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# The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

As many in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series used the Father's Day weekend to spend time with their families, it also afforded a time for everyone to look back over the first 15 races.

What's clear is there were plenty of good things.

And plenty of bad things.

And certainly, some ugly things.

So in between bites of potato salad and another cannonball from the pool deck, let's take a look at all three.

## THE GOOD

Sure, stock-car racing's appeal is struggling to reestablish its footing. But for all the of the glitches, there have been some good things happening at the track.

Clint Bowyer established himself as a fan-favorite a long time ago, so to see him win twice before mid-season is a positive sign. And the fact he's now a championship contender is even better.

New bring a playful, yet commanding personality to each race. Few have more fun, whether he's going 200 mph at Daytona or shot-gunning a beer after winning a race.

Moments after breaking a 190-race winless streak last March at the Martinsville Speedway, Bowyer took the celebration to the grandstands, where he sprayed champagne on the paying public before going to the bleachers to shake hands and take selfies.

The gesture caught NASCAR's attention.

"In a word, I think it's awesome," NASCAR executive vice president Steve O'Donnell said on SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. "Clint Bowyer showed exactly why he's popular. The fans look at Clint and say, 'He's one of us.' He came from the short tracks, he worked his way up."

Bowyer's exuberance ran parallel with the dominance of Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch. They have combined to win nine of the first 15 races. At the same time, they remain two of the most unrelenting Alpha personalities on the circuits.

Both know it's probably only a matter of time before they clash.

"I hope so," Harvick said. "At Texas, we raced head to head and they beat us there. Phoenix we raced head to head and we wound up winning that race. It is kind of weird that we haven't really mixed it up for an entire race."

While everyone waits for the Harvick-Busch main event, NASCAR continues to work behind the scenes to throw some different punches of its own. The sanctioning body tested restrictor plates during the All-Star race at the Charlotte Motor Speedway a month ago, and it was a hit.



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The cars seemed to dart in and out of line. Drivers said they were a little more difficult to control – and that's all good – which made passing

seem even easier.

There were 12 lead changes during 93 laps during the all-star race, compared to just nine changes up front during 400 laps a week later at Charlotte during the Coca-Cola 600 at the same track.

## THE BAD

It's hard to believe, but it's becoming more plausible that seven-time series champion Jimmie Johnson won't win a race. In fact, until he pitted out of sequence at Pocono earlier this month to lead his first two laps, it was starting to look like he wasn't even going to lead a lap.

With just two top-five finishes so far and early problems while teams work out the kinks with its new Chevrolet Camaro, the concern may soon turn into panic.

"I can't put blame in one place," Johnson recently said. "It would be unfair to say that it's a manufacturer's fault and responsibility. I think there is responsibility in all areas. I think we can all bring more to the table and all do a little better job."

"On top of the things that we can control within our own walls as a race team, the product has changed. We're in different cars, tires change, what other teams do, there's just a lot going on."

Like Johnson, the idea of the France family selling NASCAR also seems possible. It also created a lot of uncertainty throughout the sport.

"I think there are a lot of questions; everyone has a lot of questions," defending series champion

Martin Truex Jr. said. "I think the people who are thinking about the doom and gloom, and racing coming to an end is just nonsense. There is a real opportunity that if it does happen for some good things to happen."

## THE UGLY

Right or wrong, like Truex said, there is a sense of gloom and doom.

Television ratings have hit rock-bottom. Attendance figures continue to shrink.

For example, Michigan International Speedway has been downsized to just 60,000 seats, but the race there earlier this month had far fewer than half the seats filled – although, in fairness, the race was threatened, and eventually ended early by rain.

Ratings continue to be a fickle subject since so many events have been pushed down the dial from broadcast networks to smaller cable outlets.

On the plus side, the Michigan race was bumped from FS1 to FOX two weeks ago. Despite the delays, it was greeted by a 19-percent increase in viewership. But compared to the last time the race was on broadcast television in 2006, it still represented a drop from 4.5 to 2.2 in ratings and from 7.1 million to 3.7 million in viewership.

Just two of the next 11 races in the regular season are on cable networks, and only five of the 10 that make up the playoffs will be on the network schedule.

While NASCAR looks for ways to keep its fans from reaching for the remote, it still has a battle to keep race teams from breaking the rules. Penalties – points and money – continue not to matter much to the high-dollar teams because the infractions continue at an alarming rate.

When Bowyer won at Michigan, he did it without car chief Jerry Cook after his car failed inspection a week earlier with an illegal rear window – a form of cheating that's becoming more and more common.

(Also, Bowyer's crew chief Mike Bugarewicz was suspended following the Martinsville victory because the team didn't add an equal amount of weight to the rear bumper to replace television cameras used by other cars.)

Three cars from Joe Gibbs Racing – Toyotas driven by Busch, Denny Hamlin and Erik Jones – all failed at Michigan for using illegal front splitters under the front bumper. All three teams will be without their crew chiefs Sunday at

the road course at Sonoma, Calif.

The fact some teams aren't threatened to work outside the rule-book exemplify the growing divide between the top-tier teams and everyone else. It also may explain why so many of the smaller teams have given up. Since smaller teams can't afford to spend, much less lose, the money it takes to find more speed while catching NASCAR napping, it might help explain why there's only been a full field of 40 cars at three of the first 15 races.

But no matter how many cars show up at Sonoma, the 2018 season will continue to be like no other.

Complete with its own good, bad and ugly moments.

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## Midseason; It's Report Card Time

There comes a time each year when I take a look at each of the top three divisions of NASCAR and evaluate and grade performance. And, with the Father's Day weekend an off weekend for the Monster Energy Cup Series (MECS), this looks like a great time to pass

out some first half grades.

The Cup Series is fifteen races into the 26-race "regular season" before the playoffs begin. And, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out who heads the class in performance.

Ford has won eight of the fifteen races thus far in the MECS in '18 with Kevin Harvick leading the way with five victories. Stewart-Haas teammate Clint Bowyer has two wins and Penske Racing's Joey Logano one.

Toyota has scored six wins with Kyle Busch earning four checkered flags and Martin Truex two. Chevrolet won the season-opening Daytona 500 with Austin Dillon, but has been shut out of victory lane since mid-February.

When you take a deeper look at the actual racing in the first fifteen events, you'll see that Ford has 20 stage wins, Toyota 10, and Chevrolet 2. Both Ford and Toyota have earned six pole awards thus far with Chevrolet scoring two. One race, Martinsville, had qualifying rained out.

If you look at the driver and owner points after fifteen races, it's not difficult to see a trend continue. Kyle Busch leads the driver points and Joe Gibbs Racing the owner stats. However, The Fords of Kevin Harvick, Joey Logano, Brad Keselowski, and Clint Bowyer complete the top five in points while Stewart-Haas Racing and Penske each own two positions in the top five in owner standings. The first Chevrolet driver in the points is Kyle Larson in tenth while Ganassi Racing is the highest Chevy owner at tenth.

So, my not so scientific grading system for manufacturers in the MECS is A for Ford, A- for Toyota, and D for Chevrolet.

When I look at grades for MECS drivers after fifteen races, it's no secret who will head the class. Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch both get

an A for their performance thus far in '18. Nine wins between them and top two in points and playoff points easily place this duo at the top.

Three pole awards and two race wins place Martin Truex Jr. in the B+ category. The defending MECS Champion is certainly a title contender this season and should be a favorite to compete for his second crown at Home - instead as one of the "final four". The biggest question at this point of the season is who will join this trio (Harvick, Busch, Truex) at Homestead racing for the MECS title.

Now, before you start screaming, I understand that there is a ton of racing left in the regular season, plus a very competitive series of playoff stages that will determine the "final four".

However, it's very predictable that the 4, 18, and 78 will be three of the four racing for that MECS crown in November.

When you look at potential title contenders, the Penske Fords of Keselowski, Logano, and Ryan Blaney certainly deserve mention. Blaney has two poles thus far and is ninth in driver points. It would not be a surprise to see that 12 car won multiple times in the remaining races this season.

Of course, Clint Bowyer and his #14 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford have to be given consideration too. He has two wins and currently sits fifth in driver points.

Of course, his race wins will qualify him for the playoffs, so don't overlook Bowyer for a chance to race for the title. And, while we're on the Ford train, don't forget Kurt Busch and his Stewart-Haas #41 team. Kurt has two poles, two stage wins, and sits seventh in points thus far. That illusive first win of 2018 could be in the near future for the #41 team.

When you discuss title contenders, the Furniture Row Racing Team of defending champ Martin Truex Jr. merits strong consideration. I've already predicted the #78 team as one of the four in Homestead with a shot at the crown, so



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it'll surprise very few if Truex repeats. However, there are other Toyota teams that must be given consideration as title-contenders. Heading that list is the #11 Joe Gibbs Racing team driven by Denny Hamlin. While still searching for that first '18 MECS win, Hamlin will be a strong contender at several tracks leading up to the playoffs. Remember, a win gets you in (the playoffs), so a number of competitors could score an "upset" and make the playoffs.

Have you noticed that I haven't mentioned a great deal about Chevrolet and their drivers. There's a good reason for that. Aside from the Austin Dillon win in the Daytona 500, a pole by Alex Bowman at Daytona and Kyle Larson at Dover, plus a couple of stage wins, the Chevrolet brand has had little to brag about thus far in 2018. And, when you look at their lineup of drivers, it's very puzzling why they haven't performed better. Of course, seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson heads the Chevy list, but, until recently, he has not been a serious contender on a consistent basis. His Hendrick Motorsports teammate, Chase Elliott, has had several strong races, but still seeks that first MECS win and being a threat to win each week. Richard Childress Racing, aside from their huge win at Daytona, has not performed up to their customary standards in the first fifteen races as well. However, I look for the 48 and 9 to score victories that will automatically advance them into the playoffs.

And, as we all know, if you make the playoffs, you can hit a hot streak and advance through the segments to race for a championship.

Now, getting back to the report card. After Harvick, Busch, and Truex, I'm going to give Bowyer a B+ based on wins and his consistent performance. Penske drivers Keselowski and Logano get a B, with Blaney a B-. Kurt Busch also gets a B- based on his poles, stage wins, and consistency. Denny Hamlin gets a C, but is on the verge of a much higher grade. Kyle Larson gets a C, but if he can score that well-deserved win or two, he could put a Chevrolet driver deep in the playoffs. Fellow Chevy drivers Jimmie Johnson and Chase Elliott get a C+ for the first fifteen events, but, as mentioned, I expect both of these drivers to become a factor in the upcoming races. Based on his win at Daytona, Austin Dillon deserved a high mark, but his overall performance thus far only merits a

C-.

If I didn't mention your favorite driver as a title contender or give them a grade for the first fifteen races, let's just say there's room for improvement in the next eleven races prior to the playoffs. However, with road courses on the schedule, almost anything can happen.

When I look at the Xfinity Series and their first fourteen races this year, one thing stills stands out. Monster Energy Cup Series drivers have won eight of those events. Only Tyler Reddick (Daytona), Ryan Preece (Bristol), Christopher Bell (Richmond), Spencer Gallagher (Talladega), and Justin Allgaier (Dover and Iowa) are Xfinity regulars to win in '18. Although they have yet to win this season, Elliott Sadler, Cole Custer, and Daniel Hemric have been consistent competitors and sit atop the points. Penske Racing has won four times with Keselowski (twice), Logano, and Blaney.

Joe Gibbs Racing three times with Kyle Busch, Preece, and Bell. JRMotorsports has three wins with Reddick and Allgaier (twice). The other two wins were Childress (Austin Dillon) and GMS Racing (Harvick).

It doesn't take long to analyze the Camping World Truck Series thus far in 2018. Johnny Sauter and his #21 GMS Racing Team have won four of the nine race this season. The Hattori Racing Team of Brett Moffitt has scored two wins (Atlanta and Iowa) to firmly position them in the playoff picture. Kyle Busch Motorsports has two wins (Busch and Noah Gragson) and Nemco has one victory (John Hunter Nemechek). While there are several strong contenders to score wins in the CWTS prior to the playoffs, unless someone figures out a way to beat Johnny Sauter, the Wisconsin driver may be hoisting his second career truck title trophy in November.

As we head down the stretch toward the playoff or chase for each of these three divisions, lots of positions are certain to change. Will there be upsets as the series race on road courses? Will there be a race or two won by pit strategy and/or fuel mileage?

Or, will a rule violation play a significant role in the outcome of a race and have a direct effect on the playoffs? While some playoff and championship contenders are already defined, the final positions will certainly provide race fans some very entertaining action in the next two months.

# Allgaier Holds Off Bell to Lock Up Playoff Spot with Iowa Win

By ROB GRAY  
 NEWTON, IA - The green flag would soon wave, but before Justin Allgaier went elbows up, he draped his arms around his four-year old daughter, Harper Grace.

The tender embrace painted a poignant Father's Day image moments before the outset of the hotly-contested eighth annual Iowa 250 presented by Enogen at the .875-mile Iowa Speedway.

But another stirring photo op developed two and a half hours later, as dad exulted amid strands of confetti in Victory Lane — and this time the triumph came with vital playoff-sealing points attached.

"Our (No. 7) BRANDT Professional Agriculture Chevrolet was fast," said Allgaier, who won last month at Dover, but didn't accrue playoff points because of a post-race inspection penalty. "Incredible. We're in the middle of corn fields — how could you not enjoy this? ... Doing it on Father's Day, it was really cool having my daughter here."

Allgaier dominated the field despite intense and near-constant challenges from hard-charging Christopher Bell, who came from the rear at the start of the race to finish second. He also notched his

second win of the season — but first one that counts, playoffs-wise.

Bell settled for second but overcame a slew of adversity while nearly pulling off the win. He started 39th because his No. 20 Rheem Toyota did not pass pre-qualifying inspection.

"Man, I just needed to be in front of him," Bell said. "Our (car) was really good. ... I just didn't have enough to clear him. He could just kind of ride ride that outside there, outside my door, just keep me pinned down. But we had a really good Rheem Camry, just unfortunately not good enough to get by him."

Allgaier also shook off recent encounters with bad luck — and the fence — to win stage one. The Xfinity Series veteran powered his car between pole sitter Austin Cindric and the lapped car of Alex Labbe to win the opening 60-lapper. Cindric, who earlier earned his first career pole, had led the first 58 laps of the stage before Allgaier made his daring three-wide maneuver.

Bell surged to sixth in 60 laps.

As Bell ascended, series points leader Elliott Sadler struggled for the second straight week. A cut tire forced him to pit with a handful of laps to go in the first stage. That mishap relegated him to the back of the pack. He finished 28th and



Justin Allgaier celebrates in Iowa Speedway's victory lane after winning the Iowa 250. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

maintains a four-point lead over Cole Custer in the standings.

Daniel Hemric finished third, with Custer and Brandon Jones completing the top five.

Allgaier claimed the second

stage playoff point, as well — doubling his season total of stage wins to four.

Bell finally took the top position with 70 to go, but Allgaier immediately regained it and maintained a slim advantage as the final stage eclipsed the midway point.

"Hopefully we put on a good show for the fans," Bell said. "We were side-by-side for half the race."

Bell later nearly completed another pass of Allgaier, but a caution for debris halted his momentum.

All of the top five cars steered onto pit road for four fresh tires and fuel.

After the restart, Allgaier again wheeled to the top spot, with Bell in tow.

Allgaier faced another restart with less than 20 laps to go, but remained calm — and in front.

Elbows up. Hugging the steering wheel. Until he could finally hug his daughter again after raising his arms in Victory Lane.

"Unbelievable," Allgaier said. "First of all, all glory to God, man. We had a great car today. These guys did a fantastic job. I can't thank everybody at JR Motorsports enough."



Race winner Justin Allgaier (7) and Christopher Bell (20) battle for position as they race to the straightaway. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

# Hometown Hero Moffitt Dodges Daring Move by Gragson for Iowa Victory

NEWTON, IA - Heat and humidity. Three-wide action. One race-changing wreck — and a rousing triumph for a local favorite.

The wild, competitive and unpredictable M&M's 200 Saturday at Iowa Speedway certainly showcased the drama the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series delivers from week-to-week.

But once the dust settled and the sun sank low in the sky, a relative sense of calm swept over speedway veteran Brett Moffitt.

Why relative?

Because Moffitt — who grew up on Iowa dirt tracks before climbing

NASCAR's ranks — had to hold off a hard-charging Noah Gragson in a furious finish that featured sparks from Gragson's No. 18 after a failed last-gasp slingshot attempt sent him into the wall as the Iowan sailed under the checkered flag.

"This is everything," said Moffitt, who led the final 76 laps. "Being in my home state on Father's Day weekend — my dad has done everything for me in my career and been my rock my whole life."

Gragson still took second and polesitter Harrison Burton surged through adversity to take third.

"Video game style racing there," Gragson said. "It's fun racing at this track. I drove it in there. ... just over-shot a little bit."

There were shots, knocks, and

seismic shifts through the three-stage 200-lap event.

The race's complexion changed completely when a crash on lap 135 doomed four top contenders.

Coming out of Turn 4, Matt Crafton's left front tire went flat, causing his No. 88 truck to slide up the track. He then collided with John Hunter Nemechek — last year's race winner at Iowa.

"There's really nothing you can do there," Nemechek said after being evaluated and released from the infield care center. "I hate it for all my guys. ... We were really fast."

All four involved in the incident were.

Three of the four had previously led laps before the accident. Crafton paced the field for 20 laps. Nemechek led 15 and won stage one. Friesen ran out front for 48 laps while winning stage two.

None of that mattered as they headed to the garage, though, and Moffitt, of Grimes, Iowa — about a 45-minute drive from the speedway — took the lead at the restart and thrived in clean air as Gragson and

Burton eventually chased him down within passing distance.

Moffitt prevailed, though, earning his second win of the season. He also gained ground on Gragson in the point standings. Johnny Sauter — who settled for fifth — leads Gragson by 71 points. Moffitt's another 14 points back and praised his talented, if cobbled-together team that's seeking additional sponsorship to help fund the remainder of the season.

"We didn't know if we were going to Texas and we're still uncertain about Chicago," Moffitt said. "So we really need some more sponsors on this truck."

What was his impromptu Victory Lane pitch, besides winning?

"This is just such a great group of guys," Moffitt said. "Everybody's so passionate. We work really hard."

"We're not the biggest team but we proved tonight that we're the best. I think we can have some more wins this season and go to Victory Lane a few more times — and more importantly, compete for a championship."



Brett Moffitt catches the checkered flag from the flagman after winning the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Iowa Speedway. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

## Will Rodgers Goes Back-To-Back In New Jersey

MILLVILLE, NJ - In what ended up becoming a drama filled JUSTDRIVE.com 125, Will Rodgers dominated en route to the checkered flag and his second consecutive win at New Jersey Raceway Park on Saturday night.

Ernie Francis Jr. would lead the field to green with Rodgers to his outside. After staying

in the tire tracks of Francis through the first six laps, Rodgers made his move to the lead in his No. 7 Kelly and Associates Insurance Group Ford and set sail from there.

Rodgers went on to lead the final 49 laps and cross the finish 6.078 seconds ahead of Francis.

"It means a ton to be back here in Victory Lane and to double down" said Rodgers. "Especially with this Jefferson Pitts Racing team, these guys worked so hard at the shop in Washington, and they trucked all the way out here to the East coast, and we gave them a victory — which is exactly why we do this."

The win marks the third of Rodgers' NASCAR K&N Pro Series East career. The 23-year-old Murrieta, California native went to Victory Lane twice in 2017, both at series' road courses: New Jersey and Watkins Glen International.

The field stayed spread out for

the majority of the running, however, a late race restart on lap 51 would tighten the field up and brought the excitement. Contact through the first three turns sent Ruben Garcia Jr. spinning off the track and out of the third position.

The door opened for DGR-Crosley teammates Tyler Ankrum and Tyler Dippel who jumped to second and third, respectively. The two would battle for the second spot before making contact on the final lap, sending both spinning through the grass and out of contention.

Through all of it, the 20-year-old Francis would find his way through and into a second-place finish in his series' debut. The four-time Trans-Am champion won the pole in his debut and did not fall outside of the top five all day.

"I learned a lot about how these cars drive" said Francis. They definitely fall off a lot as the tires wear off on these cars but I think this was a great learning experience for me and will help out a lot at the next one (road course) at Watkins Glen."

Ronnie Bassett Jr., Grant Quinlan and Anthony Alfredo rounded out the top five.

Ankrum, the championship points leader, finished ninth while Dippel ended in 11th after their last lap accident. Ankrum maintained his 16-point lead over Dippel after seven of 14 events.

Extended highlights of the JUSTDRIVE.com 125 will air on NASCAR America on Monday,



**Will Rodgers celebrates winning the JUSTDRIVE.com 125 at New Jersey Motorsports Park for the second year in a row. (Nigel Kinrade Photography photo)**

June 18, on NBCSN.

The NASCAR K&N Pro Series East will take a month off before returning to track for the Throwback 100 at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on July 14.

## Justin Bonsignore Finds Way To The Front Again at Thompson

THOMPSON, CT - Justin Bonsignore didn't look to have the fastest car for much of the Thompson 125, but when it was time to crown the winner, he found his way to the front.

The Holtsville, New York, driver scored his third victory of the 2018 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, using a late caution to get out front of the field on pit road.

The win was his 15th career, his seventh on the Thompson highbanks, and it helped to continue an early-season roll that has him at the top of the championship standings with five of 16 races into the record books.

"The (pit crew) guys won us that race, they got us out in front of Doug (Coby)," Bonsignore said. "Track position is so important, if we didn't get it, I don't think we would have won as easily as we did. If you can roll the top here, and have good drive-off, you can just roll away from the guys on the bottom."

A pit stop during the first of two cautions on lap 92 for fresh Hoosier rubber saw Bonsignore enter the pits running

fourth, but when he left, he was looking at clear track in front of him. On the restart, Bonsignore drove away from Coby, who led a race-high 82 laps, but that wasn't the only challenge he faced in the final circuits.

After another quick yellow flag, Bonsignore had to fight-off a charge by Rowan Pennink, who was all over the back bumper of the No. 51 Phoenix Communications Inc., Chevrolet looking to spoil Bonsignore's success. In the end, Pennink was forced to settle for second.

Coby was third, followed by defending race winner Ryan Preece, who finished fourth. Preece chased the back bumper of Coby's car through lapped traffic for much of the middle portion of the race battling for the lead, but lost crucial track position on pit road, and wasn't able to rebound. Dave Sapienza rounded out the top five.

Timmy Solomito was sixth, followed by Craig Lutz, Rob Summers, Chase Dowling and Matt Swanson.

Bonsignore led 43 laps, and holds a 19-point advantage in the championship standings over Chase Dowling, while Craig Lutz is third, 29 points back.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour returns to the track at Larry King Law's Langley Speedway in Hampton, Virginia, on June 23.



**Justin Bonsignore captured his third victory of the 2018 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Thursday night. (Michael Ivins/NASCAR photo)**



## Chandler Smith Sweeps Madison Clean, Scores First ARCA Win in Herr's 200

MADISON, WI - Fifteen-year-old Chandler Smith scored his first career ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards win in the Herr's 200 at Madison International Speedway on Friday night.

Smith also led the practice session earlier in the day, and earned his fourth consecutive General Tire Pole in qualifying.

Smith dropped to the tail of the lead lap with loose right side wheels. As Smith was slowing with those wheel issues on lap 37, Tommy Vigh, Jr. spun in turn four to put the field under the third caution of the evening, which allowed Smith to pit and stay on the lead lap.

Smith made an unscheduled stop under caution on lap 39, and when the green waved three laps later he restarted 13th. The Talking Rock, Georgia, native quickly worked his way back up into the top

five. By the halfway mark, he had moved back into third behind Zane Smith and Chase Purdy, both of whom looked like they could potentially be the car to beat. But by lap 126, Chandler dipped to the low-side on a restart and moved into the lead, a lead he wouldn't relinquish.

By the checkered flag, he built up an 11-second lead over Zane Smith, current series point leader Sheldon Creed, Chase Purdy, and Gus Dean. The second five across the stripe were Natalie Decker, Bret Holmes, Eddie Fatscher, Colby Howard and Toni Breidinger. The top six cars were on the lead lap at the finish.

"We just had a little luck on our side," Smith said. "I am really blessed with the group of guys I have behind me. Venturini Motorsports gave me a heck of a Toyota Camry tonight. That was the first time I ever got sprayed by potato chips in victory lane. Pretty wild!"

Smith completed the 200 laps in 1 hour, 25 minutes, 1 second at an average speed of 70.570 miles per



Chandler Smith gets "chipped" in victory lane after winning the Herr's 200 at Madison International Speedway with the ARCA Racing Series. (arcaracing.com photo)

hour. There were a total of six cautions for 43 laps. Fifteen of the race's 19 starters were running at the finish.

Creed continues to unofficially lead the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards championship standings over Smith in second. Zane Smith unofficially retains the Sioux Chief Short Track Challenge points lead with his second place finish heading into the next series short track points event at Iowa Speedway on July 7. Z. Smith also unofficially retains his lead in the CGS Imaging 4 Crown Champi-

onship standings heading into the next event at Pocono Raceway on July 27.

The ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards returns to action next Friday night at Gateway International Speedway. There is an open test next Thursday, while official practice starts at 1 pm local (2 pm ET) on Friday June 22, with General Tire Pole Qualifying qualifying set at 5:30 pm local (6:30 pm ET). The green flag over Papa Nicholas Coffee 150 (120 laps/150 miles) is scheduled for 8 pm local (9 pm ET).

## Williams Conquers the High Banks of Salem Speedway

SALEM, IN - Borden, Indiana native Cole Williams had a dominate car for most of the race in getting the win in Saturday night's Midwest 100 Presented by JEGS.com for the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance at Salem Speedway in Salem, IN. It was a hometown win

for Williams whose shop is just 18 miles to the south of Salem.

"The car did everything I wanted it to do throughout the whole race, it was really good," remarked Williams in victory lane. "This place really eats tires away, even though we were running a stiffer compound on the left side than we usually do. I knew if I could get out front, we could build up a pretty good lead there, I just needed to ride as much as I could to save the right rear and right front. That was the game plan all along, and it ended up working for us tonight."

2017 JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Champion Jack Dossey III took advantage of his pole starting position after Lisa Thomas Salon Fast Qualifier Cory Deuser drew a seven for the events inverted start. Dossey III led three laps before outside pole sitter Brett Robinson made the pass to take over the lead on lap four, while Williams worked his way into second place from his fourth place starting position.

The caution flew on lap seven when Owensboro, Kentucky native Blake Hillard blew an engine setting up a crucial lap eight restart. Williams was able to get by Robinson on the start on the low side and grab the lead on lap eight. From there Williams would have to survive two more restarts, including a lap 83 restart when Dakota Stroup stopped his car at the entrance to pit road after heavy contact with the turn fall wall.

Series Championship points leader and DGR-CROSLY Rookie of the Year point's leader Mason Keller was in second at the final yellow and had been closing the gap a little between he and

Williams prior to the caution. Deuser had worked his way from mid-pack to third on the restart. Deuser was able to get by Keller and set his sights on chasing down Williams, but Williams's car was just strong enough over the closing laps to get the win over Deuser.

Williams added, "It got a little racy at the end on that last restart. We don't know what happened; we think something broke that last ten laps and we were just kind of hanging on for dear life. But she stayed together for those last ten laps and we ended up winning it, so I'm happy with it. It's awesome getting this win at Salem, especially doing it in front of my family and friends that don't get to come to the races very often. We had a huge support system come out tonight and everyone's been looking forward to this race since we put it on the schedule. To be able to come out here and honestly, we've had bad luck for about six or seven races now with mechanical failures or getting caught up in a wreck at Bristol, so to get the monkey off my back and actually win a race was a relief, so hopefully we can carry the momentum going into our next race and hopefully do the same thing."

For his pass of Robinson to get

the lead, Williams was awarded the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race Award. Deuser finished in second earning a Great Lakes Tire/Hoosier Performance Award. Keller finished in third and earned his second DGR-CROSLY Rookie of the Race Award of the 2018 season and the FLUIDYNE Cool Under Pressure Award. Dossey finished in fourth place to stay right behind Keller in series Championship points. ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS points leader Josh Brock finished in fifth place

ARCA Racing series competitor Joe Graf Jr. finished in sixth place, the last car on the lead lap. Zachary Tinkle made good use of his first series feature start of the 2018 season to grab a seventh place finish from his 14th place starting position, earning a Great Lakes Tire/Hoosier Performance Award and the Racing Electronic Hardcharger of the Race Award.

The next JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour event will be the Jason Dietsch Trailer Sales 100 on Saturday, June 30th at Baer Field Motorsports Park. More information on the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance is available at [www.cra-racing.com](http://www.cra-racing.com).

## DJ Shaw Takes PASS North Super Late Model Championship Lead with Speedway 95 Victory

HERMON, ME - DJ Shaw of Center Conway, New Hampshire drove to an impressive victory Sunday afternoon in the 150-lap Pro All Stars Series North Super Late Model main event at Speedway 95 in Hermon,

Maine.

Shaw took the race lead a lap before the halfway point, charging back into contention aboard the Precision JLM 60 after restarting from the rear of the field following a pit stop with only 15 laps completed.

Six-time Pro All Stars Series North champion Johnny Clark of Farmingdale set sail in front of the Super Late Model field and looked strong over the course of the event's opening half, seeking his first win of the year.

Hometown Hermon racer Mike Hopkins also worked his way past Clark and made a valiant effort to chase down Shaw, which fell short by some four seconds under the checkered flag. Derek Griffith of Hudson, New Hampshire had to settle for third position in his quest for a second consecutive PASS North Super Late Model win at

Speedway 95.

Clark prevailed in a spirited battle with defending PASS North champion Travis Benjamin of Morrill for fourth position. Sixth-place finisher Garrett Hall of Scarborough was the final driver able to complete all 150 laps. Unofficially, Shaw moved into the championship points standings lead by one point over Benjamin.

Gary Shackford of Center Conway, New Hampshire raced to his second PASS Mods victory of the season. Shackford chased Hancock's Brian Treadwell for most of the 40-lap race before prevailing on a late-race restart to claim victory.

Treadwell has earlier yielded the lead to points leader and defending champion Ben Tinker, but three laps later Tinker slid off the race-track and handed the lead back to Treadwell.

As Shackford cruised under the checkered flag, Waterboro's Billy Dixon made a late move into second position.

Despite pounding the frontstretch wall on the final lap, Treadwell was credited with a third-place finish in the Mod main event. Tinker rebounded for a fourth place, ahead of Wales competitor Bruce Helmuth.

Tyler King of Gray aced the Fa-



DJ Shaw raced his way to victory lane in an impressive show at Speedway 95 with the Pro All Stars Series North Super Late Model Series. (Norm Marx photo)

ther's Day Street Stock special, delighting Papa Scott and Grandpa Joe King as the driver anxiously awaits the arrival of his first child. King, a three-time winner earlier this season at Oxford Plains Speedway, cruised to victory after outgunning local favorite and early race leader Jordan Pearson of Thorndike.

Pearson was able to maintain second position after King went by for good. Veteran racer Kenny Harrison of Durham earned third-place hardware. Jordan Russell of Norway and another early contender,

Andrew Breton of Greene, rounded out the top five.

The next Points-counting Pro All Stars Series North Super Late Model race is scheduled for Tuesday night, July 3 at Spud Speedway in Caribou, Maine. On Sunday, July 1 Oxford Plains Speedway hosts a 100-lap, non-points PASS Super Late Model race offering up guaranteed starting positions in the rich, 45th Annual Oxford 250, scheduled for Sunday, August 26. For more information please visit [proallstarsseries.com](http://proallstarsseries.com) or call (207) 539-8865.

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## Brandon Sheppard Prevails at Wayne County Speedway

ORRVILLE, OH - During the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series fifth appearance at Wayne County Speedway, Brandon Sheppard collected his fifth Series win of the 2018 season. The Rocket1 Racing driver also became the first-ever repeat winner of the event.

Sheppard had a stand-out night at the 3/8-mile in Orrville, Ohio collecting the PFC Brakes Fast Time Award, his heat win and ultimately the \$10,000-to-win Sears Craftsman Feature. Furthermore, Sheppard and his team proved to be on the rebound of some early season woes by collecting two wins and a second-place finish of the last three World of Outlaws races.

"We are happy to be back on track," said Sheppard in Victory Lane. "We've been messing around with the car a little bit. We had that motor break on us and had some back luck there at Cherokee [Speedway]. We just kind of got our heads down a little bit. We all had a little talk this week and we got our confidence back and got everyone's heads on where they need to be. Everything is clicking now and hopefully we can continue this consistency throughout the year."

The 50-lap feature saw three different race leaders including Dave Hess, Doug Drown and Sheppard.

Hess popped to the lead early using full advantage of his luck in the redraw which placed him outside the pole. Hess led the first 20 laps until being overthrown by a hard-charging Drown. A few laps later, Hess stopped in turn four with smoke coming out of his hot rod forcing him to retire for the evening.

On lap 25 Sheppard claimed the lead from Drown never to look back. Only seven laps later, Drown climbed the wall in turn two sending him to the pits to get a new tire sending out a caution on lap 32. At the time, Sheppard had created a four-second lead over the field in just seven laps time. Despite one additional late race caution on lap 43, Sheppard was never seriously challenged for the lead.

Behind the blue No.1 was a tight battle for the remaining spots in the top five including a battle for second between Chub Frank and Mike

Marlar and a battle for fourth between Chris Madden and Devin Moran.

Marlar held off the veteran driver Bear Lake, PA to finish second in the feature.

"We're having a good time and we had a lot of fun racing tonight," said Marlar. "That track got really racy during that feature, like seriously racy. It was fun. We had a good weekend and we're all locked up in that points thing."

Marlar claimed the win on Friday evening at Ransomville Speedway ultimately tightening the points race to just 16 behind point leader Madden. After Marlar's second-place finish at Wayne County, there are now just two points between the pair.

"We try to have consistently good finishes and then race for wins every night," added Marlar. "I have found myself backing off in bad situations just because we're points racing. It's not consuming us but we're conscious of it."

Sheppard's consistent finishes the past three evenings at Stateline Speedway, Ransomville Speedway and Wayne County Speedway slingshot him back into a close contingent of overthrowing the point standing as he closed a 70-point deficit to just 32 points.



**Mike Marlar raced his way to victory lane at Ransomville Speedway during the WoO Craftsman Late Model Series' first visit in 13 years. (Paul Arch photo)**



**Brandon Sheppard raced his way to his fifth win of the season with at win at Wayne County Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)**

Series veteran Chub Frank rounded out the podium at Wayne County Speedway. After retiring from full-time World of Outlaws competition, it was a pleasure having Chub back on tour with the Series for the past three events.

"We weren't very good back at home at Stateline Speedway so we just came up with something I wanted to try different," said Chub. "Last night it was pretty good and we stuck with it tonight. It needs a little tweaking and we were a little soft on tires compared to Brandon [Sheppard]. I didn't know what lap we were on so I probably saved my tires a little too much. I know we couldn't do anything with Brandon but maybe Mike and I could of have a little better of a race."

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series returns to action on June 21-22-23 for the 12th annual Firecracker 100.

### Marlar Rocks Ransomville Return

RANSOMVILLE, NY - The World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series returned to Ransomville Speedway for the first time in 13 years on Friday evening and the Sears Craftsman Feature proved to be worth the wait.

The 50-lap event saw three different race leaders but it was Mike Marlar who claimed the victory and the \$10,000 payday. The driver out of Winfield, TN commandeered the lead of the feature with only 10 laps remaining in the event bypassing Brandon Sheppard, Chase Jung-hans, Chris Madden and Chub Frank for the top spot.

"Honestly, it took me a while to figure out the race track," said Marlar. "It kind of had some dirty spots and took me about 15-20 laps to figure out what I was doing wrong. Once I got that cleared up this thing came to life. Fun race and I'm glad I got by those guys."

Wheelman of the Rocket1 Racing machine, Sheppard claimed the lead from pole sitter Tyler Erb on lap 11 and began to set a torrid pace ahead of the field. Unfortunately for Erb, who was having one of his best runs of his 2018 season, on lap 23 he suffered a flat right front putting him into the wall in turn one. Erb returned to the track only to retire from the race on lap 30.

Sheppard held more than a two second lead over several ongoing battles for second and third involving Madden, Marlar, Chub, and Junghans. In only two laps time, Marlar sliced Sheppard's lead by more than half. Marlar made the move on the outside and passed

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Sheppard at the line on lap 40. By the time the checkers fell, Marlar had created a 2.115 second lead.

"I've got to say thanks to my crew Jerry [Sprouse] and Josh [Davis] and my wife [Stacey] as well as Brian Daugherty and Erik from Integra who are here this week helping us and everyone from Rocket," said Marlar.

"We had an up and down night. I had the radiator knocked out after the heat and this and that. I'd like to thank them guys. I get to stand up here and be the hero but those boys are always pulling it off."

Before continuing his celebration in Victory Lane, Marlar took a moment to share a heartfelt condolence on behalf of the recent passing of long-time World of Outlaws scorer and girlfriend of Series' Announcer Rick Eshelman, Sandy Holt.

"I'd like to give my [cardboard] check to Rick Eshelman tonight. I don't know if anyone has ever done that but he just lost his long-time girlfriend and he has been a special guy in racing," added Marlar. "When I heard the news [about Sandy] I wanted to do something nice for Rick, so here's my chance. I appreciate you supporting us and doing everything you do. You're a really awesome guy. He's taking it

pretty good for as tough of a hit it was. We are really lucky to have him and wouldn't want to do it without him."

Sheppard finished second in the World of Outlaws shootout at Ransomville Speedway.

"It was a pretty crazy race out there," said Sheppard. "It got really dusty and if I got off the bottom I couldn't really see where I was going...I think Mikey had a little better tires on than I did so hats off to him. He caught me sleeping down here on this end on the top. We had a really good piece and a really good weekend so far. We'll take a second place... We have a pretty good run going here so hopefully, we can keep it going the rest of the year.

Junghans rounded out the podium by tying his best World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series finish of the season with a third-place run.

"Hopefully we get [a win] pretty soon but I'll take it after last night," said Junghans on his 13th place finish at Stateline Speedway one night prior. "Hopefully we're going in the right direction."

## Contact at Stateline Speedway Causes Controversy Between Sheppard and Madden

BUSTI, NY - Brandon Sheppard collected his fourth World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series win of the 2018 season at Stateline Speedway on Thursday evening. The New Berlin, IL driver

hijacked the lead from Chris Madden on lap 35 after a restart. As the drivers headed into turn two, contact was made ultimately sending Madden in a 180-degree spin and to a complete stop. Madden, who had led every lap up until that point, was then sent to the tail of the field.

"I mean, I obviously didn't mean to do that to Chris," explained Sheppard in Victory Lane. "He had a pretty good car there and we were racing pretty hard and he went to the middle there where he had been running before that restart and I really didn't expect him to turn down that hard. I was carving around the bottom there and we just, I don't know, we just can watch the video but I didn't mean to do that. If he's listening back there [in the pits] I just apologize for that."

The New Berlin, IL driver started fifth in the 50-lap event and used the top side of the track to his advantage in gaining early momentum.

"I was trying to get as many cars as I could as early as I could because I knew that top [side of the track] was going to go away at some point," said Sheppard. "I was probably going to run second there and me and Chris just got together there. I hate it for him. I definitely didn't want to win it that way... [but] we'll take the win. It's definitely been a long time coming (May 3 at Lavonia Speedway). We've had a rough streak here and it's nice to be back on the podium."

Current Series Points leader, Madden finished 12th in the event. When asked to comment on what happened on the track he quietly

smiled and shook his head. He had nothing more to say about the incident.

Sheppard's victory and Madden's misfortune has once again tightened the points race. Madden now sits just 16 points ahead of Mike Marlar, 46 points ahead of Sheppard and 76 points ahead of Shane Clanton. The Rocket 1 Racing machine was trailing by 70 points prior to the shootout at Stateline Speedway.

Finishing second in the feature was a local standout, Darrell Bossard of Titusville, PA.

"We've had some bad luck with this car this year but it's been really fast," said Bossard.

"Racing with these guys is really a dream. You grow up and you dream of racing with Mike [Marlar], and Brandon [Sheppard], and Shane [Clanton] and all of those guys. I remember watching Rick [Eckert] as a kid and driving by Rick Eckert tonight is something I thought I'd never do."

Mike Marlar rounded out the podium at Stateline Speedway. Marlar charged to a third place finish after starting seventh.

"I was trying to stay out of trouble and do the best we can do here," said Marlar. "There will be nights we'll have some but luckily we've dodged it so far. It helped a little on the points lead but I hate to see them guys get together like that. It's slick, it's slow and everybody is fighting for their own little lane on that bottom. I think Chris maybe arched out but I don't know. I couldn't really tell what was going on."

## Hudson O'Neal Earns First Lucas Oil Win at Magnolia

COLUMBUS, MS - Hudson O'Neal took the lead from defending Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Champion, Josh Richards with seven laps to go and held off a hard-charging Bobby Pierce to score the \$20,000 victory in the Country Pleasin' "Clash at the Mag" at Magnolia Motor

Speedway.

The 17-year-old, third generation driver battled amongst the top five for most of the race before beginning his charge to the front. O'Neal moved around Tim McCreadie to take second and then

tracked down race-leader Josh Richards, who had been in control for much of the race. O'Neal dove to the inside of Richards coming off of turn with seven circuits remaining to take the top spot. He then had to contend with Pierce, who had pitted earlier in the race and charged all the way through the field to give O'Neal a challenge in the closing laps.

Pierce finished in second with Josh Richards, Scott Bloomquist and Tim McCreadie completing the top ten.

In earning his first-career Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory, O'Neal, son of former series champion Don O'Neal (who finished seventh in the race), received several congratulatory wishes from his fa-

ther, his crew, and other competitors as he gave an emotional victory lane speech.

"I can't believe it," said the driver who had posted seven consecutive top ten finishes in LOLMDS competition before making only his second-career start at Magnolia. "I just saved my stuff there early on. That was a great race. I just wanted to keep the tires under me and not abuse them. I stayed down there on the bottom where there was enough moisture to catch Josh."

"Josh and I had a good battle there for a few laps. He raced me clean and I can't thank him enough. I hope the fans who watched this enjoyed it, because I sure did. I have to thank my car owners Todd and Vickie Burns, my crew chief Taylon Center and the entire team. Both Josh and Bobby ran a great race, it was a lot of fun."

Pierce, who pitted around lap 20 charged to a runner-up finish.

"I thought I had a shot on the last lap. There was a lapped car there, I drove around the outside, but came up just short. I banged the wall a few times. I hope I didn't mess up anything on the car. Congrats to Hud on the win. That was so cool to see him win," said the driver of the Dunn-Benson Ford, Campbell University, Rocket.

Richards, who led several laps during the 100-lap event was looking for his first LOLMDS since February.

"When Timmy [McCreadie] got into me a little bit I think it cut my tire. I was hanging on and here comes Hudson on the bottom. I am happy for him to get the win. He's a good kid," said the driver of the Best Performance Motorsports, Colt Firearms, Rocket.

Completing the top ten were Earl Pearson Jr., Don O'Neal, Jonathan Davenport, Mason Zeigler and Spencer Hughes.

## Bellm Battles To Double X Speedway Win With ASCS Warrior Region

CALIFORNIA, MO - Earning his sixth career win with the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps, Kyle Bellm battled from the sixth starting spot to lead the final six rounds at Double X Speedway.

An almost constant three car race for the lead, the point was held by T.J. Muths the first 19 revolutions.

Moving to fourth on Lap 10, Bellm joined the race for the lead a few laps later. Into second on Lap 19, the following trip around the quarter mile saw the No. 14k take the top-spot from Muths.

In the mix for the lead, Evan Martin would end up one spot shy with Jonathan Cornell making his return to action with a third place finish. Tyler Blank and Miles Paulus made the top-five.

Muths would end up sixth with Riley Kreisel, Curtis Evans, Taylor Walton, and Aidan Roosevans making the top-ten.

The Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps goes green again at Legit Speedway Park on June 23. Following that, the series will see three nights of racing with the Tiger Towing Red, White, and Blue Tour on June 29 at Missouri State Fair Speedway, June 30 at Lake Ozark Speedway, and July 1 at Double X Speedway. Anyone who can double up on wins will get a \$500 bonus. A sweep of

the weekend will land another \$500. Valley Park Retirement Center is handing out a \$200 Hard Charger award each night.

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 over 150 across the ASCS Nation in 2018, log onto <http://www.ascsracing.com>, follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter (@LucasOilASCs).

### Koty Adams Snags ASCS Gulf South Win at Battleground Speedway

HIGHLANDS, TX - Returning to Battleground Speedway 10 months after nearly being destroyed by Hurricane Harvey, the Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region added another name to the list of winners with Louisiana's Koty Adams getting the job done.

The second career ASCS victory for Adams, his last win came on September 7, 2012, with the ASCS Lone Star Region at Texarkana 67 Speedway.

Holding off several attempts at the lead by Channin Tankersley over the final three laps, Adams is the 62nd driver to score a win with the ASCS Gulf South Region and the fourth different winner in just as many events on the 2018 season.

Tankersley in second was followed by Caleb Martin. Ray Allen Kulhanek and Dustin Gates made up the top-five. Tommy Bryant, Dale Wester, Larry Howery, Chris



Kyle Bellm celebrates in victory lane after winning with the ASCS Warrior Region at Double X Speedway. (Terry Ford photo)

Sweeney, and Bruce Crockett made up the top-ten.

The Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region is back in action at Battleground Speedway on Saturday, June 30.

### Swindell Caps ASCS Speedweek Championship With Salina Speedway Victory

SALINA, KS - The 2018 ASCS Sizzlin' Summer Speedweek wrapped up on Saturday night with Sammy Swindell grabbing his third win of the week and the Speedweek Championship in the A.G. Rains owned No. 3.

"To be a guy that's almost 63 years old, I'm just blessed to be able to do this and that He gave me the passion, the drive, and the talent to get this done," stated Sammy, who is the third member of the Swindell family to win at the

Salina Speedway; joining son, Kevin, and brother, Jeff, on the list of winners at the three-eighths-mile Kansas oval since 2012.

Rolling seventh to first in his Heat Race to be the FSR Radiator High Point Driver for the A-Feature, Swindell capped that off with drawing the pole for the A-Feature.

Taking the lead over Jeff Stasa going into the first two turns, Swindell was trailed early by Skylar Gee. Steadily pulling away, even through cautions, the race for second picked up as Gee slipped to the top of the track through turns three and four on Lap 14. Letting Wayne Johnson race into the runner-up spot, the Outlaw Wings No. 2c fought through a gaggle of slower cars to finally get clean race track between himself and Swindell.

With the No. 3 held up by slower traffic, Johnson closed a straight-away advantage to mere car lengths only to see the caution

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Koty Adams raced his way to victory lane with the ASCS Gulf South Region at Battleground Speedway. (Ron Skinner photo)



Sammy Swindell grabbed his third win of the week during the 2018 ASCS Sizzlin' Summer Speedweek with a victory at Salina Speedway. (Flat Out Photography photo)

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lights blink on with 26 laps complete for Johnny Herrera who suffered a collapsed top-wing.

Pulling away on the restart, the checkered flag would be delayed as the caution flew just as Swindell rounded the fourth turn on the white flag lap for Sam Hafertepe, Jr. who has rolled to a stop in turn four.

Back to the last completed lap, the green, white, checkered restart saw Swindell run away. Second attempt at the final lap, Sammy slipped off the bottom groove exiting turn-two. With room to breathe, Sammy was able to get the car back underneath him to capture the win by 0.884 seconds.

"We kind of wore the tires down, and the caution let the pressures go down, so when I went in the back bottomed out and then it pushed so I missed that one little spot where the rubber was," explained Sammy. "I knew from our start we pulled a gap. A lot of times if I ran it harder into one, it would stick a lot better, but that time with the pressures too low, it pushed."

Wayne Johnson grabbed second with Skylar Gee posting his best finish of the season in third.

John Carney II held onto fourth with Seth Bergman coming from ninth to round out the top-five. Racing back and forth with Carney and Bergman, the No. 95 of Matt Covington ended up sixth with Blake Hahn seventh from 13th. Jack Dover was eighth with Jeff Stasa in tow. The top-ten rounded out with Harli White coming up from 17th.

Up next for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com, the tour will head for the 47th Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup presented by the Skagit Casino Resort on June 21, 22, and 23. Ticket information on and more can be found online at [www.skagit-speedway.com](http://www.skagit-speedway.com).

## Swindell Triumphs With Lucas Oil ASCS In First Creek County Speedway Visit

SAPULPA, OK - It's not often that there is a track that Sammy Swindell has not raced at, but Thursday night was indeed the case at Creek County Speedway. That, of course, didn't slow the wily

veteran down as Sammy picked up his second victory of the season with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com.

"You had to get on the wheel to race this place. We were lucky enough we had a good car that we could run a bunch of different lines, but I was worried there at the end getting on those lapped cars. They were all running together, and it seems like this week I've been on the wrong end, but tonight, I was on the right end.

Caution on Lap 1, the red followed on the restart as Alex Hill went flipping wildly down the front straightaway after contact with Sam Hafertepe, Jr. who had a run on the No. 77x exiting the fourth turn. Alex was unharmed, and the race resumed with Swindell in the runner-up spot to Scott Bogucki.

Bounding to the lead on Lap 2 with a high line pass on the Sawblade.com No. 28 off the fourth turn, Sammy shut down any move on the bottom through turns one and two to begin pulling away down the back straightaway.

Able to continue after the earlier contact from Alex Hill, the No. 15h of Sam Hafertepe, Jr. worked to second following a Lap 4 restart to begin hunting Sammy Swindell.

Taking the high line to build momentum, Hafertepe and Swindell began trading slide jobs at both ends of the quarter-mile oval. Across and under through several laps, Swindell was able to edge Hafertepe for the lead. Finally getting the advantage on Lap 11, Hafertepe's lead was short-lived. Swapping lines, Sammy was able to force Hafertepe on the brakes as the pair worked to the half-way point.

"I knew I was getting too slow off the bottom when he slid me, so I

just had to go to the top and hustle the car," commented Swindell of the race with Hafertepe. "I'm just grateful for all the fans out here and truly blessed to be here. Another new track and I'm undefeated."

Into traffic shortly after, Sammy steadily pulled away.

Bottled up by slower traffic in the final five laps, it was not enough to allow Hafertepe a chance at the lead. Crossing 2.244 seconds to the good, Sammy Swindell was chased to the line by Sam Hafertepe, Jr. Entering the night 15 points ahead of Seth Bergman in the championship chase, Hafertepe left Creek County Speedway with a 35-point advantage over Blake Hahn, who claimed the show positions on the final lap over Scott Bogucki. Crossing in fifth was Roger Crockett.

Oklahoma's Alex Sewell moved from 12th to sixth with Chris Martin posting another strong finish in seventh. Dropping to third in tour standings, Seth Bergman had to dig his way from 14th to eighth. Kyle Bellm in ninth was followed by 15th starting, Travis Rilal, in 10th.

## Wayne Johnson Leads It All at Lawton With The Lucas Oil ASCS

LAWTON, OK - Rolling into Lawton Speedway with a Speedweek that has kicked him at every turn, Wayne Johnson kicked back and brought his own confetti to the party. Grabbing the lead from the second starting spot, Wayne led start to finish aboard the Outlaw Wings No. 2c with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com.

Johnson's second score of the season with the National Tour of the American Sprint Car Series, the Oklahoma City native held off

Sammy Swindell on the closing lap for his 52nd career triumph. Four races into the 2018 ASCS Sizzlin' Summer Speedweek, just as many drivers have earned a win.

Tiptoeing around the cushion of the quarter-mile oval, Johnson was cautiously aggressive as he and Swindell began working slower traffic. Only leaving the high-side a couple times to slide the lapped cars, each time allowed Swindell to close in but didn't allow the A.G. Rains owned No. 3 enough room to make a move.

"There just wasn't a lot of room around the bottom to make anything happen and even these lapped cars are pretty fast. With about three or four to go, I ran up on Harli White and I just decided to follow here. I figured if Sammy wanted to get around me, he could, but you know A.G. helped me earlier. I had a bad shock and my dyno is broken, and he pointed it out. We got is switched and had a completely different car tonight," explained Johnson.

Red to start things off as Skylar Gee went for a ride off the second turn, the restart was followed by several cautions. Starting with a yellow on Lap 2 for Sam Hafertepe, Jr. who collided with the back straightaway wall battling for third with Roger Crockett, the No. 15h was unable to return to competition.

Red on Lap 4 for Kyle Clark, a pair of cautions followed to keep the race to five laps complete. Back underway with Johnson stalked by Swindell and Crockett, the race went caution free the rest of the way.

Grabbing the win by 0.746 seconds, Sammy Swindell's runner-up finish is his fifth podium run in as many nights and second silver finish in a row.

On the last lap charge, Sammy explained, "I probably could have pinched him there pretty good. I had enough room to get up there, but I wouldn't have been able to get off there clean with him so once I got there, I wanted to let him see me and maybe he'd look and jump the cushion a little bit, but he didn't."

Continuing a strong run through Speedweek, Blake Hahn raced to the final podium step in the Griffith Truck and Equipment No. 52. Rolling across fourth was Seth Bergman. With Hafertepe ending up with a 21st place finish, the No. 23 closed the gap to 15 points for the top of the championship standings. Rounding out the top-five,

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Wayne Johnson lead from start to finish to win at Lawton Speedway. (Richard Bales photo)

## Donny Schatz Continues Dominance at River Cities

GRAND FORKS, ND - North Dakota's own Donny Schatz continued his dominance at River Cities Speedway, passing race-long leader Kerry Madsen on Lap 25 to win his 11th World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Feature of 2018. It was Schatz's sixth win in his last seven starts at the bullring. Brad

Sweet came forward to finish second with Madsen settling for third.

The "Mad Man" Kerry Madsen won the Sears Craftsman Dash, earning the pole for the 40-lap Feature alongside Schatz. Local driver Austin Pierce brought out the first of many cautions in the lengthy event, flipping off the banking on the opening lap. Pierce, the 2017 NOSA Sprints Champion, was uninjured in the accident.

Madsen got the jump on the start once again, utilizing the bottom of the speedway as Schatz pounded the cushion. Lap 6 saw third-starting Austin McCarl go for a light tumble in turn four, bringing

out the Red Flag once again. McCarl completed the race with a damaged top wing.

Four laps later, Cory Eliason and Jade Hastings bounced off the racing surface, bringing out another caution and keeping the leaders out of lapped traffic. On each restart, Schatz, on the top, was able to stay with Madsen for a lap or two before the Australian would distance himself on the bottom.

Sheldon Haudenschield's Stenhouse Jr.-Marshall Racing No.17 lost power while running sixth on Lap 17, bringing out the caution. A caution on the ensuing double-file restart brought the field back to Green under single-file conditions.

Following that caution, for the first time, the leaders reached traffic on the bullring. Lapped cars were littered all over the racing surface. Madsen was able to clear the first few cars getting underneath them while remaining committed to the bottom.

Schatz would follow suit on the bottom by some of the lappers, but the entire capacity crowd at River Cities Speedway knew the Tony Stewart Racing No.15 would be able to maintain speed on the

cushion as well.

Schatz capitalized on Madsen's inability to clear a slower car on the backstretch, powering around the No.2M off of turn four to lead Lap 25. Schatz used the same line to clear the lapped car before getting back to the bottom to protect the lead.

Brad Sweet followed Schatz on the cushion around Madsen as well and would line up next to Schatz with eight laps remaining after the caution flew for Jason Johnson. Schatz motored away on the restart and did the same thing on the final restart with four laps to go to win his 11th Feature of the 2018 campaign and extend his lead atop the Point Standings.

Sweet would finish 2.369 seconds behind the Fargo, ND native with Madsen settling for third.

"I kept trying that top and I knew if we got into traffic I might be able to make it work," Schatz said in Victory Lane. When asked about the multitude of cautions, Schatz simply cited that they are part of racing, but the early cautions had him wondering how the track would change as the race would go on. The North Dakota native savored the emotion of the hometown victory saying, "You never know when your last win is going to be."

Brad Sweet was upbeat about

his runner-up finish. "We were fast, I had a couple of lines working in one and two. I would have liked to give Donny a better run for his money, but he never missed a mark out front. Eventually, we'll figure out how to beat him here," Sweet added with a smile.

Kerry Madsen led the first 24 laps but settled for third after losing the lead in lapped traffic. "I didn't do a good enough job. I became immobile in traffic. I tried to play a patient game and I should have been more aggressive," Madsen said honestly before thanking his team for giving him a great car.

Shane Stewart had a strong run coming from 11th to finish fourth with Daryn Pittman completing the top five. Dominic Scelzi charged from 21st to sixth, but Mark Dobeier grabbed KSE Hard Charger honors coming from a provisional starting 25th to finish ninth. The massive crowd at River Cities was engaged all evening, especially when track regular Thomas Kennedy set Quick Time and won his Heat Race.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series continues its 40th Anniversary Season Sunday at Nodak Speedway in Minot, ND. If you can't make it to the track, watch every lap LIVE on DIRTVision.com.

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John Carney II was the night's CP-Carrillo Hard Charger of the Night with a run from 13th to fifth.

Roger Crockett ended up sixth with Johnny Herrera battling back to seventh after falling to 10th early on. Chris Martin from 14th ran to eighth with Jake Bubak and Travis Rilat making up the top-ten.

## Scott Bogucki Breaks Through at The Devil's Bowl

MESQUITE, TX - Becoming the fourth Australian to capture a win with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com, McLaren Vale's Scott Bogucki captured his first career victory on Tuesday night in the Sawblade.com/Dissolvalloy No. 28 at the Devil's Bowl Speedway.

Bogucki is the 142nd driver to win with the National Tour of the American Sprint Car Series, and



Scott Bogucki celebrates his first career victory with the Lucas Oil ASCS. (Richard Bales photo)

10th different winner of the 2018 season. Scott joins Brooke Tatnell, Ian Madsen, and Jamie Veal on the list of Australian winners.

Holding off Sammy Swindell as the pair raced through slower traffic, Bogucki was like a Shark after his prey to keep the BMRS No. 3 at bay. Bobbling just one time through turns three and four just after the race's half-way point, Swindell mounted a charge but was unable to get by the No. 28 for the lead.

With traffic playing to his favor with five laps to go, Bogucki was able to put some breathing room

between himself and Swindell. Clearing the slower cars with two circuits remaining, Sammy closed to within 10 car lengths before the drop of the checkered flag.

Asked what the win meant to Scott, the Brodix Rookie of the Year contender replied, "This is unbelievable. I came over six years ago as a crew guy and I worked for Sammy and as far as I'm concerned, he's as good as they come. To beat him, it makes it even sweeter."

Adding to the story, the first track Scott raced at in the United States

was the Devil's Bowl Speedway.

"I came here four years ago and ran one night. Honestly, I never figured I'd get my first win on a half-mile, much less here. We've really struggled here a lot in the past, but this year's we've actually been good, just didn't have a lot of luck, but tonight just went our way."

Swindell in second is the 36th time the wily veteran has finished on the podium with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com. His fourth consecutive trip to the podium this season, Swindell was chased to the line by Blake Hahn. Falling to fourth in the early laps, Hahn was able to get back to the show position with two laps to go.

Challenging for the lead at one point with Swindell and Bogucki, a misstep in traffic relegated Sam Hafertepe, Jr. to fourth with Travis Rilat crossing in fifth.

A rebound performance after struggling as of late, Roger Crockett was sixth with Wayne Johnson in tow. Seth Bergman moved up to eighth after starting 10th with Tony Bruce, Jr. ninth. The night's CP-Carrillo Hard Charger, Oklahoma's Matt Covington made up the top-ten.

## Aaron Reutzel Claims Round Three of Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek at Waynesfield

WAYNESFIELD, OH - Becoming the third different Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by C&R Racing main event winner in as many nights, Clute, Texas' own Aaron Reutzel did what seemed to be the im-

possible on Sunday night during his visit to Waynesfield Raceway Park and drove around NASCAR star Kyle Larson to pick up his third Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 main event victory of the 2018 season.

Ending a chase that commenced on the opening circuit, Aaron Reutzel made his winning move on lap 19, ultimately driving around race-long leader Larson as the pair battled down the back straightaway. Reutzel was on the heels of the Elk Grove, Calif., native for a number of circuits before making his move, keeping his Baughman-Reutzel Motorsports machine within just a few car lengths as the duo raced through traffic that started to assemble as early as lap 13.

Once in command, it was semi-smooth sailing for Reutzel, keeping upwards of four lapped cars between himself and Larson for the rest of the 35-lap distance. Unfortunately for Larson, an abrasive surface that eventually led to a rubbered-up surface around the bottom of the speedway kept the recent Eldora winner from making up any ground on Reutzel.

Lockbourne, Ohio's Cole Duncan crossed under the final checkers just behind Reutzel and Larson, followed by Dave Blaney and Speedweek opening night winner Paul McMahan.

"I was really hoping to get the jump during the initial start," Aaron Reutzel said, driver of the Baughman-Reutzel Motorsports/Folkens Brothers Trucking/Precision Catalyst/No. 87 entry. "Kyle (Larson) started to move down the track because he knew the rubber was coming. At that point, I was just searching for something else; anything I could do to get by him before things got locked-down. I think after I got by him, it was locked-down two laps later. I figured if I

could get to the front, I would be OK, but you can never be too sure about Kyle. You can never count him out of anything."

Aaron Reutzel and Kyle Larson led the field to green on Sunday night at Waynesfield Raceway Park. Larson earned the early jump, leading Reutzel, Duncan, and Spencer Bayston by the flag-stand for the first time.

The first seven circuits went non-stop for Larson, just beginning to race into traffic when the main event's first and only caution appeared on lap eight. Up until that point, Larson was in complete control, utilizing all lanes of the 1/3-mile, high-banked, dirt oval to maintain a quick pace.

After green flag conditions returned, Reutzel was able to keep Larson in range, actually moving in within a car length as the laps clicked near halfway. Reutzel's winning move started one lap prior, using a big run off of turn four on the 18th circuit to pressure Larson in turns one and two. Reutzel's momentum on the topside was greater than Larson's through the middle, utilizing just enough boost from the thin, narrow cushion to drive by Larson on lap 19.

"John Folkens is actually with us here tonight. He is in the stands so I can't thank him enough for what



Aaron Reutzel raced his way to his third victory of the season by passing Kyle Larson for the win at Waynesfield Raceway Park. (Paul Arch photo)

he does for this team. It's really cool to get this done with him here," Aaron Reutzel continued. "My team gave me a great race car here tonight. I just can't thank everyone enough."

### **Kyle Larson Holds Back Macedo and Blaney for Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by C&R Racing Victory at The Big E**

ROSSBURG, OH - After spending the entire morning and an early portion of the afternoon rebuilding a car in the hotel parking lot, Elk Grove, California's Kyle Larson rewarded his crew in a big way on Saturday night by claiming round

two of Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by C&R Racing at the world-famous Eldora Speedway. Larson's first-ever Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 triumph at the World's Greatest Dirt Track was accomplished his fantastic fashion, climbing ahead from eighth on the starting grid, ultimately withstanding a last lap surge by the "Buckeye Bullet" Dave Blaney to score the \$5,000 payday.

Fellow California native Carson Macedo would sneak by Blaney in the final two corners to finish second at the final checkers, followed by Blaney, Tim Shaffer, and Clute, Texas, native Aaron Reutzel.

"I'm so happy to get it done here tonight for my guys. Paul Silva and the crew built this car this morning; (Continued Next Page)

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this is a brand new car from the tires up. We got here just in time to catch the drivers meeting and get in the seat for hot laps," Kyle Larson said, driver of the Paul Silva-owned/Brandt/Eneos/Finley Farms/Priority Aviation/No. 57 sprinter. "I made a mistake last night and it cost us a car. This really makes up for that. I've now won in every kind of car I

have ever raced here at Eldora. That's pretty cool considering I've only raced here like ten times."

Forced to start on the outside of row four by way of dash result, Larson, who was taking advantage of an off-weekend from NASCAR competition to battle with Tony Stewart's All Stars, wasted little time advancing to the front of the field, boosting himself to fourth as the front-runners raced by the flagstand for the first time.

By lap seven, Larson worked his way to second, now in pursuit of race-long leader, Aaron Reutzel, who owned a commanding lead equalling just over two seconds. Just two circuits later, Larson was on the tail tank of Reutzel, chasing the Baughman-Reutzel Motorsports entry through turns one and two on lap ten, eventually utilizing a slingshot move off of the corner to squeeze between Reutzel and a lapped car as the leaders raced down the back straightaway. Larson's brave move worked, leading Reutzel to the line to officially lead lap ten.

Although impressive, Larson's first campaign at the front of the field was short-lived as Dave Blaney was able to put the moves on the NASCAR star by using his preferred line through the middle of the speedway. Soon enough, Blaney caught Larson to take command on lap 13.

A pair of cautions on lap 17 and lap 19 gave Larson two opportunities to regain the top spot from the former World of Outlaws champion. Although the first attempt failed, unable to drive by the Premier Motorsports entry as the pair raced through turns one and two on lap 17, the second attempt proved to be more successful, allowing Larson to build enough momentum on the topside of the speedway to chase down Blaney by lap 23. On lap 24, Larson made a perfect bid



**Kyle Larson captured round two of the Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by C&R Racing at Eldora Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)**

for the race lead by sticking a text-book slider between turns one and two. Although escaping into traffic, Blaney never gave up, actually tracking down Larson before attempting a last-ditch effort slider in turn one on the final circuit. The slidejob attempt was unsuccessful.

"I actually saw Dave (Blaney) attempt to drive under me at one point there toward the end," Kyle Larson continued. "Once I got to the top, I could really build some momentum."

The victory was Larson's seventh against the All Star Circuit of Champions.

### **Paul McMahan Wins at Attica to Open Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek**

ATTICA, OH - It took Paul McMahan nearly 16 years to snap his All Star Circuit of Champions winless streak just one week ago in Dundee, New York. Now, the

Nashville native via Elk Grove, Calif., is a two-time All Star winner in 2018, earning the \$5,000 payday at Attica Raceway Park to open the 36th edition of Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by C&R Racing.

McMahan, driver of the No. 13 sprint car, earned his fifth-career All Star victory by displaying patience and persistence, battling within the top-five the entire 40-lap distance before taking over the top spot for the final time on lap 25. With a little help from race leader, Aaron Reutzel, McMahan was able to take advantage of Reutzel's misfortune with the turn four wall to inherit the top spot, driving on to score his first-ever victory at Attica Raceway Park.

"Today is Bryan Clauson's birthday and I parked it for him," said an excited Paul McMahan in Attica victory lane. "This has been a long time coming. I think I ran second here a few times but never got it done. To get it done here tonight to



**Paul McMahan opened the Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek with a win at Attica Raceway Park. (Paul Arch photo)**

open up Speedweek is pretty special. My team worked their butts off to get us to this point. We have a long week ahead of us. To begin Speedweek with a victory will set the tone for the next eight races."

Despite the turn four wall being the benefactor, McMahan was in the hunt all 40 circuits. Starting from the inside of row two, McMahan's first, successful bid for the top spot occurred on lap 19, actually gaining command after race-long leader and NASCAR star, Kyle Larson, made contact with the turn four wall leaving his car heavily damaged. Larson eventually slowed resulting in a caution; he would not return.

On the ensuing restart, Reutzel, the evening's pole-sitter who was racing in the runner-up spot the entire distance, worked around McMahan to lead lap 20, pounding the cushion in turns three and four to drive around the familiar No. 13 sprinter. Although Reutzel was able to maintain a quick pace around the topside of the speedway, McMahan's preferred bottom groove was working just fine, keeping pace with the Clute, Texas, native as the laps counted down.

Just four circuits later, Reutzel would fall victim to the same patch of retaining wall as Larson, ultimately making contact with the turn four barrier. Reutzel's mishap and loss of momentum would allow McMahan to slip by and take control again on lap 25. Keeping pace with McMahan for the next several circuits, Reutzel's No. 87 would eventually succumb, forced to retire on lap 30.

From that point forward, it was all McMahan at the front of the field, but not without pressure from another NASCAR star, Kasey Kahne. Kahne, who maintained a spot within the top-five all 40 laps after starting alongside McMahan during the initial start, attempted his best Jac Haudenschild impression in an attempt to drive around McMahan for the lead.

Fortunately for McMahan, Kahne's momentum was shut down by the turn four wall, nearly toppling the Kasey Kahne Racing entry before miraculously regaining control. Kahne's misfortune was enough to allow McMahan to escape from the rest of the field, driving away to a near-three second lead at the finish.

Also utilizing Kahne's momentum loss, local favorite Byron Reed was able to use a late surge to finish second at the line, followed by Jac Haudenschild, Cale Thomas, and Kasey Kahne.

## Sonoma Raceway

SONOMA, CA - Sonoma Raceway has teamed up with Friedman's Home Improvement to host an unforgettable pre-race show before the Toyota/Save Mart 350 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series on Sunday, June 24.

Race-day entertainment kicks off at 10 a.m., so fans are strongly encouraged to arrive early to enjoy all the action-packed fun. Fans looking for

exclusive access to drivers, cars and entertainment will want to purchase the Total Access Pass, which includes access to the NASCAR Drivers' Meeting, Pre-Race Pass, a reserved seat in the Main Grandstand or Turn 2 Terrace and FanVision controller rental.

Throughout the pre-race show, Sonoma Raceway will honor first responders and local heroes as part of its "Sonoma Rising" program, an initiative to honor those affected by the devastating wildfires that ravaged the North Bay in October.

Here is what fans can expect during this year's pre-race show, all powered by Friedman's Home Improvement:

- NASCAR Drivers' Meeting (10 a.m.): Fans who purchased the Total Access package will be granted access to the NASCAR Drivers' Meeting inside Sonoma Raceway's famed Turn 11 hairpin.

- Aerial Stunt Performance by Wild Thing Airshows (10:15 a.m.): "Wild Thing" Steve Stavrakakis will dazzle fans from the sky in his rare ex-Romanian Military IAR-823 aircraft during this incredible air show. His European and extreme style of flying has led him to some of the most prestigious shows, including the National Championship Reno Air Races and the Red Bull Air Race Championship for FOX Sports.

- "Chat with the Champ" Q&A with Martin Truex Jr. (10:25 a.m.): Continue the celebration with reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Champion Martin Truex Jr. during a special "Chat with the Champ" Q&A session on the pre-race stage.

- Patriots Jet Team Air Show (10:45 a.m.): The Patriots Jet Team will electrify race fans with a 25-minute air show just one-hour before the green flag drops! The demonstration will feature six-L-39

albatross jets strutting their fast-paced formation flying, choreographed six-jet diamond-formation aerobatic maneuvers and their signature "Tail Slide," where the aircraft actually slides backwards toward the ground.

- Hometown Hero Recognition (11:15 a.m.): Race fans have submitted nominations for Sonoma County residents who were particularly heroic during the fires. Nominees included first responders, community members or public servants. The winning hero will be recognized during pre-race ceremonies.

America the Beautiful: Technical Sergeant Dan Olivas from the Air National Guard Band of the West Coast will sing America the Beautiful.

Presentation of Colors: The Cal-Fire Honor Guard will present the nation's colors prior to the National Anthem.

- Driver Introductions (11:20 a.m.): The Toyota/Save Mart 350 starting grid will walk the "cat walk" before taking their pre-race parade lap. The top-10 drivers will be introduced alongside first responders from North Bay agencies that responded during the fires. Be sure you've purchased your Total Access Pass to get an up-close look at driver introductions.

National Anthem performed by Meggie Cansler: Broadway star Meggie Cansler will salute our country by performing the national anthem. Cansler, who has performed in *Wicked* on Broadway, will appear in concert in Transcendence Theatre Company's Broadway Under the Stars at Sonoma Valley's Jack London state Park, which runs through Sept. 9.

Save Mart Giant Shopping Cart: Save Mart Supermarkets will take its giant 12-foot shopping cart for a lap around the road course.

National Anthem Flyover by Oregon Air National Guard: Two F-15 Fighter Jets from the Oregon Air National Guard will soar through the sky immediately following the national anthem. The 173rd Fighter Wing out of Kingsley Field in Southern Oregon is the sole F-15C training base for the United States Air Force. They are responsible for producing the best air-to-air combat pilots in the world!

Pace Car Driver: Legendary road racer and Northern California native Scott Pruett will pilot the Toyota Camry pace car to lead the Toyota/Save Mart 350 field.

Drivers, Start Your Engines: Toyota/Save Mart 350 Grand Marshal Jonny Mosley and special guests

of Toyota will give the most famous words in motorsports to fire up the engines for 110 laps on the Sonoma Valley road course!

Tickets, parking and transportation are all still available for the Toyota/Save Mart 350 weekend, June 22-24. For more information, call 800-870-7223, visit [www.sonomaraceway.com](http://www.sonomaraceway.com).

## Daytona Int'l Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Bubba Wallace, fresh off a runner-up finish in the prestigious season-opening DAYTONA 500, will be the centerpiece of a special ticket package when he returns for the upcoming 60th Coke Zero Sugar 400 on Saturday night, July 7 at Daytona International Speedway.

Daytona International Speedway has designed a ticket package around Wallace, who will be carrying the colors of the U.S. Air Force on the No. 43 Richard Petty Motorsports Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 for the Independence Day holiday weekend event.

The ticket package, available starting at \$99 per ticket for adults and \$24 for children 12 and under, includes:

- A reserved seat to the Coke Zero Sugar 400
- UNOH Fanzone/Pre-Race access
- 15-minute question-and-answer session with Wallace in a Midway suite
- Autographed Bubba Wallace hero card

Tickets for the Bubba Wallace ticket package are limited and available at [www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/bubbawallace](http://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/bubbawallace) or by calling 1-800-PITSHOP.

The 24-year-old Wallace is competing in his rookie campaign in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. He opened the season with a second-place finish in the DAYTONA 500, the highest finish by a full-time rookie driver in "The Great American Race." In 2013, Wallace became the first African-American driver to win in one of NASCAR's national Series since 1963 when he captured a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway.

Tickets for Coke Zero Sugar 400 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race on Saturday night, July 7, the Coca-Cola Firecracker 250 NASCAR Xfinity Series race on Friday night, July 6 and all Daytona International Speedway events can be purchased online at [\[tonainternationalspeedway.com\]\(http://tonainternationalspeedway.com\) or by calling 1-800-PITSHOP. Fans can stay connected with Daytona International Speedway on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube and Snapchat, and by downloading Daytona International Speedway's mobile app, for the latest Speedway news.](http://www.day-</a></p>
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## Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - Pocono Raceway and Jake's Golf Carts have renewed their partnership for the 2018 season at 'The Tricky Triangle.' Tricky's custom-made golf cart, produced and created by Jake's, will be given away during the Raceway's 2019 ticket renewal process later this year. Additionally, Jake's Golf Carts will continue to provide the Raceway with golf carts for usage around the facility during the Pocono 400, Gander Outdoors 400 and ABC Supply 500 race weekends.

Tricky's golf cart is a Jake's custom built gas Club Car and fans can see Tricky, Pocono Raceway's official mascot, riding around the property during major event weekends. The carts' customer-features including Jake's 6" lift kit, 12 inch aluminum wheels, custom steering wheel, custom paint, bluetooth sound system, power outlets, LED lights, rear fold down seat, heavy duty rear springs, Jake's Sport Shifter, custom dash kit, extended top and rain enclosure. All 2018 ticket holders who renew their tickets for one of Pocono Raceway's 2019 NASCAR or INDYCAR events will be automatically entered into a random drawing. One lucky winner will be chosen at random as the recipient of the custom-made golf cart following the Raceway's ticket renewal process this December.

"We are excited to welcome Jake's Golf Carts back for another season here at 'The Tricky Triangle.'" said Ben May, Pocono Raceway President. "Jake's is a great Pennsylvania-based company whose partnership has provided transportation needs for our staff for each of our major racing events each year. We are excited to have them on board as we prepare to give away Tricky's custom-made golf cart later this year. Tricky's cart has always been the envy of our

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entire staff on race weekends, because of all the added features it contains, and we look forward to giving it to a deserving race fan this winter."

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Pocono Raceway will host a total of seven motorsports events in 2018, including two Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races and the Verizon IndyCar Series. One NASCAR Xfinity Series, one Camping World Truck Series and two ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards races are also on the schedule for 2018. For tickets visit [www.poconoraceway.com](http://www.poconoraceway.com).

### Daytona Int'l Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Ten-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race winner Clint Bowyer, fresh off his most recent victory last weekend at Michigan International Speedway, will be part of a unique ticket package that is on sale now for the upcoming 60th annual Coke Zero Sugar 400 on Saturday night, July 7 at Daytona International Speedway.

The BBQ, Brews and Bowyer ticket package features many of the ingredients the driver of the No. 14 Ford Fusion for Stewart-Haas Racing enjoys on an Independence Day weekend. The special package, available starting at \$149 per ticket for adults and \$69 for children 12 and under, includes:

- Food and beverage (pre-race only) with Kansas City-style BBQ, Coca-Cola products, water and brews served in a luxurious Midway suite

- A reserved seat for the Coke

Zero Sugar 400

- UNOH Fanzone/Pre-Race access

- 15-minute question-and-answer session with Bowyer

Tickets for the BBQ, Brews and Bowyer ticket package are limited and available at [www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/bbqbrews](http://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/bbqbrews) or by calling 1-800-PITSHOP.

Bowyer, who scored his first win of year in March at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway, currently sits fifth in the championship point standings and is locked into the NASCAR Playoffs. In last Sunday's race at Michigan, Bowyer was followed to the stripe by his Stewart-Haas Racing teammates, Kevin Harvick and Kurt Busch, to secure the first 1-2-3 finish in the organization's history. At Daytona International Speedway, Bowyer, a native of Emporia, Kansas, posted a career-best finish of second in last year's Coke Zero Sugar 400.

Tickets for the Coke Zero Sugar 400 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race on Saturday night, July 7, the Coca-Cola Firecracker 250 NASCAR Xfinity Series race on Friday night, July 6 and all Daytona International Speedway events can be purchased online at [www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com](http://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com) or by calling 1-800-PITSHOP. Fans can stay connected with Daytona International Speedway on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube and Snapchat, and by downloading Daytona International Speedway's mobile app, for the latest Speedway news.

### Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Before NASCAR history is made on Sept. 30 on the ROVAL™, Charlotte Motor Speedway's road course oval, fans can witness racing's brightest stars completing high-speed trial runs around Charlotte's 2.28-mile ROVAL™ in two FREE Test Fest sessions from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – with a 12-1 p.m. lunch break – on July 10 and 17. The tests will serve as all-important tune-ups for the Sept. 28-30 Bank of America race week, which will include the first playoff road course race in NASCAR history – and a must-win scenario for multiple drivers competing in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series' championship battle.

In addition to a thrilling preview of another groundbreaking event at America's Home for Racing, fans attending Test Fest can enjoy food and drinks, live music and games, mechanical bull rides and a spectacular view of the on-track action

from Whisky River, located at Gate 6.

A collection of prominent Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series teams and drivers will take part in the test sessions. Below is a listing of drivers tentatively scheduled to participate.

Please note that the list is subject to change.

- July 10: Martin Truex Jr.; Jimmie Johnson; Chase Elliott; Kevin Harvick; Clint Bowyer; Denny Hamlin; Daniel Suarez; Brad Keselowski; Paul Menard; Trevor Bayne; Jamie McMurray; Austin Dillon; Chris Buescher; Kasey Kahne; Michael McDowell; Gray Gaulding; Landon Cassill; B.J. McLeod

- July 17: Kyle Busch; Erik Jones; Ryan Blaney; Joey Logano; Kyle Larson; Aric Almirola; Kurt Busch; Alex Bowman; William Byron; Bubba Wallace; Ryan Newman; Ricky Stenhouse Jr.; A.J. Allmendinger; Ty Dillon; Matt DiBenedetto; Corey LaJoie; David Ragan; Reed Sorenson.

Fans will be able to test-drive seats and purchase tickets to the groundbreaking ROVAL race weekend at Test Fest.

TICKETS: Admission to ROVAL Test Fest is free. Fans should enter Gate 6 and proceed to Whisky River to view the test. Fans in attendance will receive a voucher for tickets to the Bojangles' Summer Shootout Legend Car and Bandolero races following each test.

To purchase tickets, camping and upgrades to the Sept. 28-30 race weekend, fans can visit the speedway ticket office, call 1-800-455-FANS (3267) or shop for tickets online at [www.charlottemotor.com](http://www.charlottemotor.com).

MORE INFO: Fans can connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway by following on Twitter and Instagram or become a Facebook fan. Keep up with all the latest news and information with the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

### Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - The JAG Metals 350 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race will move from its traditional fall weekend date to the O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 spring weekend beginning in 2019.

TMS President Eddie Gossage talks about the fall Truck Series race moving to the spring for 2019.

The move by NASCAR will expand Texas Motor Speedway's annual spring event weekend from a doubleheader into a tripleheader with all three national series competing. The JAG Metals 350 will be

held Friday, March 29; the My Bariatric Solutions 300 Xfinity Series race on Saturday, March 30; and the O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday, March 31.

"The JAG Metals 350 race was shifted to the spring to assist NASCAR on race scheduling in the early part of the season as well as help FOX Sports 1 with television programming in that timeframe," Texas Motor Speedway President Eddie Gossage said. "NASCAR asked if we could help and we wanted to be a good partner to the sanctioning body, network and the sport as a whole."

Texas Motor Speedway has played host to a tripleheader weekend in the fall since earning a second Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series date in 2005.

Beginning in 2019, the fall weekend will be condensed from a NASCAR Playoff tripleheader into a doubleheader with the O'Reilly Auto Parts 300 Xfinity Series race Saturday, Nov. 2 and the AAA Texas 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race Sunday, Nov. 3.

The 2019 fall weekend will have a new addition as the Tony Stewart Presents The Vankor Texas Sprint Car Nationals at the Texas Motor Speedway Dirt Track will move off the spring weekend to better accommodate the incoming tripleheader schedule. The Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series, along with a Limited Modified Division, will run on Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2.

The truck series race that is traditionally paired with the DXC Technology 600 Verizon IndyCar Series event will remain in that summer slot and is scheduled next season for Friday, June 7.

Also beginning in 2019, the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series will be rebranded the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series.

### Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - Dover International Speedway fans can now put more than cheers behind their favorite NASCAR drivers as auto racing is a key part of the full sports betting offerings available at neighboring company Dover Downs Hotel & Casino.

At Dover Downs Hotel & Casino's Race & Sports Book, gamblers can place wagers on a wide variety of sports, including auto racing, baseball, basketball, boxing/MMA, football, hockey and

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soccer. Delaware Gov. John Carney made the first official wager on Tuesday, a winning \$10 bet on the Philadelphia Phillies to defeat the Chicago Cubs in Tuesday night's game. The Phillies won 6-1.

There are multiple ways to bet on all Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series events, including winner-of-the-race plays, proposition wagers and futures wagering.

For example, drivers are listed with odds to win the race next to them such as:

- Kyle Busch: 6-1
- Kevin Harvick: 8-1
- Jimmie Johnson: 10-1

Typically, 27 drivers are listed individually, along with a "field" (all others) option. In the above example, if you wager \$10 on Kevin Harvick and he wins the race, you win \$80 plus your \$10 back, totaling \$90. Early-week odds are adjusted after late-week practice and qualifying sessions.

Futures wagering, such as bets on who will be the 2018 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion, are listed similar to regular race odds. Drivers are listed such as:

- Kevin Harvick: 3-1
- Kyle Busch: 4-1
- Martin Truex Jr.: 5-1

Proposition wagers are also available following each week's practice and qualifying sessions, pitting two drivers against each other in a head-to-head wager. The driver with the better finish in the race wins the match-up. Drivers are listed such as:

- Jimmie Johnson: -130
- Kyle Busch: +110

In the above example, a wager on Jimmie Johnson for \$13 wins \$10, returning \$23. Wagering \$10 on Kyle Busch pays \$11, plus your \$10 back for a total of \$21.

In addition, wagering on NASCAR Stage winners will be available for Dover International Speedway races.

NASCAR Xfinity Series lines are also offered. NASCAR Camping World Truck Series lines will be available when the series returns to Dover International Speedway in May 2019.

Betting lines are supplied by William Hill, the Delaware Lottery's vendor for sports betting. Dover

Downs Hotel & Casino is an agent of the Delaware Lottery.

"Sports betting, literally track-side, is a great addition to the excitement that is already being generated during our race weekends," said Mike Tatroian, Dover International Speedway's president and CEO. "Our fans over the age of 21 can enjoy wagering on their favorite driver when they are here during the NASCAR playoff run this fall."

Dover International Speedway's next NASCAR tripleheader weekend on Oct. 5-7 includes the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East race on Friday, Oct. 5, the NASCAR Xfinity Series playoff race on Saturday, Oct. 6, and the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoff race on Sunday, Oct. 7.

The Monster Mile will be the first NASCAR track where fans will be able to wager on races when they arrive at the facility.

For tickets or more information, call 800-441-RACE or visit [DoverSpeedway.com](http://DoverSpeedway.com).

You can also keep up with the Monster Mile at [Facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway](http://Facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway), or on Twitter and Instagram at @MonsterMile.

### Daytona Int'l Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Continuing a longstanding Daytona International Speedway tradition, Three Medal of Honor recipients, all representing the U.S. Army, will be honored during the 60th annual Coke Zero Sugar 400 Weekend on July 5-7 at Daytona International Speedway.

This is the 10th consecutive year that Daytona International Speedway has saluted Medal of Honor recipients, a tradition instituted in the 1970s by Bill France Sr., the founder of Daytona International Speedway and NASCAR.

Being recognized this year are Command Sergeant Major Gary Littrell, (Vietnam), Master Sergeant Leroy Petry, (War in Afghanistan) and Staff Sergeant Don Jenkins, (Vietnam).

Throughout the course of the Fourth of July holiday weekend, these three recipients will participate in the following:

- Medal of Honor luncheon on Friday, July 6 at the Bill France Room located in the Daytona International Speedway Ticket and Tours Building
- Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series and NASCAR Xfinity Series drivers' meetings
- Pre-race ceremonies for both the Coca-Cola Firecracker 250

NASCAR Xfinity Series race on July 6 and the Coke Zero Sugar 400 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race on July 7

- Autograph session in the UNOH Fanzone prior on the night of July 7, prior to the race

"Recognizing Medal of Honor recipients is one of the most important traditions we have at Daytona International Speedway," said speedway President Chip Wile. "This recognition is rooted in our facility's history, while also being embedded in the values all Americans hold dear. It is a true privilege to have these America heroes join us for our race weekend."

The Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration given by the United States Government, is bestowed upon a member of the United States Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life, above and beyond the call of duty, while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States. More information on the recipients of the Medal of Honor may be found at <http://www.cmohs.org/recipient-archive.php>.

### Sonoma Raceway

SONOMA, CA - Olympic gold medalist and Bay Area resident Jonny Moseley has been named Grand Marshal of the Toyota/Save Mart 350 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series event at Sonoma Raceway.

Moseley will be honored on Friday, June 22, at the Children's Champions NASCAR Banquet at beautiful Cline Cellars in Sonoma. The gala is a fundraiser for the Sonoma Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities. He will also take part in pre-race activities on Sunday, June 24, including giving the official command for "Drivers, Start Your Engines."

Moseley is a two-time Olympian and World Cup champion in mogul skiing, and was rated by Ski Magazine as one of the top 10 most influential skiers of all time. His innovative techniques and tricks changed the sport of freestyle skiing, and Moseley became the first skier to medal in both the X Games (silver) and the Olympics (gold) in 1999.

"I can remember the first time I watched a race at Sonoma Raceway at age 16 from the tailgate of my buddy's 1973 Toyota FJ Cruiser perched above Turn 4. I'll never forget the sound and the speed with which the cars navigated the hill and turns in that section. The

image is burned in my mind and I have been a fan ever since," said Moseley, who resides in Tiburon with his wife Malia and two sons. "I am beyond excited to be immersed in the racing from the inside this time. What an honor and privilege to be on the track and kick off the race for these fine and talented daredevils. Let's do this!"

Moseley's stand-out performances on the slopes led to opportunities to host Saturday Night Live, American Ninja Warrior and three seasons of MTV's The Challenge. Moseley is also the Olympic and World Cup Freestyle skiing analyst for NBC. Moseley serves as the Chief Mountain Host at Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows and is the founder of IOTA, a line of organic roasted sunflower snacks.

For more information or to purchase a seat or table for the NASCAR Banquet, contact Cheri Plattner at 707-933-3950 or [cplattner@sonomaraceway.com](mailto:cplattner@sonomaraceway.com). Visit [www.sonomaraceway.com/nascar](http://www.sonomaraceway.com/nascar) or call 800-870-7223 for details.

### Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - Pocono Raceway has announced a multi-year partnership with Drydene Performance Products. The Drydene/Pocono partnership will showcase Drydene at 'The Tricky Triangle' in unique and innovative ways.

"We are excited to welcome Drydene back to Pocono Raceway," said Pocono Raceway President, Ben May. "Drydene was the Victory Lane sponsor of our Big Rig Great American Truck Race in 1985. Having them back here is truly great and we appreciate their willingness to be creative with the partnership again."

Pocono Raceway has unveiled the Drydene Tractor Trailer Parking Lot, where over the road drivers can park their rigs daily in a designated lot near Gate 7 during the Raceway's NASCAR and INDY-CAR race weekends. Fans will see Drydene-branded oil can trash receptacles and the newly-painted Drydene towers located along the restroom facilities behind the Grandstand.

Additionally, Drydene will be the presenting partner of the "Drydene Restart Zone" on the track during all major motorsport events and the Raceway's "Seat of the Week" Facebook live video series.

For more information, visit [www.drydenelubricants.com](http://www.drydenelubricants.com) or follow us on Facebook: TeamDrydene, Twitter: @TeamDrydene and Instagram: teamdrydene.

## Hickory Motor Speedway

Racing action returned to the Catawba Valley on Saturday night with 321 Lawn-mower Sales & Service Night at the Races presented by Whelen.

Leading off the evening would be the always exciting Carolina Custom Golf Cart 4-Cylinders and their 25 lap feature. Hickory Motor Speedway points leader Brian Mundy in the #6 would

set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with the #25 of Dennis Ward to his outside. Mundy would take the early lead with Ward close behind. Ward would spin and bring out the first caution which would bunch the field for the restart. Mundy would once again get a good start and drive assume the lead with Cody Combs in the #9 giving chase. Mundy would duplicate his performance from a week earlier and drive on to take the victory over 2nd place finisher Allison Houston in the #29. Dennis Trivette in the #28 would finish 3rd, Combs would finish 4th, and Ward would round out the top 5

Rolling off the grid next would be the Hickory Vintage Racers for 25 laps of battle. The #16 of Bill Webb would lead the field to the green flag with Bill Powell in the #71 to his outside. Bill Webb would jump to the early lead with Powell close behind to keep the pressure on Webb. The pair would stay like that for the entirety of the race and see 82 year old Bill Webb grab another win. Powell would hang on for 2nd, Robert Webb in the #6 would come home in 3rd, and Tom Fenn in the #83 would finish 4th.

The Cosmo Motors Street Stocks would be the next to see on track action with their 30 lap feature. Gary Ledbetter Jr in the #32 would make a rare appearance at America's Most Famous Short Track but make the most of it with the fast lap in qualifying and start from the point with the #7 off Jeff Sparks to his outside. Ledbetter and Sparks would put on a furious battle for the top spot. Ledbetter would eventually drive to the lead with Sparks hot in his tracks. Battles would ensue throughout the field with no one giving an inch. Ledbetter would drive on to the win with Sparks finishing 2nd. Mark Whitten in the #77 would grab a podium finish with 3rd while Troy



**Dexter Canipe (center) celebrates with crew and family after winning the Late Model feature at Hickory Motor Speedway Saturday night. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)**

DeMarmels in the #18 would move into the points lead with a 4th, and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would work his way through the field to finish 5th and be just 2 points out of the points lead.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would hit the track for 50 laps in Round #5 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Challenge. Fast rookies would make up the front row as Gage Painter in the #12 would grab the pole while the #14 of Vince Midas was close behind and would start to his outside. Painter and Midas would battle side by side until Painter would finally use the preferred line to take the top spot with Midas close behind. Racing would be fast and furious throughout the field until the #18 of Cody DeMarmels would have tire troubles and bring out the caution on lap 34. Painter would get a good start on the restart and leave the battle behind him for second and beyond. Painter would prove too tough on the night and take the checkered flag for his first Hickory Motor Speedway victory. Midas would hold on for a hard fought 2nd with Josh Kossek in the #44 fighting his way up to a well deserved 3rd. Taylor Gray in the #15 would work his way up to finish 4th, and Taylor Nesbitt in the #92 would work her way up from a starting position outside the top 10 to finish 5th.

Next up would see the Renegades hit the track for 20 laps of side by side action. Hickory Motor Speedway points leader Justin Austin in the #1 would set the fast time and start from the point with the #7 of Brian Larkin to his outside. Larkin would get the best start of the front row and take the early lead. Larkin would hang it out with a loose race car for several laps until Austin would catch and pass

him along with the #83 of David Hasson. Austin would go on to grab the win with Hasson finishing 2nd. Kenneth Roberts in the #8 would finish 3rd, Robbie Hollifield in the #51 would finish 4th, and the #4 of Joseph Hodges would finish 5th.

Closing out the night would be the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Models with their 80 lap feature. 2015 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion Matt Piercy would have a week off from his Hendrick Motorsports engineering duties and decide to come back to race at his home track. He would definitely make the most of his visit setting fast time in qualifying and take the pole position with a lap of 14.939. 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion Dexter Canipe Jr would start from the outside pole position. Row two would be made up by Zach Bruenger in the #55 and Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51. During an exciting side by side battle for the lead Canipe would

nose ahead early but Piercy wouldn't give up easily and moved back around for the top spot. Battles would rage throughout the field that was only separated by a couple of tenths in qualifying. Bruenger would move around Canipe for the second spot on lap 33 and look to chase down the leader Piercy. A caution on lap 59 would bunch the field for a restart. Piercy would move to the front again on the start but contact in turn 4 would send Piercy spinning and Bruenger to the back as well. Canipe would assume the lead on the ensuing restart with Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 in close row. Canipe would hang on for the remaining 20 laps and grab the win. Jacob Heafner in the #95 would finish 2nd with Pelfrey grabbing 3rd. Austin Green in the #2 would finish 4th and Bruenger would round out the top 5.

The NASCAR Whelen All American Series will be back in action next week with Woodforest Bank Night at the Races featuring Twin 40s for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models, Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models, One Design Super Trucks, Carolina Custom Golf Cart 4-Cylinders, Renegades, and the Smash and Crash Series.

On July 6th & 7th Hickory Motor Speedway welcomes the Monster Trucks of Destruction for two nights of Monster Truck Mayhem!

For more info check us out at [www.hickorymotorspeedway.com](http://www.hickorymotorspeedway.com), on FB, Twitter, and Instagram.

## Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - The Super Cup Stock Car Series headlined racing Friday at Kingsport Speed  
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**Ben Ebeling takes his trophy for the first of two features that he won at Kingsport Speedway Friday night. (DREW HIERWARTER photo)**

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limelight was Ben Ebeling of Hickory, N.C., as he sped to victory in both Operation: Johnson Kitty 50-lap features, for career wins No. 3 and No. 4 with the series.

Former NASCAR Camping World Truck Series and ARCA veteran Bob Schacht had won the first three races this season with the Super Cup Stock Car Series and had to be considered a pre-race favorite. But Tri-Cities racing legends Brad Teague and Mike Potter, both from Johnson City, were back at their home-track where each had logged many laps back in the days when the NASCAR Late Model Sportsman cars were the headlining racing class at then Kingsport International Speedway. Both Teague and Potter went on to compete in many Cup and Xfinity series races during their long racing careers.

Potter, Teague, Ebeling, Jon Kerley and Dale Schlobohm all were driving Potter Racing entered cars in the Model City.

Potter set fast-time in qualifying at 15.516 seconds, with Ebeling close behind at 15.528. Following the series' redraw for starting positions, Potter and Teague earned the right to start the first 50-lap race from the front row.

Potter jumped out to the lead at drop of the green over Teague and Kerley, while Ebeling and Schacht battled for the fourth spot. The event's first caution waved on lap 12 when Schlobohm spun between turns one and two.

Off the double-file restart Potter shot back out to the lead, while behind him Ebeling got past Teague to take over second place. Schacht worked his way around Teague for third on lap 17, also bringing Brent Nelson along for the ride into the fourth position and dropping Teague back to fifth.

Potter looked strong riding out front leading the field around the .375-mile speedplant and appeared he might be headed to victory lane. But Ebeling had other ideas and at the lap 30 mark he really began pressuring Potter for the lead.

Racing up off (turn) two on lap 38, Ebeling got a good run to the inside of Potter and then at end of the backstretch entering the third turn he was able to complete the pass

for the lead. With Potter relegated back to second in the running order, Schacht was in his rearview mirror and not content on riding in third place.

Schacht got into Potter's left-rear quarter panel racing off the fourth turn on lap 42 and down on opposite end of the track between turns one and two they got together again, with Schacht spinning to bring the caution out. Both Potter and Schacht restarted from rear of the field.

With Ebeling leading and Larry Berg running in second, only one lap back under green the caution waved once more when Berg spun in turn two which also collected Teague, Nelson and Kerley.

But there would be no denying Ebeling the spoils of victory as he went on to capture the win over Stephen Cox, Schacht, Teague and Kevin Kromer. ... Completing the top 10 finishers were Potter, Berg, Nelson, Mike Kurkowski and John Miller.

In the second 50-lap Super Cup Stock Car Series feature, Potter grabbed the lead at the start over Ebeling, Schacht, Cox and Teague. Ebeling wasted no time overtaking his car owner for the lead, getting around him on the third lap racing off the fourth turn. Schacht passed Potter on lap 5 to move into second place.

With the race running clean-and-green, Ebeling and Schacht began to pull away to establish a little over half-straightaway advantage over Potter, Cox and Teague. Teague had his hands full fighting an ill-handling car due to a front shock issue, and finally he was passed by Berg for fifth place on lap 21.

While Ebeling was showing the way out front, Schacht was putting his front bumper against Ebeling's rear bumper on many occasions through the corners. But Ebeling maintained his position held Schacht back behind him. Racing action back in the field between Kerley and Cromer got heated on lap 33, when contact between the pair brought the caution out (which would eventually lead to a heated

confrontation in the pits following the race between the drivers).

Ebeling reassumed the lead off the double-file restart over Schacht, Cox, Potter and Berg. While Schacht was giving it his best effort to get around Ebeling, his best effort just wasn't good enough as Ebeling remained out front. A late race caution on lap 47 set the stage for a green-white-checked finish.

With Ebeling choosing to restart on the inside of the front row, surprisingly Schacht chose to fall in behind the leader and thus Cox pulled up alongside Ebeling.

Ebeling and Cox raced side-by-side down into the first turn, before Ebeling grabbed the lead racing off the second corner down the backstretch. Ebeling went on to complete the sweep by winning over Cox, Schacht, Potter and Berg ... Completing the top 10 finishers were Teague, Kerley, Ron Langdon, Miller and Bill Ashton.

Following a controversial finish to the Modified Street feature, which ultimately led to post-race questions from several drivers due to final scoring results, track management will determine the official finishing order on Monday after reviewing transponder information and video.

If the quartet of Kirby Gobble, Brad Ball, Kevin Canter and Chucky Williams had been singing in the choir, it would have been a black-tie affair for the evening of entertainment. Watching them wheel their race cars around "The Concrete Jungle" proved to be action-packed with excitement, as they battled for real estate at times two- and three-wide much to the delight of the fans.

Williams, from Tazewell, Va., was making his first start of the season at Kingsport Speedway and he felt right at home battling with Gobble, Ball, and two-time defending Mod 4 track champion Canter. Ball and Williams got together between turns one and two on lap 12, with Ball almost spinning and both cars sustaining damage to bring the caution out. Ball's race was over, while Williams restarted at

back of the field after coming into the pits for attention from his crew.

Off the double-file restart Gobble and Canter exchanged the lead over the next few laps, before Gobble moved to the point. But coming back up through the field was Williams, and he was riding a strong mount. After passing Billy Duty and Hershell Robinette to move into third place, Williams quickly worked his way past Canter into second and set his sights ahead on Gobble.

Williams passed Gobble for the lead on lap 24 and stayed out front to capture his first win, with Gobble, Canter, Robinette and Duty chasing him to the checkered flag. A good six-car battle up front in the early laps of the Pure 4 feature among Brandon Sutherland, Kenny Absher, Keith Helton, Bruce Crumbley, Craig Phelps and William Hale. Sutherland and Absher swapped the lead back and forth while Helton and Crumbley were just biding their time watching the action ahead.

Helton passed Absher for the second spot on lap 10 racing off the second corner, which opened the door for Crumbley to work his way around Absher for third. A caution on lap 18 and the ensuing double-file restart proved to be disastrous for Helton, as he saw Sutherland quickly shoot out ahead and Crumbley also pass him to move into second place.

Crumbley, from Kingsport, drove around Sutherland for the lead on lap 20 and went on to capture his second win on the season over Sutherland, Helton, Absher and Phelps.

David Strong of Weber City, Va., grabbed early lead in the 25-lap Pure Street feature before being passed by Kevin Darnell on lap 12. But Darnell's ride out front proved to be short-lived as he dropped out on lap 15 with mechanical issues, thus handing the lead back over to Strong. Strong would not be denied his first Pure Street victory as he won over Jay Swecker, Ricky Payne, Penny Hurd and Nasty Jones.

## Bowman Gray Stadium

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - At the midpoint of the racing season at Bowman Gray Stadium, it appears that Lee Jeffreys and Jonathan Brown have just hit their stride. They both won on Saturday night – each claiming their second win in a row.

Lee Jeffreys turned the fastest lap in qualifying sessions for the  
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Jonathan Brown (22) overtaking Burt Myers (1 – right of picture) on the outside row to take the lead. (Eric Hylton Photography)

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Brad's Golf Cars Modified Series, giving him three total poles this season – more than any other competitor. He drew fourth as his start when the top six redrew for position. Randy Butner of Pfaftown drew the pole, with points leader Burt Myers of Walnut Cove starting on the outside front row.

Myers took over the lead when the green flag waved, with Butner falling back to second. For four double-file restarts, Lee Jeffreys took to the outside to challenge – but he couldn't make the pass stick. Then disaster struck for Jeffreys as he collided with Butner, sending both of them spinning.

The wreck opened up the door for Jonathan Brown to move up to the outside row to challenge Burt Myers in a double-file restart. Brown pushed hard on the outside, battling with Myers for nearly a full lap before finally clearing him and taking over the lead. Myers immediately gave a stiff shot to Brown to try and defend his position, but Brown was able to steer back into the groove and hold on to the top spot. Myers had a chance to reclaim the lead in a later restart, but Brown closed the door. The #22 of Brown went on to take the checkered – his fourth win of the 2018 season.

"I got a really good restart. Burt and me went down the front stretch wheel to wheel. I rolled out past him getting into one - almost rolled in too hard. I got into loose stuff but got it turned, aimed it up off two," said Brown. "I guess it took me about a lap to get by Burt. The spotter yelled 'clear' twice, but I didn't turn down - because I knew he was there. I knew he was hungry and he was aggressive just like me."

"He got me in the left rear a little bit," said Brown about the contact with Myers. "I race everybody as hard as I can go. Burt and I have had a past, but I don't even think about that. I just think of him as another driver - another car to get by."

"I think I've got them talking about this car now," said Brown. "I made the prediction of seven wins this season – and, knock on wood, we're going to surpass that."

The "Madhouse Scramble" draw gave Jeffreys a chance at redemption after he started on the outside

front row for the start of the second race. He bolted out into the lead – but then the real work began as Jeffreys had to defend his position in restart after restart. Through seven cautions, Jeffreys tangled with George Brunnhoelzl III of Mooresville, John Smith of Mount Airy, Jonathan Brown, and Burt Myers.

He held on to take the checkered. "To hold off Burt, that's tough. And I saw Tim behind me. John was out there," said Jeffreys. "Jonathan got up there – he's a rocket on the outside. And then Burt got up there. I'm thinking that I had led the whole race and the #1 car pulls up out there - this isn't good."

"But I'm just glad we can do it," said Jeffreys. "I hope we're on a roll, and I hope it'll keep rolling."

In the Texas Steak & Tap House Sportsman Series, Dylan Ward of Winston-Salem and Zack Ore of Winston-Salem each claimed the checkered. Blake Shupe of Mount Airy won a caution-filled 20-lapper for the Law Offices of John Barrow Street Stock Series. Grayson Keaton of Mocksville and father Jason Keaton of Mocksville both claimed the checkered in the Q104.1 Stadium Stock Series.

## Creek County Speedway

SAPULPA, OK - Two earned their first wins of the season, the remainder added to their totals as Creek County Speedway hosted Round 10 of the 2018 Fast Five Weekly Series with Zach Alley grabbing his first Champ Sprint win of the season, along with Michael Longacre in Mini Stock competition.

Both adding their seventh wins to the season, Chad Davis continued his dominance of the Modifieds while Austin McSperitt topped the Factory Stocks. Getting his second triumph of 2018, Rob McQuary ran to victory with the Dwarf Cars.

Going 25 laps in the Champ Sprints, the No. 28 of Zach Alley ran to the win from seventh. Will Scribner from eighth was second with Jaiden Hugues on the final podium step. Layne Himebaugh from 11th ran to fourth with Matt Sherrell adding to a successful week with a fifth-place run after winning the USAC Wingless Sprints of Oklahoma A-Feature on Thursday night.

From eighth, Chad Davis picked his way to the front with James Esmond in second. Kendall Shultz, Chris Spencer, and Ho Dean made the top-five.

Winning from third in the Dwarf

Cars, Rob McQuary outran Sam Champlain to the checkered flag with Robert Watson in third. Paul York crossed fourth with Chandler Foltz in fifth.

Factory Stock action continues to go the way to Austin McSperitt. Bringing his streak to three, McSperitt was chased to the line by Jimmy Owen with Bobby Wolfe in third. Calvin Lewis and Chris Wilhite made the top-five.

Adding to his streak of four top-five finishes with a win, Michael Longacre crossed ahead of Kevin McSperitt. Ending Kevin's streak of wins at five, the final podium earner was Kimberly Tyre with Evan Smith running to fourth from 13th. Austin Timmons made the top-five.

Creek County Speedway's Fast Five Weekly Series of Champ Sprints, Modifieds, Dwarf Cars, Factory Stocks, and Mini Stocks returns for Round 11 on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Gates open at 5:00 P.M. with Hot Laps at 7:00 P.M. Races get underway at 7:30 P.M. (CT).

Admission prices are \$10 for

## Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - Fairview, Oklahoma's Jake Martens survived a wild last-lap atop the 3/8-mile Dodge City Raceway Park clay oval to pocket more than \$4,000 by winning Saturday night's Second Annual Lubbock Wrecker Service DCRP vs. URSS 305 Sprint Car Nationals 30-lap championship feature event.

Martens took the lead away from Brian Herbert and then kept Chad Koch at bay before escaping a last-lap slider from Jake Bubak to pocket \$4,040 that included \$1,040 in lap money along with the posted \$3,000 winner's share.

Martens raced on to the stripe ahead of Koch and 15th-starter Luke Cranston for the lucrative payday aboard the Martens Machine Shop/Blake & Robin Stocking No. 48. While Martens cashed in. Jeff Kaup added another win in the IMCA Sport Modified ranks and Angel Munoz bested the IMCA Stock Cars.

After heat race and qualifying race action for the 34-car Precise



Jake Martens is all smiles after winning Saturday night's feature at Dodge City Raceway Park. (DCRP photo)

adults. Youth 11-14 get in for \$6 and kids 10 and under get into the grandstands for free. Pits are \$30 (under 10 years of age is \$15).

Creek County Speedway is located at 18450 West Hwy. 66 between Sapulpa and Kellyville. For more information on Creek County Speedway, including a complete lineup of events and directions, log onto <http://www.creekcountyspeedway.co> or call (918) 247-RACE (7223) or (918) 838-3777. The track can also be found on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/CreekCountySpeedway>.

Racing Products DCRP Sprint Cars vs. United Rebel Sprint Series (URSS), Brian Herbert and Koby Walters led the way to the green flag as Martens gridded the feature field in third.

Herbert gunned into the lead at the outset and paced the early rounds ahead of Walters and Martens, with Martens making his way into second soon after the first of just two cautions flew after nine laps for Lonnie Cox in turn two with the final caution flying four laps later.

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With Martens pressuring Herbert for the point, Chad Koch and Zach Blurton began dicing for position just behind them. Martens finally made his way into the lead on the 19th round with Koch following suit by racing into second on the same lap with a surging Luke Cranston taking over third from his 15th starting position on the 20th round.

The stage was set for a dicey final ten laps with Martens, Koch, Cranston and Jake Bubak all in the mix for the win. With Koch making several runs at Martens exiting turn four, Bubak battled past Cranston for third on the 27th lap and started sizing up the leaders.

With the white flag in the air, Bubak dove into turn one and slid past both Koch and then Martens to briefly take the lead. But as Martens drove off turn two, contact between the two cars sent Bubak looping into the infield.

"I have to apologize to Jake Bubak, he slid us and I turned down," Martens said in victory lane. "But I can guarantee any one of the guys on the straightaway right now (the top three) would have done the exact same thing for \$3,000 to win."

Koch of Wichita Falls, TX, was a close second with Ness City, KS, native Cranston rounding out the podium in third. After winning the "B" Main, Jason Martin charged through the field to capture a fourth-place finish with Zach Blurton rounding out the top five.

Tony Bruce, Jr., crossed the stripe sixth with Herbert, Ray Seemann, Austin McLean and J.D. Johnson completing the top ten.

Nick Haygood, Seemann, Cranston and J.D. Johnson won heat races with Koby Walters, Marten and McLean topping the Qualifying races before Martin bested the "B" Main.

With Martens pocketing an extra \$1,040 in lap money, others earning bonus money included Herbert (\$920), Koch (\$440), Walters (\$340), Cranston (\$160), Bubak (\$60) and Blurton (\$40).

Woodward, Oklahoma's Jeff Kaup cashed in on Freddy McCoy's misfortune to post his second IMCA Sport Modified win of the year at DCRP.

With Kaup gridding the feature

field ninth, McCoy gunned into the lead from the front row outside and distanced himself from the field. Kaup worked his way through traffic and finally made his way to second by the eighth round of the 15-lapper but trailed McCoy by nearly a full straightaway.

McCoy's lead was erased when a caution flew after 11 laps, with Kaup assuming the point when McCoy exited the track with mechanical woes.

Kaup raced on to the stripe ahead of Kaleb Roach with Bart Baker, Brian May and Adam Stenzel rounding out the top five.

In the IMCA Stock Cars ranks, Angel Munoz raced through the field to become the first repeat winner of the season in the 15-lapper.

While Munoz raced from ninth, Chris Oliver set the pace for a dozen laps until Munoz rallied by on the top side en route to victory lane. Michael Pepper raced into second with Oliver settling for third. Greg Schell and Dusty Witthuhn rounded out the top five.

Action resumes at Dodge City Raceway Park on Saturday night, June 3, with the DCRP Mid-Season Championships featuring the Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks.

## Rockford Speedway

**ROADRUNNERS:** A torrid four-car battle led a caution-free 20 lap feature for the Roadrunners. After getting to the lead early, it appeared Austin Fowler was going to hold off the persistent challenges of Arlyn Roush, Chad Lounsbury and Greg Pruitt for the win. But a flat tire with under five laps to go removed Fowler from the lead and ended his shot at victory.

With that small break, Lounsbury assumed the lead on the 16th lap and skated away for the win, his third combined Roadrunner win of the year. Pruitt nosed past Roush in the race's final two laps to claim second, regulating Roush to third. Fast qualifier Dave Lumsden Jr finished fourth while Nick Schneider rounded out the top five.

**BANDITS:** Two-time Winged Women on Wheels champion Cassidy Frisch started the Wednesday night Bandit season on a strong note, winning the Fast Dash, her Heat Race and the 15 lap Feature race for the class. Frisch got to the lead on the race's third lap and held a steady lead of three carlengths or more for the balance of the race.

Fast qualifier Nick Schmidt fought off a slow start to climb back

to second place by the race's conclusion, followed by Ashley Matts in third. Saturday night winner Duane Lounsbury finished fourth and was followed by fifth place Todd Snow.

**ORIGINAL SIXERS:** Eleven drivers took to the track for the first Original Sixer racing program of the season and staged some of the most exciting action of the night. At the end of 15 laps, Thomas Andrus stood tall above the competition as the Rockford native got to the front early and was able to keep his closest competition at bay.

Steve Dover took second place after winning a tight battle with Bobby Frisch for the runner up position. Sean Worman came home fourth place behind Frisch while Machesney Park's Nate Swain rounded out the top five.

**WINGED WOMEN ON WHEELS:** Overall it was a solid night for Ashley Matts. Not only did the Rockford native come home third in the Bandit feature, but she also claimed her first ever Feature win in the Winged Women on Wheels feature by holding off a hard-charging Cassidy Frisch for the win. Nikki Mueller finished a distant third with Lily Allen fourth.

**DOUBLE FIGURE 8:** 2015 Figure 8 champion Nick Schneider was fast and fearless in the opening Roadrunner Figure 8 race of the season, winning by a wide margin in the 10 lap race, while Charlie Frisch claimed victory in the first ever Bandit Figure 8 race.

## Seekonk Speedway

**SEEKONK, MA -** The second race of the 2018 Tri-Track Open Modified Series (TTOMS) season is set for Wednesday, June 27 at Seekonk Speedway in Seekonk, MA. Open Wheel Wednesday is one of the most prominent races on the annual short track racing schedule in New England. The \$10,000 to win tour-type modified event for the Tri-Track Open Modified Series continues to attract a variety of different drivers and a host of fans. The evening also includes the prestigious Boston Louie Seymour Memorial event for the Northeastern Midget Association.

Open Wheel Wednesday features 100 laps of green flag racing for the tour-type Modifieds with the winner earning \$10,000. Both the NEMA Midgets and the NEMA Lights go 29 laps in honor of Boston Louis Seymour. Grandstands open at 4pm. Fans are invited to participate in an autograph session on the midway at 5:30pm with all drivers in competition on

Wednesday night.

Qualifying gets underway at 6:30pm with heat races for all divisions followed by a pair of Modified b-mains (if necessary). Feature racing will commence immediately following qualifying. General admission is \$27 and pit admission is \$37. A rain date has been set for Thursday, June 28.

A host of previous Open Wheel Wednesday winners have filed entries for this year's event including multi-time winner Matt Hirschman, Kirk Alexander, Tommy Barrett, Richard Savary and hometown favorite Todd Annarummo. Barrett would like to parlay his recent victory in open Modified series competition at Stafford into victory; joining Hirschman and Doug Coby as the only multi-time winners.

In the Seekonk 150 back on June 2, Anthony Nocella was running inside the top-five when misfortune found him; ending his bid at a win. The young driver looks to turn disappointment into triumph and possibly \$10,000 during Open Wheel Wednesday.

"[That race] definitely gave me more confidence," said Nocella. "Between the run we had in October in the Tri-Track races and that race, it definitely gives us some momentum and confidence going back to Seekonk again. Hopefully we have another strong run."

Also, at the race back in October 2017, Russ Hersey looked like he may have had the best chance to beat Matt Hirschman before a spin while running second ended his bid at a win. He, too, is among the over 40 drivers who have preregistered for the event.

Four of the top-five finishers in the Seekonk 150, Chase Dowling, Hirschman, Rowan Pennink, and Ron Silk, will also be looking to follow-up their strong performances with victory. Other notables looking for the big payday include Ryan Preece, Derek Ramstrom, Woody Pitkat, Les Hinckley, Stephen Masse and more.

Tickets are available online by visiting [SeekonkSpeedway.com](http://SeekonkSpeedway.com) or by calling the Speedway office at 508.336.9959 Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. To learn more about the Tri-Track Modified Series, visit [tritrack-mods.com](http://tritrack-mods.com).

## Selinsgrove Speedway

**SELINGROVE, PA -** Former three-time Selinsgrove Speedway champion Chad Layton of Harrisburg parked the Selinsgrove Ford/Ritter Racing No. 35 360

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sprint car in Victory Lane in Saturday's Patriot Sprint Tour 15th annual Joe Whitcomb Memorial on Advanced Concrete Systems Night.

The \$2,271 victory was Layton's 26th career in 358-360 sprint car competition at the track. He also owns two career 410 sprint car wins, his last coming in 2006 at the track where he made a name of himself in

central Pennsylvania sprint car racing in the early 2000s.

Mallie Shuster of Newville was the night's Fast Tees Fast Qualifier over the 32-car field with a lap time of 17.424.

Jeff Rine of Danville scored his first win of the season and 108th career at the track in the \$2,000-to-win 25-lap super late model main event.

Brandon Moser of Middleburg and Smith Cope of Danville scored their first career wins in the 15-lap pro stock and 12-lap roadrunner features, respectively.

Selinsgrove Speedway is back in action at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23, with 360 sprint cars, super late models, pro stocks, and the Collier Paving & Construction Roadrunner 20 paying \$600 to win. PEPSI will also be giving away prizes as part of the four division racing program. All track gates will open at 5 p.m.

In the Whitcomb Memorial, fifth-place starter Chuck Hebing took a wild flip in turn two at the start of the race. Hebing, who won a thrilling heat race earlier in the night, was not injured. When the race resumed, front row starters Chad Layton and Cody Keller put on a wheel to wheel battle for the lead.

In the early laps, Layton led Keller, sixth-place starter Davie Franek, fourth-place starter Justin Barger, and seventh-place starter Kevin Nagy. By lap eight, Layton began to encounter slower traffic as the race went for a long stretch without any cautions. At the halfway point, Franek made an inside pass in turns one and two to get by Keller for the second position.

Adam Carberry, who started deep in the pack in the 21st starting position, charged his way into the sixth position.

The final caution flag waved on lap 21 when Brian Nornhold's car

rolled to a stop in turn two. In the final four laps, Franek attempted to put in a bid for the lead but Layton maintained an edge and posted a .84 of a second margin of victory.

Franek settled for second while Keller held on for third with a collapsed nose wing on his race car. Nagy and Barger rounded out the top five.

Polesitter Hayes Mattern powered into the lead in the late model main event. He was closely chased by second-place starter Brett Schadel and third-place starter Kenny Trevitz. A caution flag on lap four for Andy Haus broke up the battle at the front of the pack.

On the fifth circuit, fifth-place starter Bryan Bernheisel advanced to third behind Mattern and Schadel. Eight-place starter Coleby Frye showed a lot of speed by lap eight and passed seventh-place starter Jeff Rine for the fourth spot. At the halfway point, Frye moved into the third position only to drop off the pace on lap 14.

On the 17th circuit, a three-wide race for the lead between Mattern, Schadel and Rine thrilled the fans with Rine taking command of the field on the backstretch.

With five laps remaining, Rine led Schadel, Mattern, fourth-place starter Gene Knaub, and Bernheisel. The final caution flag slowed the field with one lap to go. The chase to the checkered flag saw Rine score the win by just .42 of a second over Schadel, Knaub, Haus, who was able to rebound from a flat tire and rejoining the race at the rear of the field, and Bernheisel. Contact caused Mattern to lose a solid finish in the final laps of the race.

Front row starters Wayne Shaffer and Tommy Slanker dueled for the lead at the start of the pro stock feature. Racing into turn four on the first lap, Shaffer lost the handle and collected Kyle Bachman, who was able to rejoin.

For the restart, Brandon Moser found himself starting on the front row and grabbed the early lead. Early in the race, Moser stretched his lead over Slanker while Bachman battled his way back to third.

Slanker made a last-ditch effort to close the gap with Moser to no avail. Moser won his first career race over Slanker, Bachman, Jake Buck, and Daren Rice.

Second-place starter Smith Cope opened up a comfortable lead at the start of the roadrunner feature while a torrid battle for the runner-up position took place behind him between Bob Bussey, Jake Jones and Keith Bissinger.

With four laps remaining, Cope drifted high in turns three and four, allowing Bussey and Bissinger to close in on the leader. A three-wide battle for the lead and win unfolded on the final lap only to have contact off turn four cause Bussey to go into a wild spin down the frontstretch while Cope went on to take the checkered flag over Bissinger.

Jakes Jones, Brian Mabus, and Bussey, who rebound from the 360-degree spin, rounded out the top five.

## Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action on Friday, June 15th as part of Whelen Event Night. It was a night of milestones for the two premier divisions as Michael Christopher, Jr. scored his first career SK Modified® win by outdueling Ryan Preece in his Uncle Ted's car. The second milestone was Tom Fearn setting a Stafford Speedway track record for consecutive Late Model wins by winning his fifth consecutive race of the 2018 season. Other feature wins were scored by Andrew Molleur in the SK Light feature, Duane Provost in the Limited Late Model feature, and Trace Beyer in the Street Stock division.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Tyler Hines set the early pace. On lap-5, several cars got loose in turn 4 but everyone was able to continue forwards and the race stayed green. Michael Christopher, Jr. was up to second behind Hines with Matt Galko, Stephen Kopicik, and Keith Rocco making up the top-5.

Christopher took the lead from Hines on lap-12 and the caution flew with 14 laps complete as Joey Cipriano spun coming out of turn 4 to slow the action.

Christopher took the lead on the restart with Galko in second. Rocco and Hines were side by side for third with Ryan Preece right behind them. Rocco took third on lap-16 and Preece followed him through to move into fourth. Tom Bolles scraped the backstretch wall and kept on going while Hines got out of shape and nearly spun but kept his car moving forward as he slid back to 19th place.

At the halfway point, it was still Christopher out front with Preece up to second. Ronnie Williams was up to third with Galko fourth and Rocco fifth. Preece was starting to hound Christopher for the lead when the caution came back out

with 27 laps complete for Hines, who spun coming out of turn 4.

Christopher took the lead back under green with Preece glued to his back bumper. Preece made a move to the inside of Christopher on lap-29 and he took the lead. Williams was third but he had Todd Owen looking to his outside for the position. Owen used the high line to his advantage and he took third from Williams on lap-31. Rocco followed Owen in the high line and he moved up to fourth as Williams slid back to seventh place.

Christopher got a good run and went back by Preece for the lead on lap-35 in the high lane. Preece came back to the inside of Christopher and the two cars touched wheels in turn 1 on lap-37 but neither driver took their foot off the gas. Preece got loose in turn 4 on lap-38 as he tried to turn in underneath Christopher but he gathered his car back up and was right back on Christopher's bumper when the caution came out with 38 laps complete for a solo spin in turn 2 by Zack Leone.

Christopher and Preece went wheel to wheel on the restart with Preece falling into line behind Christopher coming to the white flag. Preece made one last run coming to the checkered flag but Christopher held him off to score his first career SK Modified® victory. Rocco finished third with Owen and Galko rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, Chase Cook took the early lead with Tyler Leary, Darrell Keane, Al Saunders, and Michael Wray lined up behind him. Tom Fearn was sixth with Mike Quintiliano seventh and Paul Arute eighth. Fearn took fifth from Wray on lap-4 while at the front, Leary was in the lead with Cook sliding back to fourth as Keane took second and Al Saunders third.

Fearn quickly worked his way up to second behind Leary when the caution flew with 14 laps complete for Cook, who spun in the middle of turns 1+2.

Leary took the lead on the restart but Fearn would take the lead on lap-16. Wray was third with Al Saunders fourth and Keane was fifth. Fearn led Leary to the checkered flag to record his fifth consecutive Late Model feature win. Wray finished third with Al Saunders and Keane rounding out the top-5. Fearn's fifth consecutive win set a Stafford Speedway track record for consecutive Late Model wins.

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In the 20-lap SK Light feature event, Joey Ferrigno took the lead at the green with Todd Douillard taking a look to his outside. Brett Gonyaw was able to get to the inside of Douillard on lap-2 and he moved into second with Douillard taking third. Geoff Nooney and Bob Charland were side by side for fourth place with Andrew Molleur right behind them in

sixth.

Gonyaw drifted up the track in turn 4 on lap-5 but he was able to maintain the lead with Ferrigno right behind him. Douillard was third with Molleur getting around both Nooney and Charland to move into fourth. Molleur then pulled alongside Douillard on lap-9 in a fight for third with Nooney in fifth. Molleur cleared Douillard on lap-10 with Gonyaw still in front and Ferrigno in second.

Molleur took to the outside lane to take second from Ferrigno on lap-11 and by lap-13 he was applying heavy pressure to Gonyaw for the lead. Behind the lead trio, Bryan Narducci has moved up to fourth with Mark Bakaj in fifth. Molleur was able to get alongside Gonyaw but Gonyaw was strong enough to hold him off. Narducci went around Ferrigno on lap-17 to move into third and the caution came out with 17 laps complete for Douillard, who came to a stop on the turn 3 infield grass.

Gonyaw and Molleur ran side by side for a lap before Molleur took the lead as the cars completed lap-18. Molleur cleared Gonyaw on the white flag lap and he led Gonyaw to the checkered flag to pick up his second win of the 2018 season. Narducci finished third with Bakaj and Mikey Flynn rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature event, Matt Clement took the early race lead with R.J. Surdell in second. Duane Provost was third with Jeremy Lavoie quickly moving up to fourth and Andy Marchese taking fifth from Gary Patnode. Ryan Fearn was on the charge early, quickly working his way through the field and he took fifth from Marchese on lap-4 as Clement continued to lead the race.

Fearn continued to work his way forwards as he took fourth from Provost on lap-8 with Clement still

leading Surdell and Lavoie. Lavoie was looking high and low for a way to get around Surdell for second but Surdell was able to hold him off. Lavoie finally was able to make a pass stick on lap-13 as he took second in turn 2. Fearn followed in Lavoie's tire tracks and pulled alongside Surdell and they ran side by side for a lap before the two cars made slight contact with Surdell going around in the middle of turns 3+4 to bring the caution out with 14 laps complete. Fearn was black flagged and sent to the rear of the field for the contact with Surdell.

Clement took the lead on the restart with Provost moving into second. Lavoie was third with Steven Midford up to fourth and Fearn back up to fifth after his penalty. With 2 laps to go, Provost was right on Clement's back bumper with Lavoie looking to pass them both in the high groove. The top-3 settled back into line as they took the white flag. Clement was able to hold off Provost to the checkered flag.

Following post race inspection, Clement's car was found to be 5 pounds underweight and he was penalized 5 positions, one for every pound underweight, and he finished 6th, making Provost the feature winner. The new top-5 was Provost followed by Lavoie, Midford, Fearn, and Surdell.

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature event, Chuck Harrison took the early lead at the green flag with Richard Ciriello, Trace Beyer, Chris Bagnall, Jason Lafayette, Travis Hydar, Brandon Michael, and Nicole Chambrello lined up behind him. Hydar was on the charge as he quickly moved into third in the first 4 laps with Michael following him through the field while up front Beyer took the lead from Harrison before the caution came out with 4 laps complete for a spin in turn 4 by Chris Danielczuk.

Beyer took the lead back under green with Hydar taking second from Harrison. The caution came back out with 6 laps complete as Greg DeMone and Samantha Anderson got together and spun on the frontstretch with Anderson's car collecting the car of William DesJardins with Vince Gambacorta also involved.

Beyer took the lead on the restart with Michael getting around Hydar to move up to second. Harrison was fourth in line behind Hydar with Lafayette making up the top-5. George Bessette, Jr. was up to sixth with Mike Hopkins in seventh and Chambrello in eighth. Beyer was starting to stretch out his

lead at the front while the battle for fifth was heating up as the trio of Hopkins, Bessette, and Chambrello were right on back bumper of Lafayette.

Chambrello got by Bessette and Hopkins to move into fifth on lap-18 and she took fourth from Harrison on lap-19. Beyer led Michael to the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the 2018 season. Hydar finished third with Chambrello and Bessette rounding out the top-5.

## Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - The Stafford Speedway management is proud to announce a new addition to the Friday, July 13th race program, a 13-lap SK Modified® Shootout in honor of the late Ted Christopher. The shootout, dubbed the "TC 13," will occur directly following the regularly scheduled 40-lap feature. The field for the TC 13 will be filled by the top 13 finishers in the 40-lap feature and inverted with the 13th place finisher starting on the pole for the TC 13 shootout.

The TC 13 race will pay \$1,300 to win with the full purse based on sponsor contributions. George Bierce has already committed \$500 towards this unique event. The goal is to post a \$6000 purse.

"When we realized that July 13th was a Friday, we knew we had to do something special," explained Stafford Speedway General Manager Mark Arute. "We will run the full 40 lap SK Modified® race, take the top 13 finishers, line them up and run a 13 lap shootout. No pitting, no adjustments, just 13 laps for the TC Trophy and \$1,300."

The TC 13 event will accompany an already packed night of racing including the second Open Modified 80 of the the 2018 season boasting \$3,500 to win. The Inaugural Open Modified 80 held on June 8th was won by former SK Light driver Tommy Barrett using a pit early and hang on strategy. Chase Dowling and Dave Etheridge completed the podium with impressive runs.

"Talk about the show of the summer. We'll have our full weekly program, an 80 lap open modified race, and the additional 13 lap SK Modified® Shootout," continued Arute. "Teddy would have loved this show. Another 13 laps to thrill the fans and pocket \$1,300."

SK Modified® drivers are already looking forward to this unique event for both the prestige of winning the race and for the extra payout.

"That's pretty neat that Stafford

Speedway is doing this race for Teddy," said Chase Dowling, driver of the #36 Powerhouse Motorsports SK Modified®. "Losing Teddy didn't just affect the drivers, it was the fans and everyone who loves short track racing. I'm sure all the drivers who race at Stafford that looked up to Teddy are going to want to win that race in his honor. The extra purse money will be a big help and not only the money but the recognition of winning that race in Teddy's memory would be a pretty cool accomplishment."

"That's great for the racers and the Christopher family," said Keith Rocco, driver of the #88 Wheelers



TED CHRISTOPHER

Auto SK Modified® and current SK Modified® points leader. "It's great that Team Stafford is putting this purse up for us and it's always nice to be racing for more money with more laps."

In addition to the scheduled 40-lap SK Modified® feature and the TC 13 Shoot Out, Friday, July 13th will be a busy night of racing. Round 2 of the Modified Open 80's will accompany Stafford's Late Models, SK Lights, Limited Late Models, and Street Stocks. Tickets for this event are priced at \$30.00 for adult general admission tickets, \$5.00 for children ages 6-14, and children ages 5 and under are admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult. Reserved seat tickets are \$32.00 for all ages. All ticket prices include 10% CT Admission Tax. Stafford Motor Speedway offers plenty of free parking along with overnight parking available for self contained Recreational Vehicles.

For more information, contact the Stafford Motor Speedway track office at 860-684-2783 or visit us on the web at [www.staffordspeedway.com](http://www.staffordspeedway.com).