBOLDT, KS - If Jonathan Cornell's last lap pass on Thursday

wasn't exciting enough, the driver of the Starline Brass No. 28 cranked it up to 10 then ripped the knob off; winning by inches over Mike Goodman at Humboldt Speedway on Friday night.

A co-sanctioned event with the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products and NCRA, Jonathan picked up \$2,000 for the victory.

Coming from the ninth starting spot, Cornell dashed through the field with restarts playing well to the No. 28. Led from the onset by Mike Goodman, the race's final restart with four laps to go put Cornell at his back bumper. Able to work away by several car lengths Goodman maneuvered the hub of the Humboldt Speedway with ease.

Racing to the final lap, however, Cornell hunted the line; closing the gap on the No. 11g as the pair raced off the second turn. Entering turn three just off Goodman's right rear, Jonathan kept his momentum to pull even for the lead off the fourth turn. A drag race to the finish, the multi-time ASCS Warrior Region Champion earned the win by 0.026 seconds.

His second podium finish of the weekend, Alex Sewell charged from 15th to third. Following the No. 8 through the field, Jeremy Campbell was the highest finishing NCRA Driver in fourth with Don Droud, Jr. making up the top-five.



Jonathan Cornell celebrates in victory lane at 81 Speedway. Cornell was dominate all weekend with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series Red River Region, winning at Humboldt Speedway and Caney Valley Speedway as well. (LOASCS photo)

Casey Wills, Chance Morton, Zach Chappell, Fred Mattox, and J.R. Topper rounded out the top-ten.

Jonathan Cornell at The Line With ASCS Red River at Caney Valley Speedway

CANEY, KS - Diamonding off the final turn at Caney Valley Speedway, Missouri's Jonathan Cornell out ran Oklahoma's Alex Sewell to the line for his second career victory with the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products.

The first of three nights of racing across the state of Kansas, Cornell banked \$2,000 for his efforts.

Rolling third at the race's final restart with six laps to go, Cornell rolled the high-line to second on

Mike Goodman. Keeping the Kiowa Line Builders No. 28 just to the right rear corner of Sewell throughout the closing laps, Cornell was glued to Alex's back bumper as the pair scurried down the back straight-away for the final time.

Swinging wide off the fourth turn to protect against the high side pass, Sewell left the hub open and Cornell dove at the opportunity; edging Sewell to the checkered flag by 0.188 seconds.

Mike Goodman finished third with Zach Chappell and Casey Wills making up the top-five.

Chance Morton rolled across sixth with Mathew Howard in tow. Lance Norick, Cameron Hagin, and Jared Sewell made up the top-ten.

J.J. Hickle Doubles Up With ASCS Frontier At Big Sky Speedway

BILLINGS, MT - Taking the Roger Cummings owned No. 00 to Victory Lane for the second night in a row, Washington's J.J. Hickle topped action at Big Sky Speedway with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region.

Quickly into the lead, Hickle had two moments in traffic that nearly brought his momentum to a screeching halt as Skylar Gee breathed down his neck for the race lead. Able to fend off the Strong Crane Service No. 99, the win was worth \$2,012 in honor of Harvey Ostermiller.

Skylar Gee would hold on for second with Tony Bruce, Jr. coming from eighth to third. Kelly Miller in tow would have David Hoiness to round out the top-five.

Joe Perry grabbed sixth with Seth Bergman having to dig from (Continued Next Page)



J.J. Hickle visited victory lane for the second night with a win at Big Sky Speedway. (LOASCS photo)

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the 20th starting spot to seventh after mechanical issues sidelined the No. 23 during his Heat Race.

Anthony Farnsworth, Kory Wermling, and Trevor Kirkland completed the top-ten.

Dave and Sue Weiss from Gallatin Speedway awarded \$100 to the driver who finished 12th. That went to Damon McCune. They also gave

\$100 as a Hard Luck Award with Travis Reber going over to earn a little extra cash.

Next for the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region is a return to Black Hills Speedway on Friday, July 27 and Gillette Thunder Speedway on Saturday, July 28.

J.J. Hickle Unstoppable at Electric City Speedway With ASCS Frontier Region

GREAT FALLS, MT - Subbing for the injured Roger Cummings at Electric City Speedway, Washington's J.J. Hickle jumped to the lead on the opening lap and never looked back for his first victory of the season with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region.

J.J.'s eighth overall win with the Montana based series, Hickle worked from the third to the lead on Lap 1. Unstoppable from there, the race for second went to Canada's Bill Boyce with Kansas native, Tony Bruce, Jr. in third. Trevor Kirkland and Kelly Miller made up the top-five.

Sean MacDonell crossed sixth with Jordan Milne moving from 13th to seventh. Joe Perry in eighth would be followed by Zac Taylor, who rebounded from a late caution to finish ninth. Idaho's James Setters finished tenth.

Tankersley Wins With ASCS Gulf South at Golden Triangle Raceway Park

BEAUMONT, TX - Rescheduled after losing the event to weather one week ago, the Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region made its way back to Golden Triangle Raceway Park with Channin Tankersley taking the

win.

Channin's 21st career victory with the Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region, the podium included Dustin Gates and Jacob Harris. Fourth went to Caleb Martin with Koty Adams in fifth. Josh McCord from 14th ran to sixth with Cody Stacy, Bruce Crockett, Brandie Jass, and Scott Smith to complete the night's top-ten.

The Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region races next at Battleground Speedway in Highlands, Texas on Saturday, July 21.

Chris Martin Breaks Through With The Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series In Wyoming

GILLETTE, WY - Taking care of his first top-five, podium, and victory with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com in one shot, Iowa's Chris Martin led start to finish at Gillette Thunder Speedway on Wednesday night.

Joining Skylar Gee as the second first time winner in as many events this week with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com, Chris is the 144th winner with the series and 13th different driver to top the National Tour this season.

Holding off early charges from Skylar Gee, followed by several mid and late race advanced from Sam Hafertepe, Jr., the Global Ag

No. 44 was able to keep all challengers at bay.

"I knew it wasn't going to be easy. I've been watching these guys for a long time, even before I started racing Sprint Cars and I knew that Sam and Seth were coming. I knew Johnson was going to be there, and my buddy Blake; he's been on a roll, so I knew he'd be coming. Then Skylar Gee's been rolling pretty good lately, so this win is really special. It just feels awesome to be standing here," stated Chris who celebrated with donuts that would make Jesse Hockett smile.

Changing his line throughout the 25-lap A-Feature on a near perfect racing surface, Chris was able to work through slower traffic with ease.

Lapping into the top-ten before the race's first caution while working Lap 18, Chris would restart with a pair of slower cars between himself and the Heidbreder Foundation No. 15h.

With five laps to run, however, that buffer would not be there as the caution flew again. With a run to the inside of the No. 44, Sam would come up shy with a small bobble off the turn-four berm.

Giving Chris breathing room, he was still far from being out of danger as Hafertepe regrouped with a full head of steam. Down into the final laps, Sam would close in but would not be able to steal away the win as Chris crossed with a 0.614-second advantage.

Hafertepe in second was pursued to the line by Seth Bergman,

who made up three positions on Lap 18 to get to the third spot. Coming from 12th, Blake Hahn made it to fourth following a multi-lap battle with Wayne Johnson who crossed fifth.

In the battle with Blake and Wayne, the sixth spot ended up going to Travis Rilat with Johnny Herrera in seventh. Skylar Gee ended up eighth with Scott Bogucki and Matt Covington making up the top-ten.

Knoxville Raceway and American Sprint Car Series Putting Race Date On Hold

TULSA, OK - After several conversations between Knoxville Raceway and the ownership of the American Sprint Car Series, all parties have agreed to postpone events slated for Saturday, July 14, 2018.

Multiple factors were discussed while making this decision, including the tight 360 division points battle at Knoxville Raceway and the re-scheduled ASCS event in Aberdeen, S.D., on Monday, July 16. Both John McCoy, race promoter at Knoxville and Emmett Hahn with the American Sprint Car Series, agreed that the postponement of the event would be the best outcome for both parties at this time.

All involved are looking at dates during the 2019 season to make sure that the event is presented at the onset and not added after the fact.



Chris Martin celebrates in victory lane after leading start to finish at Gillette Thunder Speedway on Wednesday night for the win. (LOASCS photo)

Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - Pocono Raceway will host their second annual Fan Fest from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. ET on Friday, July 27. This year's event is free for anyone who has a 2018 Gander Outdoors 400 race weekend ticket and for kids, ages 12 and under.

The event will take place inside the Pocono Raceway infield at the Infield Block Party. Details regarding the eight Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series drivers, their group pairings and their activities are listed below.

• Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Hauler Parade: 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Details: The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series haulers will drive by the Infield Block Party to kick off Pocono Raceway Fan Fest.

• Denny Hamlin and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. – Golfing Challenge: 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Details: Hamlin and Stenhouse Jr. will compete in a golfing challenge where fans will be able to grab ticket upgrades, race tickets and more!

• Joey Logano and Ty Dillon – Fan Vote Event: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Details: Logano and Dillon will compete in a fan-selected event. Fans are encouraged to visit www.poconoraceway.com/fanfest to provide suggestions. Tricky, Pocono Raceway's mascot, will pick his three favorite and then post a poll for fans to decide on the event in the coming weeks.

• Chris Buescher and Gray Gaulding – Illusionist and Mentalist: 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Details: Local magician Denny Corby will be here to read the minds of Buescher and Gaulding. Prepare to be amazed.

• Chase Elliott and Alex Bowman – Hungry Fan Throwdown: 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. Details: Elliott and Bowman will compete head-to-head in an epic cooking battle. The Hungry Fan crew will also be on site to help drum up the excitement and as judges for the competition.

Drivers during all these events will throw free swag out to fans during their times. They will be made available to the media either prior to or after their specific Pocono Raceway Fan Fest event.

Admission to this event is free for all 2018 Gander Outdoors 400 race weekend ticket holders. This includes Friday Grandstand ticket holders, Saturday Grandstand

ticket holders, Sunday Grandstand ticket holders and race weekend Camping/RV ticket holders. Children, ages 12 and under, will receive free admission to Fan Fest with accompaniment of an adult. Fans should have their tickets with them to receive free access to Fan Fest. For fans that do not have tickets, the at-gate cost for Fan Fest will be \$10, per car load.

Fans are encouraged to follow #PoconoFanFest on social media and to visit www.poconoraceway.com/fanfest for updates and additional information.

The Gander Outdoors 400 race weekend, taking place July 27-29, will include three, action-packed days of racing. The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS) and ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards (ARCA) will be on track on Friday, including the ModSpace 150 ARCA race, prior to Fan Fest. Saturday's schedule will include two MENCs practices, NCWTS series qualifying, the Gander Outdoors 150 NCWTS race and MENCs qualifying. The Gander Outdoors 400 MENCs race is scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m. ET on Sunday.

For race weekend event details and ticket information, please visit www.poconoraceway.com or call 1-800-RACEWAY (1-800-722-3929).

Note: Times, dates, events and driver lineup are subject to change without notice.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - The curtain closes on ROVAL™ Test Fest next Tuesday evening at Charlotte Motor Speedway, but the fan-friendly fun gets revved into high gear when racing's rising stars take to the speedway's frontstretch quarter-mile for the seventh round of racing's ultimate grassroots extravaganza, the Bojangles' Summer Shootout.

Race fans who attend Tuesday's Bojangles' Summer Shootout get an added bonus: an autograph session featuring NASCAR drivers including Erik Jones, Matt DiBenedetto, Tyler Reddick and Cole Custer from 5:30-6 p.m. on the speedway's concourse.

Jones – who will also take part in the free-to-the-public ROVAL™ Test Fest from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. – collected his first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series victory in the series' most recent event. The win locked Jones into NASCAR's Playoffs and cements the driver of the No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry with plenty at stake in the inaugural Bank of America ROVAL™

400 Sept. 28-30.

DiBenedetto will also compete in the first road course Playoff race in Monster Energy NASCAR Cup history, while Reddick and Custer will chase victory in the Sept. 29 Drive for the Cure 200 presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

In addition to witnessing NASCAR's stars at Tuesday's ROVAL™ Test Fest, fans in attendance at the test will receive a voucher for a free ticket to take in the Bojangles' Summer Shootout.

TICKETS: Tickets, which cost only \$8 for adults and are FREE for kids 13 and under, can be purchased at the gate or in advance by calling 800-455-FANS or online at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets.

KEEP TRACK: Follow all the thrilling Bojangles' Summer Shootout action using the hashtag #LetsBoRacing. Connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram or get all the latest news and information with the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - Pocono Raceway's Pennsylvania Wing Fest will be held Noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 26. Admission to the event is free. Wing tickets proceeds will benefit Monroe County Meals on Wheels and will provide approximately 3,000 meals to those in need.

Mouth-watering wings, an increase in vendors, \$4,000 in prizes, live music and ice cold beverages are among the highlights of Pocono Raceway's Pennsylvania Wing Fest. A host of area restaurants and food service providers will be on hand to showcase the area's best wings and compete for four \$1,000 prizes in the 23rd annual Pennsylvania Wing Fest.

In addition to free admission, parking for the Pennsylvania Wing Festival is free. Wing tickets are available, the day of the event, for just \$1.00 each. In addition to live entertainment, a variety of food and beverages will be offered. Kid-friendly activities and vendors will be featured in the kid's zone, located next to Tricky's Kit Kamp, a soft-play area for children.

For guests looking for an exclusive wing festival experience, Pocono Raceway has a VIP Tasting

Suite option available at \$50.00 for adults or at \$25 for kids, ages 12 and under. This includes an all-you-can-eat-wristband to taste every wing on property, access to our air-conditioned sky box, complimentary first drink included, a full cash bar and much more. A 10% discount is available for groups looking to purchase 10 or more VIP Tasting Suite tickets prior. For more details visit www.PAWingfest.com.

Guests attending will also have the opportunity to sign up, the day of the event, for the "Speed Eats for Speed Seats" wing eating contest. The individual who eats 24 wings the fastest will win a set of Terrace Club tickets to the 2019 Pocono Raceway Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race of their choice and a 40-mile driving experience from the StockCar Racing Experience. (Note: Certain ages and other restrictions may apply.)

The four categories in which restaurants will be competing include Hottest Wing, Best Buffalo Wing, Best Alternative Wing/Judge's Choice and Most Popular Restaurant. Restaurants interested in participating in Pocono Raceway's Pennsylvania Wing Fest, as well as those interested in sponsorship or vendor opportunities, should contact Christina Rodis-Durst by calling 570-646-2300 or by visiting www.PAWingfest.com.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - Tickets for the Driven2SaveLives BC39 presented by NOS Energy Drink, the inaugural event at The Dirt Track at IMS, will go on sale to the general public Wednesday, July 18 at IMS.com.

The United States Auto Club P1 Insurance Midget National Championship event will take place Wednesday, Sept. 5 and Thursday, Sept. 6 on the new quarter-mile clay oval located inside Turn 3 of the famous IMS asphalt oval. The event honors late USAC champion and three-time Indianapolis 500 starter Bryan Clauson and increases awareness of the Indiana

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Donor Network and its Driven2SaveLives campaign.

The 39-lap feature event will be the richest in Midget racing, with more than \$70,000 in purse and incentives, including a \$15,000 winner's purse.

Fans can gain early, pre-sale access to the limited number of seats in the temporary infield grandstand by visiting IMS.com/

BC39 today -- Monday, July 16 -- and completing the information form.

"Anticipation for the first race at The Dirt Track at IMS has continued to grow since we announced the Driven2SaveLives BC39 presented by NOS Energy Drink in late June," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said.

On Thursday, Sept. 6 for qualifying and the BC39 feature race, the temporary infield grandstand adjacent to The Dirt Track at IMS will be sold as Reserved Seats, with prices ranging from \$35-\$55 until July 31. Availability is limited and prices will increase Aug. 1, so fans are encouraged to buy early to get the best seats at the best prices.

Due to anticipated demand, the Northeast Vista grandstands outside Turn 3 of the IMS asphalt oval also will be available Thursday, Sept. 6 for General Admission seating. General Admission tickets in Northeast Vista start at \$20, increasing to \$25 on Race Day. Children 15 and under will be admitted for free to the General Admission area when accompanied by an adult ticket holder. Northeast Vista ticket holders will not have access to the IMS infield and will not be eligible to purchase a Pit Pass.

On Wednesday, Sept. 5 for practice and heat races, the temporary infield grandstand at The Dirt Track will be available for General Admission seating, with prices starting at \$15 and under will be admitted for free Sept. 5 when accompanied by an adult ticket holder.

Fans can get even closer to the action by purchasing a Pit Pass for one or both days. Pit passes start at \$20 per day, increasing to \$25 per day at the gate. Pit Pass holders also must have a General Admission or Reserved Seat ticket, as the Pit Pass is not valid for gate admission.

Camping and prepaid parking

also will be available. Visit www.ims.com/bc39 for more information.

Homestead-Miami Speedway

MIAMI, FL - Martin Truex Jr. experienced the thrill of a lifetime on his final two laps of the 2017 Ford EcoBoost 400 en route to the first MENCs championship of his career. Now, everyone will get an opportunity to feel that same excitement on Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, September 16, as Homestead-Miami Speedway hosts "Give Back at the Track," an event that gives guests the rare opportunity to drive around the 1.5 mile championship oval.

From 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. on both days, drivers can experience first-hand the picturesque setting of Homestead-Miami Speedway and it's unique progressive banking as they run laps around the track. For a \$20 donation, guests can take their street-legal vehicles for two laps around the oval following behind the official Homestead-Miami Speedway pace car. Additional laps will be available for a \$10 donation per lap.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Homestead-Miami Speedway's charitable outreach program, "Driving for a Cause," which benefits several local youth and education organizations.

In addition, Farm Share, South Florida's local food bank, will be on site accepting donations. Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items that will later be distributed to those in need. The food items can be dropped off in the designated area of the infield.

Local car clubs are invited to attend the event for a group rate. Car clubs will receive a set amount of laps on the track. Please contact Brandon Ward at (305) 230-5228 or bward@homesteadmiamispeedway.com for more details.

For more information on Give Back at the Track, please visit www.HomesteadMiamiSpeedway.com/GiveBack or call 305-230-5024.

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Fans will want to come hungry, get ready to battle and get dirty (or clean) at the "Big One on the Blvd." at Talladega Superspeedway on Friday, Oct. 12. It's an all-new lineup of fan challenges for the extravaganza of what is the sport's premier party of the year.

The "Big One on the Blvd." is part of the track's doubleheader NASCAR Playoff weekend, featur-

ing the Talladega 250 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series event (Oct. 13) and the 1000Bulbs.com 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race (Oct. 14).

Scheduled for a 7 p.m. CDT start, the "Big One on the Blvd." will feature some of NASCAR's biggest stars parading down the infamous Talladega Blvd. on a Mardi-Gras style float. Once the float arrives at the Miller Lite Pavilion, the attention will then turn to the participants who will be the center of entertainment and partake in four original, one-of-a-kind contests -- all overseen by the NASCAR drivers and personalities. The competitions include:

- **Miso Hangry:** Are you a lady/man in the street but a freak at the buffet? Contestants will compete in a three-course meal challenge featuring a tasty menu -- pickled eggs, beef dumplings, and by popular demand, ramen noodles - and duel it out to claim the \$100 prize. After each round, the last to finish his or her dish will be eliminated. Grab your stretchy pants. It's time to feast!

- **Hungry Hippos:** Put away your board game and play in real life! Featuring eight contestants, it's every hippo for him or herself in this elimination game as players slide across our slip-n-slide to fetch their "dinner." One person will leave feeling hungry in seven rounds of fun, but what can we say - it's survival of the fittest! The hungriest hippo will go home \$100 richer.

- **Rubber Pull:** You know it's a PARTY when we bring out the Jell-O! This 'DEGA style tug-o-war competition is all about pulling a tire. There will be 2 rounds of battle (four guys and four ladies total) and a championship finale for both guys and gals to see who can get their tire across the finish line. The guy and girl who makes it to the finish will each receive \$250.

- **Dirty Girl Deluxe Wash:** Suds and bubbles, dirt and dust. In order to win, cleaning's a must! Using their bodies as sponges, four ladies will relay through the 'DEGA car wash collecting as much water and soap as possible to clean their dirty window first without using her hands. The lady deemed winner will walk away with \$300.

Want to compete? Fans can sign up at www.talladegasuperspeedway.com/bigone for a chance to participate in one of the competitions and go down in Talladega history as a "Big One on the

Blvd." legend!

All Renewal Guest ticket holders, infield camping guests and fans who purchase an infield wristband can join in on the festivities. Be sure to bring your ticket for access! For more information on the "Big One on the Blvd." or general ticket information, call 855-518-RACE (7223) or visit www.talladegasuperspeedway.com.

The doubleheader NASCAR Playoff weekend kicks off earlier in the day with FREE Friday (Oct. 12), which will allow fans to witness qualifying for FREE - determining the starting lineup for Saturday's Talladega 250. Saturday's (Oct. 13) slate includes practice and Foodland/Food Giant Qualifying for the 1000Bulbs.com 500 as well as the running of the Talladega 250, set for a noon CDT start. Sunday's (Oct. 14) 1000Bulbs.com 500 gets the green flag at 1 p.m. CDT. Anyone holding a Sunday ticket will also have access to the traditional Saturday Night Infield Concert, located in the infamous infield at the 2.66-mile venue.

*Signing up for a competition does not guarantee a spot as a competitor. Talladega Superspeedway staff will select the final list of game participants.

Pocono Raceway Announces

LONG POND, PA - Back by popular demand, Pocono Raceway will host a 'Selfie Session' with Joe Gibbs Racing driver Daniel Suárez on Saturday, July 28. Fans interested in attending should pre-register for this driver appearance, which replaces a traditional autograph session. Pre-registration is now available, on a first-come, first-serve basis by visiting www.poconoraceway.com/selfiesesh.

The 'Selfie Session' with Suárez will be open to the first 50 people to pre-register. Each pre-registered fan, along with up to three of their guests, will have the chance to take a group or solo selfie with the Joe Gibbs Racing driver. There is no cost for the session itself, but all pre-registered fans and their guests are required to have a Saturday Gate Admission Ticket and Pit/Paddock Pass. Each group will have the opportunity for one selfie and no autographs will be allowed, due to timing constraints.



Antioch Speedway

MORGANTON, NC - Steve Greene #39 from Bostic LED every lap on his way to Victory in the (Tire plus / Tires pros) Thunder bombers/psv8 special \$600 to win race. Matthew Prince #19P passed John Mcelrath #63 on the fourth lap and went on to finish second, Johnny Reynolds #55 also got by Mcelrath late in the event to finish third,

mcelrath fourth and Timmy Wilson #777 rounded out the top five.

John Reynolds #55 from Connelly Springs got the jump at the drop of the green and held off late pressure from Rodney Lail #26 to win the (Heintz Bros performance) Renegade/Crate sportsman event. Lail second, Ronald Rhodes #23 third, Scott Jones #4 fourth and Wayne Curtis #45 fifth.

Tomy Zachary #4Z from Yadkinville won a hotly-contested super stock 4 race. Paul Butler #4B led the first six circuits until Zachary Made the past for the lead when Butler slid High coming off turn 2. Butler developed handling problems and was never a factor in the remaining laps. Jimmy Millsaps #20 held off Trevor Chatham #00 at the line to finish second, Chatham third, Logan Ritchie #10 fourth and Eddie Brittan #57 fifth.

Randy Powell #88 from Lincoln LED flag to flag winning the (RPM graphics) pure stock 4 race. William Myers #17 second, Randy Powell Jr. Cross the line in third but was disqualified at post-race inspection (carburetor) moving Chris Bulter #B9 to third, Curtis Barker #84 overcame a mid race Pit Stop to finish fourth and Jonathon Greer #65 finished fifth.

Jonathon Sarratt #311 from Shelby made it look easy dominating the Extreme FWD's event. Brandon Spangler #20 finished a distant second, Kevin Saam #41 third, Dixie Barker #84B fourth and Casey Roberts #7 fifth.

Mason Pugh #22 from Connelly Springs made his last race as a Young Gun pay off by winning the event. Colby Burks #73 led the first five laps until Pugh who had been running side-by-side with Burks for two or three laps finally made the pass to take the Victory. Burks second, Trace Chatham #21 third, Nathan Prince #19 fourth and Gracie Gatton #G7 fifth.

Bowman Gray Stadium

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - Thursday night James Civali got a surprise call to hop in a car at Bowman Gray Stadium. Saturday night, he won.

James Civali of Davidson enjoyed a strong season last year – finishing second in the points standings for the Brad's Golf Cars Modified Series with one victory and ten top-five finishes. He stepped away from the driver's seat for the first part of 2018. Car owner David Hill put George Brunnhoelzl III behind the wheel. But when Brunnhoelzl and the Hills parted ways a few days ago, Civali was offered another chance to pilot the Hills' #79 car in Saturday night's O'Reilly Auto Parts 100.

"We showed up today and didn't get much practice. I think we only got like four laps," said Civali. "Went out qualifying for the first time, and I haven't been in the car since last September."

When the Modifieds drew for starting lineup, Civali plucked the outside front row as his start. Zack Brewer of Winston-Salem started on the pole but was quickly pressured by Civali. The first caution

just two laps into the race gave Civali a chance to challenge from the outside, and he capitalized to steal away the lead.

In short order, Chris Fleming of Mount Airy moved up from fifth to right on the bumper of Civali. John Smith of Mount Airy took over third. Over nine double-file restarts, Civali battled off Fleming and Smith – although Fleming and Smith had a few run-ins with each other.

After Smith and Fleming spun, Jonathan Brown of Winston-Salem took over second place. With four 2018 wins under his belt and a strong car, Jonathan Brown was primed and ready to chase down the checkered. But with only five

wreck with Lee Jeffreys of Wallburg and was sent to the pits.

Points leader Burt Myers of Walnut Cove spun after a run-in with John Smith. Myers was sent to the rear but battled back to a fourth place finish.

In the Texas Steak & Tap House Sportsman Series, Dylan Ward of Winston-Salem and John Holleman of Winston-Salem each won. Spencer Martin of Winston-Salem took the checkered in the Law Offices of John Barrow Street Stock Series. And in the Q104.1 Stadium Stock Series, both Chris Allison of Mocksville and Jason Everhart of Lexington brought home a victory trophy.



Jonathan Brown (22) pressures the rear bumper of James Civali (79) during the final laps of the O'Reilly Auto Parts 100. Civali would hold on to take the win. (ERIC HYLTON PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

laps left, Brown's time was running short.

Civali's rear bumper was hammered from behind by Jonathan Brown's #22 car. Brown ran out of time and couldn't complete a pass – finishing second while Civali grabbed the win.

"At the end there I was just protecting my spot, slowing down in the corner and letting them push me if they wanted to," said Civali. "But I knew I could drive away from them on the straight-away if I kept them right on my bumper in the middle of the corner."

"You know how it is with Bowman Gray Racing. If someone can reach your bumper with three or four laps to go, they're going to move you to win the race. I would do the same thing," said Civali. "I expected no less - And that's why I drove defensively those last few laps."

The caution-filled race delivered a dose of bad luck to many of the points contenders – a sure blow since double points were on the line on Saturday. Fastest qualifier Tim Brown of Tobaccoville had an emotional day as he remembered his recently deceased grandfather and resolved to win in his honor. Brown, however, was involved in a

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - Saturday night's championship chase action atop the 3/8-mile Dodge City Raceway Park in southwest Kansas offered up a pair of first-time DCRP winners along with a pair of Sellards reaching victory lane.

While Clay Sellard reeled off his second consecutive IMCA Modified triumph and Reagan Sellard bested the IMCA Hobby Stocks, Freddy McCoy notched his first DCRP win by topping the IMCA Sport Modifieds with Chris Oliver snaring a first career win in IMCA Stock Car action.

In the 20-lap IMCA Modified feature, Bucklin's Clay Sellard worked his way forward from the eighth starting position to battle past Chad Taylor for the lead by the eighth round. Once out front, Sellard distanced himself from the field aboard the No. 85c entry by opening up a near half-lap advantage.

Mike Lunow battled past Taylor for second on the 17th lap but couldn't cut the gap down to less a straightaway by the time the checkered flag flew. Jack Kirchoff slipped by Taylor for third at the stripe with Taylor settling for fourth as Brandon Conkwright broke into

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Steve Green led every lap to win the Thunder Bombers race at Antioch Speedway. (ANTIOCH SPEEDWAY photo)

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the top five in the final rounds.

In the 20-lap IMCA Sport Modified feature, Woodward, Oklahoma's Freddy McCoy gunned into the lead at the outset then fought off multi-time track champion and fellow Woodwardian Jeff Kaup to post his first Dodge City win.

While McCoy set the pace, Kaup worked forward from the eighth starting position and ultimately made his way past Kyle Wiens for second on the 15th round. Kaup immediately went to work on McCoy for the point but the latter was up to the task.

Kaup settled for second at the stripe with Wiens, Matthew Crowell and Daylon Bergeron rounding out the top five.

The IMCA Stock Cars offered up a first-time winner as well with Chris Oliver taking top honors in the 20-lap feature. And the Syracuse, KS, racer earned it too, fending off the heated challenges of Gregg Schell and Michael Pepper much of the way.

After starting fifth, Oliver worked his way into the lead past Troy Smith by the fourth round and then fought off Schell and Pepper over the remaining rounds. Pepper battled past Schell for second on the 17th round only to relinquish the position on the white flag lap. Schell made one last corner bid with a friendly tap but Oliver never wavered.

Schell took runner-up honors behind Oliver with Pepper, Tyler

Walker and Les Mertens rounding out the top five.

In the 20-lap IMCA Hobby Stock feature, Bucklin's Reagan Sellard battled into the lead by the second round and led the rest of the way for his second triumph of the season.

The victory didn't come with ease though, as a caution with six laps to go put Cody Ghumm on his rear bumper. And Ghumm pressured Sellard over the final rounds, but to no avail as Sellard held steady for the win.

Ghumm claimed the runner-up position behind Sellard at the line with Joshua Reece, Mike Davis and Chad Kelley rounding out the top five.

Action resumes at Dodge City Raceway Park with on Friday night, July 27, with the popular Driver's Appreciation Night that features all five divisions of championship chase action including Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks.

Hickory Motor Speedway

After an exciting week of Monster Truck Madness, Hickory Motor Speedway welcomed back the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series for a full slate of thrilling racing action on Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet Birthday Night at the Races presented by Coca-Cola.

The NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models would be the first to roll off for the 40 lap feature of two on the schedule for the premiere division. Dexter Canipe Jr. in the #5 would top the charts in qualifying and start from the pole with Mike Darne in the #21 to his outside. NHRA Pro Stock driver Tanner Gray in the #2 would take a



Dexter Canipe Jr. poses with his most important crew member after taking the first 40-lap late model feature at Hickory Motor Speedway. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

circle track excursion and start from the third spot with 2-time Hickory Motor Speedway track champion Austin McDaniel in the #12 starting to his outside. Canipe and Darne would run the first handful of laps side by side in a spirited battle for the top spot. Canipe would eventually nose out to the lead with Darne close behind. The pack would race for positions throughout the field with everyone working to catch the front pair. Canipe would drive on to the win with Darne making a late charge, but having to settle for 2nd. McDaniel would finish 3rd, Gray would grab 4th, and Chris Hudspeth in the #28 would finish out the top 5 in 5th.

Hitting the track next would be the Renegades for 20 laps of side by side action. Justin Austin in the #1 would lead the field to the green flag with the #8 of Kenneth Roberts to his outside. Austin would take the early lead as David Hasson in the #83 would drive hard to reel in the front pair. Austin would prove too strong on the night and grab another win as he stays perfect on the year as he now has 6 wins in 6 starts. Hasson would hold on for 2nd with Roberts finishing 3rd. Brian Larkin in the #7 would come home in 4th with the #4 of Matt Fox rounding out the top 5.

The One Design Super Trucks would be the next division to see action as they would hit the track for 35 laps of battle. Charlie Neill in the #26 would set the fast lap in qualifying and would start from the point with the #13 of Dakota Slagle to his outside. Neill and Slagle would put on a fierce battle for the lead as would Allen Huffman in the #51 and Sheflon Clay in the #15 for the third position. Neill would pull to the lead with Slagle closing from behind. Multiple cautions would slow the event with the top 5

changing positions nearly every lap. Neill would survive a spin and a black flag for loose bodywork to drive on to another win at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars. Clay would move up to finish 2nd with Huffman finishing 3rd. Slagle would finish 4th and Sawyer Frady in the #99 would round out the top 5 in 5th.

Round #7 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Chace for the Championship would be in store next as the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would the to the track. Taylor Gray in the #15 would set the fast time in qualifying and start from the point with the #14 of Vince Midas to his outside. The second row would be made up of Gage Painter in the #12P in third and Mason Ludwig in the #12L would start fourth. Gray would jump to the early lead with Midas giving way to Painter as he would move inside for second. Gray would set a torrid pace with the field jockeying for positions throughout. After several mid-race restarts lap 35 would see a huge crash with half the field collected after contact from Midas would send Gray spinning in front of the field. Brandon Lemke in the #22 and Pat Rachels in the #34 would make up the front row and set the field for a thrilling finish. Lemke would take the lead while Rachels would settle in close behind. Rachels would bide his time and make his move with three laps to go and take the lead. Lemke settled in close behind and appeared to be ready to settle for second. However, as Rachels dove into turn 1 on the final lap his car would wash up the track and Lemke would drive under him coming off of turn 2 to assume the lead. Rachels would make one last run in turn three, but would come up short as

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Freddie McCoy celebrates his first IMC Sports Modified victory at Dodge City Raceway Park. (DCRP photo)

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Lemke would beat him back to the checkered flag and take the win. Rachels would finish 2nd with Midas coming back to finish 3rd. Carter Davison in the #57 would overcome starting deep in the field and finish 4th as Todd Midas in the #50 would move up to finish 5th.

Rolling onto the grid next would see the Cosmo Motors Street Stocks hit the track for their 30 lap feature. Jeff Sparks in the #7 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position while Troy DeMarmels in the #18 would start to his outside. The start would see Mark Whitten in the #77 and the #18 of Troy DeMarmels spin on the backstretch. Whitten would sustain damage that would end his night, however DeMarmels would continue. The restart would see Sparks at the front and Jonathon Smith in the #16 to his outside. Smith would move to the inside of Sparks getting into turn 1 with 8 laps to go but could not hold the spot and would spin down the backstretch. The restart would see Sparks and Drew Cox in the #21 battling on the front row. The pair would battle side by side for several laps until Sparks would nose ahead and Cox would battle with Marshall Sutton in the #64 and Jared Broadbent in the #74 for second. Sparks would hold on for the win while Sutton would grab the 2nd spot. DeMarmels would bounce back from the early spin and finish 3rd. Cox would finish 4th and Broadbent would round out the top 5.

The NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models would put an end to their night with the running of their second 40 lap feature. With the invert from race one Monty Cox in the #21 would start from the pole with Mitch Walker in the #29 to his outside. Chris Hudspeth in the #28 and Tanner Gray in the #2 would make up row two. Cox would grab the early lead with Walker battling for second with Hudspeth. Hudspeth would nose ahead and set sail for the leader. First race winner, Dexter Canipe Jr in the #5 would have to start from the rear but he didn't plan to stay there. Canipe methodically worked his way towards the front with the #95 of Jacob Heafner close in tow. Hudspeth would catch Cox and

work his way around him and try to distance himself from the hard charging Canipe and company. Canipe would work his way all the way up to second with around 15 laps remaining in the race. Hudspeth however had built a substantial lead and nothing short of a caution would bridge that gap. Hudspeth would drive on to the checkers and score his first NASCAR Whelen All American Series Hickory Motor Speedway Late Model victory. Canipe would hold on for 2nd with Heafner finishing 3rd. Cox would bring home a 4th with Austin McDaniel in the #12 finishing 5th.

Finishing off the night's events would see the mayhem and madness of the Smash & Crash Series on the track for a 10 lap skirmish. The tractor tire would make another appearance and would offer an added obstacle for the always exciting feature. Matt Fox in the #3 would grab another victory with Kendra Ham in the #44 finishing 2nd and Angie Cook in the #53 coming home in 3rd.

Next week at America's Most Famous Short Track will see the NASCAR Whelen All American Series back in action with Hamilton and Herring Orthodontics Night at the Races. In two weeks we will have the NASCAR Whelen All American Series back in action on Sam's Club Night at the Races.

For more info check us out at www.hickorymotorspeedway.com, on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Third generation race car driver Derek Locke of Mechanicsburg scored his first win of the season Saturday night at Selinsgrove Speedway in the 25-lap 360 sprint car main event.

The \$2,000 victory was Locke's second career at the track behind the wheel of the Dellinger's Auto Body No. 77.

Points leader Bryan Bernheisel of Lebanon recorded his fourth super late model win of the season at the speedway in the division's 25-lap feature. Bernheisel also collected \$2,000 for the victory.

Kyle Bachman of Selinsgrove came away with his third win of the year in the 15-lap pro stock race, while Ryan Zook of Mifflintown took the checkers in the Collier Paving & Construction Roadrunner 20 for his fourth win of the year.

Selinsgrove Speedway will present a four division racing program at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, featuring the 360 sprint cars, super late models in a Moon Shine Camo

Route 35 Challenge Series race, pro stocks, and roadrunners on Veterans Appreciation Night. Track gates will open at 5 p.m.

Third-place starter Derek Locke didn't waste any time taking command of the field at the start of the sprint car main event. Locke blasted by front row starters Mallie Shuster and Kyle Reinhardt.

At the halfway point, Locke led the way over M. Shuster, Reinhardt, fourth place starter Chad Layton and sixth-place starter Davie Franek. On lap 16, Layton moved into the third spot and started to close in on M. Shuster in a race for second.

With two laps to race, Layton passed M. Shuster for second only to have Franek also get by the third spot. At the finish, Locke was victorious by a half straightaway over Layton, Franek, fifth-place starter Jason Shultz, and M. Shuster.

A three-car tangle in turn one at the start of the late model feature regrouped the field for a restart with polesitter Meade Hahn taking the early lead. Hahn was followed by third-place starter Jim Yoder until Yoder withdrew from the race on lap eight with mechanical issues.

Fifth-place starter Kenny Trevitz inherited the runner up position and set his sights on Hahn. Trevitz led lap nine when eighth-place starter Bryan Bernheisel horsepowered his way around the top of the track and into second.

Bernheisel made the winning pass using the high line around Trevitz in turns three and four on the 10th lap. Late in the race, 10th-place starter Brett Schadel came on strong and powered into the second position but ran out of time.

Bernheisel was victorious over Schadel, Trevitz, Hahn, and Randy Christine.

Second-place starter AJ Hoffman powered into the lead at the start of the pro stock feature. Hoffman was chased by polesitter Cory Long for the first lap until fourth-place starter Tommy Slanker advanced to second. Two laps later, fifth-place starter Kyle Bachman raced into the runner up position.

For the next several laps, Hoffman and Bachman duelled for the lead. On the ninth circuit, Bachman pulled into the lead with an inside pass at the line. He went on to take the checkered flag over Hoffman, sixth-place starter Brad Mitch, Slanker and Brandon Moser.

The early laps of the Roadrunner 20 produced a close five car battle for the lead until attrition took its toll. Front row starter Smith Cope led the first five laps until polesitter Ryan Zook took command of the field. A caution for Keith Bissinger and Bob Bussey put Cope back into the lead for the restart.

Zook secured the lead when the race resumed as fourth-place starter Will Brunson raced second and original sixth-place starter Bussey made a rebound into the third position after rejoining the race on the rear of the field.

The second half of the race went without incident and Zook took the checkered flag over Brunson, Bussey, Kevin Dobson, and Corey Collier.

Shenandoah Speedway

For Mini Tyrrell, a trip home to Shenandoah Speedway meant more than just a chance to race on the track where he got his start in Late Model four years ago, it meant an opportunity to compete in front of many fans and friends.

He didn't disappoint his fans and
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Mini Tyrell celebrates with friends and crew at his home track of Shenandoah Speedway. (LANGLEY AUSTIN photo)

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friends as he took his car from a sixth-place start and rocketed to a win after a battle with one of this season's multi-time winners, Mark Cook. It was a great battle but an even better result as he got his first win of the season after coming so close in every start this season.

Mini was excited to get back to victory lane.

"It's always good to go to victory lane," said Mini following his win. "To do it here at our home away from home is special too. The people here have been like family the last four years and even when we were racing somewhere else they were all cheering us on from afar. It was cool to win in front of them here tonight."

This season Mini and his team knew they needed to branch out and get to race at more tracks. He started on the outside pole at Tri-County in the CARS Tour Limited Late Model race back in March and led laps before being taken out of the race. He has raced at Carteret County Speedway on the Crystal Coast since then with the momentum of three straight second-place finishes in his last three starts including the big Solid Rock Carriers 150 last week.

Mini's next race will take place at Carteret County Speedway on July 28th. He'll continue to get in as many races as possible between now and September when he turns 14 years old and will be eligible to run at all tracks including NASCAR sanctioned venues.

"We're going to try and hit as many tracks as possible from now until September and then we'll hit a lot of big NASCAR Late Model races including Martinsville, Richmond, Myrtle Beach, and Southern National."

South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Phillip Morris continued his dominance of South Boston Speedway Saturday night, sweeping both of the twin 75-lap NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division races that were the feature events of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s racing program.

The two victories gives Morris eight wins at the .4-mile oval this



Phillip Morris makes another visit to South Boston Speedway's victory lane Saturday. (SOUTH BOSTON SPEEDWAY photo)

season. He has now won eight of South Boston Speedway's first 11 Late Model Stock Car Division races this season.

Morris, bidding for a fifth career NASCAR Whelen All American Series national championship, scored a flag-to-flag win in the first race, finishing 4.747 seconds ahead of runner-up Peyton Sellers of Danville, Virginia.

Sellers, the defending track champion, started 16th in the 19-car field in order to pick up passing points that count toward track championship points. He passed Thomas Scott on lap 48 to get to second place. But, with no caution flags to close up the field, Sellers was unable to challenge Morris for the win.

Scott, of Efland, North Carolina, finished third with Jason Barnes of Stony Creek, Virginia and Stacy Puryear of South Boston, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers. Morris started tenth in the 20-car field in the nightcap due to a drawing for the inverted start of the second 75-lap race. However, he needed only 10 laps to work his way into the lead,

After taking the lead from Dusty Ellington of Burkeville, Virginia, Morris sped away from the field. Repeating his strategy of the first race, Sellers started near the rear of the field again in the second race. This time, it didn't take Sellers as long to reach second place in the running order.

Sellers moved into second place on lap 33 and was able to take advantage of a competition caution on lap 41 to move up close to Morris. Morris and Sellers started side-by-side on the front row on the restart

but Morris needed only two laps to break clear of Sellers.

Morris was able to hold Sellers at bay the remainder of the race and sped across the finish line .887-second ahead of Sellers to claim the win.

Scott finished third with Austin Thaxton of South Boston, Virginia and Barnes rounding out the top five finishers.

There were three lead changes among four drivers.

Crews, Dana Split Limited Sportsman Division Twinbill: South Boston Speedway Limited Sportsman Division points leader Trey Crews of Halifax, Virginia and Washington State native Jessica Dana split wins in Saturday night's twin 25-lap Limited Sportsman Division races.

Crews' win was his fourth of the season at South Boston Speedway. Dana's win was her third of the season at the .4-mile oval.

Crews took the lead from Karl Budzevski of Montvale, Virginia on the sixth lap and led the rest of the way, edging Dana, who now resides in Mooresville, North Carolina, by a slim .292-second margin.

Brandon Jones of Amelia Courthouse, Virginia, Daniel Moss of Danville, Virginia and Ross "Boo Boo" Dalton of Greensboro, North Carolina rounded out the top five finishers.

Due to an inverted start among the top finishers of the first race, Dana started third in the second race but took the lead from Moss on the sixth lap and never relinquished it.

Dana sped across the finish line 2.047 seconds ahead of Dalton to

take the win. Jones finished third and Drew Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia and Moss rounded out the top five finishers.

Layne Scores Win In Pure Stock Division Race: Johnny Layne of Nathalie, Virginia earned his third win of the season Saturday night, edging Matt Epps of Halifax, Virginia in the night's 30-lap Budweiser Pure Stock Division race.

Layne, the defending division champion, wrestled the lead away from Epps with nine laps to go and pulled away, crossing the finish line 1.829-second ahead of Epps who enjoyed his best finish of the season.

Jarrett Milam finished third with Jordan Pickrel of Keeling, Virginia and Randy Hupp of Halifax, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

The race saw the lead swap hands three times among four different drivers.

Jarrell Wins Hornets Division Race: Cameron Jarrell of Amelia, Virginia continued his domination of the Budweiser Hornets Division Saturday night, speeding from the rear of the field to win the night's 15-lap race.

Defending division champion Tyler Crute of Alton, Virginia finished second and Kevin Currin of Chase City, Virginia finished third.

Next Race At South Boston Speedway: NASCAR racing action returns to South Boston Speedway on Saturday, July 28 with the running of the NASCAR Late Model 100 racing program.

The six-race program will start at 7 p.m. and will feature a 100-lap race for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division competitors. The night's action will also include a 50-lap Limited Sportsman Division race, twin 15-lap races for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division drivers, a 15-lap race for the Budweiser Hornets Division and a 30-lap race for the Mod 4 Division.

Registration and pit gates open at 2 p.m., practice runs from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Grandstand gates will open at 5:30 p.m. and qualifying starts at 6 p.m. The first race gets the green flag at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$10 for adults. Kids ages 12 and under are admitted free when with a paying adult.

For additional information about the NASCAR Late Model 100 racing program or any other events at South Boston Speedway, please visit the speedway's website at www.southbostonspeedway.com or telephone the speedway at 434-572-4947 or 1-877-440-1540.

Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action as part of the Bud Light Open Modified 80 program. The SK Modified® division ran their regularly scheduled 40-lap feature as well as the TC 13 Shoot Out, a 13 lap race with the top-13 finishers from the 40-lap feature

inverted in memory of Ted Christopher. Eric Berndt won a thriller in the 40-lap SK Modified® feature, outdueling Ronnie Williams for his first win of the 2018 season. Glen Reen came up the big winner of the TC 13 Shoot Out and he took home the winner's check of \$1,313 along with a \$113 bonus from Rayner Real Estate. Other feature winners included Tom Fearn in the Late Model feature, Bryan Narducci in the SK Light feature, Jeremy Lavoie in the Limited Late Model feature, and Tess Beyer was a career first time winner in the Street Stock feature.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature, Tyler Hines took the lead at the green flag with Michael Gervais, Jr. all over him. Gervais nearly took the lead on lap-2 but settled back into line. Tom Bolles was third with Tony Membrino, Jr., side by side with Todd Owen for fourth place.

Gervais took the lead on lap-5 and he had Hines, Bolles, and Owen lined up behind him. Eric Berndt was by himself in fifth with a host of cars lined up side by side behind him. Keith Rocco got off track and went through the backstretch grass but he rejoined at the rear of the field and the race stayed green.

Up front, Hines was back out front with Owen in second and Gervais in third. Bolles did a half spin coming off turn 4 but the race stayed green. Bolles then spun in turn 2 on lap-11 but the race stayed green. Owen took the lead from Hines on lap-13 with Berndt getting around Gervais to move into third. Berndt then took second from Hines on lap-14 with Gervais fourth, Chase Dowling fifth, and Ronnie Williams sixth.

Berndt continued his charge to the front as he took the lead from Owen on lap-18 with a move in turns 3+4. Hines was still third with

Williams now fourth and Gervais fifth. Dowling was sixth with Troy Talman right behind him in seventh place. The caution came out with 20 laps complete for a spin on the backstretch by Matt Vassar.

Berndt took the lead back under green with Williams moving into second. Owen was third in line with Gervais in fourth and Dowling in fifth. Williams was hounding the back bumper of Berndt for the lead and he finally got a good run going into turn 3 on lap-25 and he took the lead. Dowling was applying pressure to Gervais for fourth place and he took that spot on lap-30. Talman followed suit one lap later to move into fifth but just as he made his move, the caution came out for a spin in turn 2 by Rocco and Michael Christopher, Jr. to move Talman back to sixth for the restart.

Williams and Berndt were side by side for the lead with Owen and Dowling side by side for third. The caution came back out for a spin by Glen Reen in turn 1 with 31 laps complete.

Dan Avery spun on the backstretch to bring the caution back out before a lap could be completed. Reen and Joey Cipriano got hooked together in turn 2 on the restart and spun to bring the caution right back out before a lap could be completed. The next restart saw several cars get out of shape mid pack with Dan Avery spinning in the middle of turns 1+2 to bring the caution back out. The fourth time as the charm as Berndt took the lead with Williams and Owen behind him but they only completed one lap before several cars spun in turn 2, including Dowling, Bolles, Christopher, Jr., and several others to bring the caution back out.

Berndt took the lead with Williams and Owen behind him but after one lap, Stephen Kopicik spun going into turn 3 and collected several others to bring the caution back out with 33 laps complete. Williams had the lead at the line by a nose over Berndt and he got clear of Berndt on lap-35. Talman and Owen were now side by side for third while Berndt came back to the inside of Williams on lap-36 to retake the lead. John Catania and Christopher, Jr. spun in turn 3 to bring the caution back out with 37 laps complete.

Berndt took the lead on the restart with Williams second. Owen and Talman were once again side by side for third with Rocco and Dowling side by side for fifth. Berndt and Williams came to the

white flag side by side. They were still side by side down the backstretch with Williams backing off going into turn 3 to make a move to the inside of Berndt in turn 4. Berndt was able to hold off the challenge of Williams to take his first win of the 2018 season. Owen came home third with Talman fourth and Rocco fifth.

In the 13-lap TC Shoot Out, Michael Christopher, Jr. took the lead at the green with Dowling and Cipriano side by side for second. Dowling shot into the lead on lap-2 with Reen following him by Christopher to move into second. Owen was now side by side with Christopher for third. Owen took the spot and Talman moved into fourth as Christopher began to slide backwards.

With 5 laps complete the order was Dowling, Reen, Owen, Talman, Kopicik, and Cipriano. Reen made a move on lap-9 to take the lead from Dowling at the line. Owen was right behind Reen and Reen got clear into the lead on lap-10. Owen and Dowling were now side by side for second with Talman in fourth.

Owen got extremely loose in turn 3 coming to the white flag, giving Reen a margin. Owen collected his car and rejoined in third behind Dowling, but Reen couldn't be caught as he took the checkered flag. Owen finished third with Talman and Cipriano rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model, Paul Arute and Kevin Gambacorta got together and spun into the turn 1 wall to bring the caution out right at the start. Michael Wray powered into the lead on the second start but he was only able to lead the first lap before Tom Fearn streaked into the lead on lap-2. Wray fell back to second with Wayne Coury, Jr., Glen Reen, and Trace Beyer making up the top-5.

The cars ran in line until lap-7 when Coury made a move to take second from Wray that brought Reen into third and dropped Wray back to fourth. Arute had recovered nicely from his spin at the initial start and he took fifth from Beyer. The caution came out with 13 laps complete for Paul Varricchio, Jr., whose car was smoking heavily as it limped back to pit road.

Fearn again took the lead on the restart with Reen, Coury, Tyler Leary, and Arute making up the top-5 with Wray in sixth. Fearn then led Reen, Coury, and Leary to the checkered flag to pick up his 8th win of the 2018 season. Wray got back by Arute on the last lap to

round out the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature, there was a huge pileup at the start of the race

Bob Charland took the lead on the second start but Brett Gonyaw took the lead from Charland on the first lap. Andrew Molleur, Bryan Narducci, Marcello Rufrano, Mikey Flynn, and Charland were lined up behind him. Molleur and Rufrano were side by side for second on lap-5 with Narducci right on their bumpers. Molleur took the lead from Gonyaw on lap-6 with Narducci moving up to second. Rufrano and Gonyaw were now side by side for third with Flynn in fifth in what were a frantic first 7 laps.

Narducci was looking to the low side of Molleur for the lead but Molleur was able to hold him off on lap-9. Narducci made a pass stick on lap-10 as he moved to the front of the pack with Rufrano moving into second to drop Molleur back to third. Flynn was fourth with Gonyaw back to fifth.

Molleur got back by Rufrano and was all over the back bumper of Narducci, looking high and low for a way to retake the lead. Narducci was able to hold Molleur off and Rufrano went back around Molleur to take second on lap-15. With all the jockeying among the leaders, Flynn caught up to the three leaders and it was a four car train for the lead with 3 laps to go.

Rufrano pulled alongside Narducci in the outside lane and as they took the white flag, Rufrano had the lead by mere inches. Narducci got clear of Rufrano going into turn 3 on the final lap and he held Rufrano off to the checkered flag to pick up his third win of the 2018 season. Molleur finished third with Flynn and Gonyaw rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature, Tess Beyer took the lead at the green but Greg DeMone spun in turn 4 and collected Armand Cote, Jr. to bring the caution out with 1 lap complete.

With 3 laps to go, Beyer was still in command with Michael, Chambrello, Bessette, Gaqmbacorta, and Meghan Fuller all giving chase. Beyer led the field to the checkered flag to pick up her first career victory. Michael finished second with Chambrello, Bessette, and Gambacorta rounding out the top-5.

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