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Denny Hamlin Returns to Winning Ways in Kansas

The Future Looks Promising

NASCAR fans hold onto their memories like nobody else in sports. We embrace the way it used to be. We're quick to criticize progress because it moves us one step away from the past. We don't like change.

But change was required as the world continues to come to grips with COVID-19. And that includes NASCAR.

The sport was the first to formulate and implement a game plan of all major sports to get back on the track. It meant shop workers couldn't be in the same building with pit crews. Drivers were prohibited from working directly with anyone on the team, including the crew chief.

The plan worked. While everyone misses having filled grandstands, racing with empty seats is better than no racing at all.

NASCAR is fortunate in that its television product isn't dependent on fans. The sound of 40 600-horsepower engines at full song is far more ear-shattering and entertaining than 90,000 fans doing the wave.

Like everyone, the pandemic has forced NASCAR to make significant changes to the way it does business. It's fun – and important – to remember the "old days" and how stock-car racing expanded from the little tracks in the Southeast to the national stage should never be forgotten. At the same time, the coronavirus has forced a different method of operation that's likely to last long after the last case of COVID-19 is finally cured.

Once the cars got back on the track on May 17, NASCAR canceled practice and qualifying. Team engineers now do their work virtually. Television announcers work from studios in Charlotte, not at the racetrack. Nobody noticed the difference.

The schedule was revamped to include several Cup Series double-headers, including a Saturday-Sunday double-dip at the Michigan International Speedway on Aug. 8-9 and a two-for-one weekend Aug. 22-23 at the Dover International Speedway.

Less travel means teams aren't spending as much money. At a time when Levine Family Racing is considering putting their assets on the market and car owner Ricky Hendrick is contemplating dropping to three teams next year, the sport needs a lot of unspent dollars.

The sanctioning body also has tinkered with the schedule to include some mid-week races to gauge interest. So far, most, especially those in the Eastern Time Zone, prefer sleep over late finishes. When nearly half the country lives in the Eastern Time Zone, it's not easy staying up late and punching in at work the next morning. The race at Kansas, for example, was the least-watched race on any network since 2001.

The idea to run mid-week races has been kicked around for years. At least, now we know.

The bottom line from most of the changes is exactly that – the bottom line. Everyone needs to be smarter with their budgets if racing is going to sustain the economic devastation created by the virus.

Despite the changes, the racing hasn't suffered. In fact, it's many believe it's never been better.

There have been 10 different winners in the first 19 races. Moreover, there were 18 cars on the lead lap last week at the Kansas Speedway. Despite a couple of mid-race crashes, there were 30 cars running at the checkered flag.

"Yeah, I think NASCAR has done a great job with trying different things. No practice. Showing up and racing. It shows that we don't need all the practice and the full three days that we used to always get," Ricky Stenhouse Jr. said. "And NASCAR has been kind of shrinking that anyway. But now, I think it shows that we're capable of doing it without it. I think some of us would still like a little bit of practice and qualifying, but nothing that you couldn't do in the same day. And then also the back-to-back races, the Wednesday race, as long as the fans keep tuning in, obviously they can't show up like we would want them to or be able to, but if they keep tuning in, who knows what it will hold for our schedules in years to come."



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With all of the COVID-9 changes that have taken place in the way that NASCAR runs races, the main one is that the teams unload the cars and race. No practice, no qualifying, just race. (TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY IMAGES photo)

There are other changes. It wasn't that long ago when the bottom-rung teams would start the race and park after a few laps. Start and park is finally gone. There were 35 of 38 cars on the track three weeks ago at Kentucky, which triggered a new complaint – to many inexperienced drivers in the way in the closing laps.

"You don't just show up and line up against Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs," Clint

Bowyer said. "You shouldn't be able to do that against Stewart Haas Racing or Joe Gibbs Racing or anything else. That's not a knock to them."

It's still better than watching Joe Ruttman come to Rockingham, North Carolina, without a pit crew in 2004, running one lap and collecting \$54,196.

You can keep that "old days" style of racing. I like the future NASCAR is plotting.

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Getting Closer?

I seriously doubt that any fan, driver, team, official, or media had any idea what the future would hold for them when they left the NASCAR weekend races at Phoenix on March 8th. The next race was scheduled at Atlanta Motor Speedway with all three major divisions – Trucks, Xfinity, and Cup – set for an exciting weekend of action.

But, wait just a minute!

The week leading up to the Atlanta race weekend revealed that a massive virus – COVID 19 – was caused a major health issue for millions of Americans. Deaths were reported and no immediate cure or vaccine was in sight. Cities, counties, and states were forced to quarantine measure to keep from the virus spreading. In literally one week, our country was facing a pandemic.

Therefore, just prior to any racing action at Atlanta, NASCAR pulled the plug and postponed all the events for the weekend. Teams, drivers, and officials, but no fans, were already at Atlanta and set to race. However, with the threat of spreading this awful virus hanging over our country, there was no question that the correct decision was made.

It was hoped that races at Homestead and beyond could be held on schedule, but that was not to be. In fact, racing, and most of the outside activities would be put on hold. A quarantine was put in place for many areas of the Northeast and Southeast with only essentials advised to go outside, to work, or to perform only needed activities such as get groceries or medicine.

To make a long story short, it wasn't until NASCAR adjusted their 2020 schedules that racing was able to resume. So, on May 17th, the Cup Series ran their first event since they left Phoenix on March 8th. Not only that, but in the next eleven days, Darlington and Charlotte would hold multiple races for their truck, Xfinity, and Cup teams. Certain, very strict guidelines would have to be followed, no fans allowed in the stands, infield, or pits,

and only a limited number of “essential” crew members would be allowed for each team. Plus, only a very limited number of media would be permitted at each race. The TV announcer team would do their job calling the races from their remote studios. Only an essential number of broadcast team members were allowed on site for each race. The rules and regulations were lengthy and rigid, but NASCAR and the tracks were able to pull it off and racing was able to resume.

NASCAR followed a set pattern of success with the running of races under these restrictions at Bristol, Atlanta, and Martinsville. As uncomfortable as it was for fans not being able to attend these events, at least NASCAR was able to continue racing for 2020.



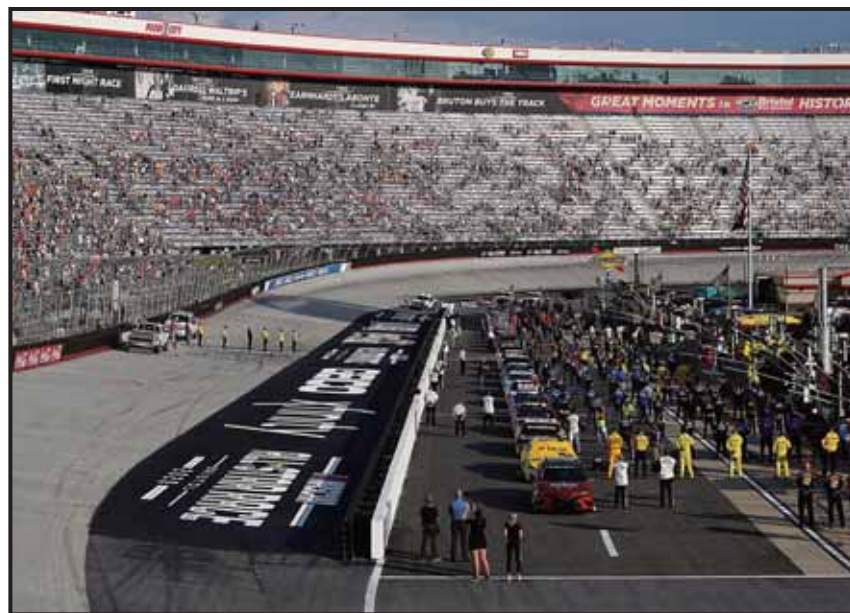
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Homestead-Miami Speedway on June 14th was the first to allow a few fans for their rescheduled races. About 1,000 service members and their families were allowed to attend the Cup race at Homestead. Once again, strict guidelines and social distancing rules were enforced. A week later at Talladega Superspeedway, 5,000 fans were allowed to attend and enjoy the Geico 500 Cup race. Certainly, it was a step in the right direction to begin the process of allowing fans to attend races.

The next three weekends of racing – Pocono, Indianapolis, and Kentucky – were held with no fans in attendance. Then, a major breakthrough occurred. The NASCAR All-Star Race had been moved from its traditional location at Charlotte Motor Speedway to Bristol Motor Speedway for Wednesday, July 15th. A crowd of up to 30,000 could attend “The Last Great Colosseum” for the million dollar event.

“We know that hosting this event comes with tremendous responsibility,” Jerry Caldwell of Bristol Motor Speedway said. “We are the first major sporting event to have a significant crowd. We don’t take that responsibility lightly. This is an opportunity for us to demonstrate to the country how we can go back to doing some of the things we love to do in a safe and responsible. His is where we live. It’s a great responsibility.”

As expected, fan reaction was



The cars line up for the start of the NASCAR All-Star race at Bristol Motor Speedway in front of a limited number of fans and all were happy with the results. (PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES photo)

mixed.

“This only place I’d be tonight,” Betty Taylor of Knoxville, Tennessee stated. “Watching on television has been all right, but nothing beats being here. It’s not as much fun as when this place (BMS) was packed, but right now, we take what we can get.”

“There is no way I’d ever be over there in the middle of all those people,” Lawrence Walters of Kingsport, Tennessee commented. “Hanging around in a small crowd is OK, but when you get up in the thousands it seems to me like a risk I shouldn’t take. I have a TV at home.”

Well, as we know, the All-Star Race was held in front of an estimated 18-20,000 fans. Chase Elliott won his first All-Star Race and joined his father, Bill Elliott, as winners of this prestigious event.

“Tonight felt like an event and I felt like we’ve been missing that piece for a couple months,” Elliott said. “It felt great to have NASCAR back. NASCAR is about the fans. I felt like the vibe was back.” It should be noted that Elliott won at Charlotte in Cup and Trucks with no fans.

Three days after the All-Star Race at Bristol, the NASCAR caravan moved to Texas Motor Speedway for a full weekend of racing for all three major divisions. No spectators were allowed in the stands for the Xfinity and Truck Series races, but the Cup race was the exception.

It was the first major sporting event in Texas in more than four months where spectators were allowed. Fans were spread out along the massive frontstretch and were also allowed in the 40+ suites at the track.

“These are the folks that wanted to be here,” Eddie Gossage, Texas Motor Speedway President said. The heat temperature that reached 97 on race afternoon may have held the crowd number down.

More than 2,000 pieces of signage, including “6 feet apart” decals were installed to promote social distancing throughout the track, including ticket gates and concession stands. Every other stall and sink was closed. Ticketing was 100% digital with no ticket sales on race day. Also, there were no cash transactions of any kind.

“I feel good about everything, I know the plan was exceptional,” Gossage added. “Personal responsibility is a big component of everything that’s going on in our world right now. So, if folks will do what they’re supposed to do, it’ll be fine.”

Fortunately, both the Bristol All-Star race and the Texas up race were held with fans in attendance and no major issues. A huge amount of credit goes to the special NASCAR team responsible for insuring that the rules, restrictions, and guidelines set by our government were met for these events. And, both tracks and their staffs are to be congratulated for their work in these events. In a very troubling time for COVID-19 in our country, NASCAR several of their tracks have shown that fans certainly have hope that they will be allowed at races again soon.

Are we closer to that day happening soon? Well, last weekend at Kansas, no fans. As for upcoming events, local, state, and/or national regulations may hold the answer. However, we race fans certainly hope that we can go to our favorite short track or speedway and enjoy the sports we love very, very soon.

Denny Hamlin Outduels Former NASCAR Cup Champions for Dramatic Kansas Victory

In what could be a sneak preview of the Championship 4 race later this year, Denny Hamlin outduels Kevin Harvick, Brad Keselowski and Martin Truex Jr. to win the Super Start Batteries 400 presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts

Thursday night at Kansas Speedway.

After a wild restart on Lap 246, Hamlin passed Harvick for the lead on Lap 255 of 267 and held off a late charge from Keselowski to score his NASCAR Cup Series-best fifth victory of the season, his third at Kansas and the 42nd of his career.

Hamlin led four times for a race-high 57 laps to rebound from three sub-par finishes in what otherwise has been a stellar season for the No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota team.

"I don't know if we had the best car—we definitely had a top-three car all day," said Hamlin, who has won two straight races at Kansas. "We just went and got it there at the end. I saw the 4 (Harvick) getting loose, and usually when you're loose, you're not able to run up high, and that was a benefit for us to be able to get that momentum going..."

"We've had a rough three weeks—we were leading at Indy

when we blew a tire, but it seems like we're really hitting on all cylinders right now."

Moments after the final restart, Harvick made a deft move to slip past Hendrick Motorsports teammates William Byron and Alex Bowman. Hamlin followed and started to close the gap by running the top lane on the 1.5-mile track. Harvick's car was too loose to take Hamlin's line, and after chasing for eight laps, Hamlin made the pass for the lead with relative ease.

"We needed a miracle," said Harvick, who spent most of the night running in or near the top five, before grabbing his short-lived lead on the final run. "Our Busch Light Apple Ford Mustang was really loose. We got a couple good restarts and had a couple good laps, but we were in trouble there regardless, if it didn't just keep going yellow."

"Our guys did a good job keeping us in the fight all night, but we definitely have some work to do."

Keselowski followed Hamlin past Harvick, and Truex soon followed to secure the third position. Truex led 44 laps and Keselowski 30 in a race that featured a surfeit of action, as the 11 cautions implied.

"I thought Denny and I were probably pretty close to equal the second half of the night," said Keselowski, who picked up his fifth stage win of the season in Stage 2.

paign in 2005.

The race was a disaster for seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, who came to Kansas two points inside the current Playoff cutline. Johnson was an innocent victim of a Lap 176 wreck triggered



Denny Hamlin lets the excitement show after winning a hard fought battle at the Kansas Speedway. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

"It was just a matter of who got out in front. We didn't get out in front on the restarts there, and he was able to take advantage and bring home the win. All in all, it was still a really good day."

Kyle Busch, who led 52 laps, won the first 80-lap stage to collect his first Playoff point of the season, but his race fell apart with 40 laps left when he slid into the outside wall and was forced to pit road with a flat right front tire.

Busch recovered to finish 11th, but the reigning series champion saw his winless streak reach 19 races, his longest drought to start a season since his first full-time cam-

when Joey Logano slapped the outside wall after his left front tire lost air.

Matt DiBenedetto and Austin Dillon also were collected in the crash, but Johnson suffered the most, finishing 32nd and dropping to 18th in the standings, eight points behind Sunoco rookie Tyler Reddick in the race for the final Playoff berth.

Harvick held the fourth position at the finish. Erik Jones ran fifth, followed by Aric Almirola (scoring his eighth straight top 10), Cole Custer, Bowman, Kurt Busch and Byron. In the race for the regular-season championship, Harvick leads second-place Keselowski by 97 points.



Denny Hamlin (11) battles to keep the lead over Brad Keselowski (2) and Martin Truex Jr. (19) to finish in the winning position Thursday night. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

Brandon Jones Snatches Dramatic NASCAR Xfinity Win at Kansas

On the final lap of overtime in Saturday's Kansas Lottery 250, Brandon Jones stole a victory and a piece of history from Austin Cindric.

Restarting from seventh place in the second overtime attempt, Jones charged forward and wrested the lead from Cindric, who was less than one lap away from tying Sam Ard's NASCAR Xfinity Series record of four straight victories, a feat Ard accomplished in 1983.

After Cindric led Lap 174, the seventh circuit of overtime, Jones got a run underneath the No. 22 Team Penske Ford and powered his No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota past Cindric through Turn 1. Jones crossed the finish line .405 seconds ahead of the No. 22 Mustang.

Harrison Burton, who had the fastest long-run car in the race, finished third. Burton had a comfortable lead over Cindric when Joe Graf Jr.'s brush with the Turn 4 wall on Lap 164 of a scheduled 167 brought out the fourth caution and

sent the race to overtime.

After the first attempt at overtime was foiled by Jesse Little's spin in Turn 2, Jones came from the fourth row to score his second victory of the year, his second straight at Kansas and the third of his career.

"We're never out of this thing—that's what I love about these guys (the No. 19 team)," said Jones, who ran the Friday/Saturday Truck Series doubleheader before climbing in the Xfinity car on Saturday afternoon. "We keep our head in the game. We don't get excited during these races. We continue to make changes.

"My feedback, I think, was pretty good. It's been a long two days. I feel exhausted, and obviously, the heat is big here. Looking forward to celebrating with these guys, and it feels great to be back in Victory Lane."

Jones has finished seventh and first in the last two races, after a hard-luck string of four events in which his best finish was 30th.

Cindric was gracious in defeat but had to second-guess his choice to leave the inside lane open on the final lap.



A happy Brandon Jones is all smiles as he waves his winning checkered flag at Kansas Speedway. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)

"There's about 20 things I feel like I should have done differently," Cindric said. "It was difficult, because up higher was preferred all day, and you could usually generate momentum. I didn't know that we didn't quite get the right adjustment there at the end, so I was probably tighter than I needed to be, but, overall, watching the replay, he (Jones) got a hell of a run on the bottom, and I knew he had some momentum.

"If I maybe would have known he was coming from the bottom, I

probably would have pulled down to slide myself into (Turns) 1 and 2 and been able to fight for it in 3 and 4, but, overall, congrats to him. He earned it. He went from seventh to the lead in two laps. It's like the third or fourth time we've lost on a green-white-checker after being the leader at the line. There are a thousand different things you can do right and wrong and you've got to trust your gut and trust the car is going to stick. Overall, it just wasn't in the cards for four in a row."

Cindric was strong on restarts, but Burton twice was able to run him down from deficits of three seconds or more during long green-flag runs. Burton had taken the lead with nine laps left in regulation and pulled out to a cushion of more than one second before Graf's incident in Turn 4.

The runner-up finish and a sweep of the first two stages propelled Cindric past 14th-place finisher Chase Briscoe to the top of the series standings. Cindric leads Briscoe by four points heading to the Road America road course two weeks hence.

Ryan Sieg solidified his hold on a Playoff position by staying out on older tires during the fourth caution and finishing fifth. Eleventh in the standings, Sieg now has a 66-point lead over Jeremy Clements in 13th. Twelve drivers will qualify for the Xfinity Series postseason.

Ross Chastain ran fifth, his 15th top-10 result in 17 races this season. Justin Haley, Daniel Hemric, Michael Annett, Riley Herbst and Justin Allgaier completed the top 10.



Brandon Jones (19) charges past Austin Cindric (22) for the win during the second overtime restart at the Kansas Lottery 250 NASCAR XFINITY race at Kansas Speedway. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)

Matt Crafton Breaks Drought, Secures Playoff Spot with Kansas Win

For Matt Crafton, the victory couldn't have been sweeter.

The 44-year-old reigning NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series champion held off a determined charge from 19-year-old Christian Eckes and held on to win Saturday's E.P.T. 200 at Kansas Speedway.

In the second leg of NASCAR's first Truck Series weekend doubleheader, Crafton broke a 67-race drought dating back to his 2017 victory on the Eldora Speedway's half-mile dirt track. Crafton took the lead moments after a restart on Lap 113 of 134 and held the top spot the rest of the way.

The three-time series champion beat Eckes to the finish line by .324 seconds to secure his third win at the 1.5-mile track and the 15th of his career. Crafton had been in a close battle for one of the final Playoff spots; now, with two races left in the regular season, he's locked into the postseason with the victory.

"It was very, very sweet," Crafton acknowledged taking the checkered flag as a souvenir. "Not a lot of give-up in these guys (the No. 88 ThorSport Racing team), without a doubt. Our Ford F-150 was good, really good all day.

"It was good on that last run, as

well. The 18 (Eckes) had a little bit of speed—he was making me nervous right there. I kept trying to take his line away and make him tight and loose... At the end of the day, I can't thank these guys enough for working so hard each and every

closing laps but couldn't find a way around him. "We sucked yesterday. You can't sugar-coat it—we were terrible. (Crew chief) Rudy (Fugle) and the guys worked really, really hard last night and this morning to get it better.

"We still started the race a little bit off, but the track kind of came to us. It was perfect at the end. I just got a little tight behind him (Crafton)."

Grant Enfinger ran third behind Crafton and Eckes, with Tanner Gray and Ben Rhodes finishing fourth and fifth, respectively. Gray secured the first top five of his ca-

panded to 10 drivers this season, all three are in dire jeopardy of missing the Playoffs after Saturday's race. Sauter was KO'd in a 12-truck wreck that started when Gray turned the No. 68 Toyota of Clay Greenfield across traffic on Lap 83.

Sauter was eliminated in 33rd place and fell 43 points behind Todd Gilliland for the 10th and final Playoff spot. Friesen was a victim of the same wreck, finished 34th and stands 14th in points, 71 behind Gilliland.

In a wreck involving three GMS Racing teammates, Ankrum drifted



Race winner Matt Crafton (88) holds off a charging Christian Eckes (18) for his first victory to secure his spot in the playoffs. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

week on this thing."

The runner-up finish was bitter-sweet for Eckes, who ran a pedestrian 13th in Friday night's doubleheader opener at Kansas.

"What a comeback for our team," said Eckes, who applied constant pressure to Crafton in the

reer in his 13th Truck Series start.

If Crafton picked the perfect time to win for the first time this season, the race was an unmitigated disaster for Tyler Ankrum, Johnny Sauter and Stewart Friesen, all of whom qualified for the Playoffs last year. Even with the postseason field ex-

up the track on Lap 94, turned across the nose of Zane Smith's No. 21 Chevrolet and collected the No. 23 of teammate Brett Moffitt, the 2018 series champion. Smith had swept the first two stages of the race but finished ninth after damage to the left front of his Silverado.

Ankrum, who dropped out of the top 10 after a 33rd-place finish on Friday night thanks to mechanical issues, finished 28th on Saturday and is 11th in points, 22 behind Gilliland.

"My nose just started taking off," Ankrum said of the wreck. "I don't know what happened. I was fine, and I've never really had the nose take off—it was a really weird place.

"I had the wheel into to. Pretty embarrassing. A demoralizing weekend, honestly. If you look at 'demoralizing' in the dictionary, my name would probably be in it. We've had a fast truck all weekend. We just need to catch a break."

Friday night's winner, Austin Hill, ran sixth on Saturday, followed by Derek Kraus, Brandon Jones, Smith and polesitter Chase Purdy.



Matt Crafton (center) celebrates with his team while keeping social distancing in victory lane at Kansas Speedway. (JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Austin Hill Triumphs at Kansas for First NASCAR Gander Trucks Win of the Season

As the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoor Truck Series leader for seven straight weeks, Austin Hill was all but assured of making the Playoffs.

On Friday night he made it official, winning the Blue-Emu

Maximum Pain Relief 200 at Kansas Speedway to pick up his first victory of the season and lock up a Playoff spot.

After swapping the top spot with Brett Moffitt following the final restart on Lap 88, Hill grabbed the lead for good on Lap 96 of 134 and held it the rest of the way. All told, Hill led four times for a race-high 65 laps.

Hill's best finish of the season followed his worst, a 30th-place result at Texas that stemmed from

engine issues. Prior to the Fort Worth race, Hill had reeled off seven straight top 10s to open the season.

"Oh, man, it's awesome," said Hill, who increased his series lead to 40 points over second-place Ben Rhodes. "We've been working so hard this season. We've been really consistent. Last week was a bummer, having engine troubles.

"I told the guys before coming here, 'You know we finished fourth here last year—let's finish three spots better.' And I'll be danged if we didn't."

The only mistake Hill made was an ill-fated attempt to secure the fourth position and top lane for the final restart. Hill hit the brakes on pit road after this stop on Lap 85, only to get hit from behind. He restarted third on the bottom but immediately began battling for the lead with Moffitt.

Thanks to the pit road snafu, Hill's No. 16 Hattori Racing Enterprises Toyota will need some work before Saturday's second race of a weekend doubleheader.

"Now we've got to go replace the bumper and get it ready to go tomorrow," said Hill, who won for the first time in three Kansas starts and the fifth time in his career.

Moffitt and Grant Enfinger battled for the second position during the final green-flag run, with Moffitt prevailing. Hill pulled away as the two drivers fought for position behind him and crossed the finish line with a 2.928-second lead.

"Really, those last 20 laps felt like they went on forever," Hill said. "I started thinking, 'What am I going to do when a caution comes out?' Am I going to choose the outside or inside lane and how hard do I drive it into the corner on old tires—just a lot of things were going through my

head.

"I'm glad we didn't have to do a green-white-checkered finish, and it just ended like it did. The United Rentals Toyota Tundra was really fast tonight. We do have some work for tomorrow. It felt like on the long run we were just way too free. I had to really pedal it through the corner, but we were good enough tonight."

Enfinger held third, followed by reigning and three-time series champion Matt Crafton. Sunoco rookies Derek Kraus and Zane Smith were fifth and sixth, respectively, with Rhodes, Sheldon Creed, Johnny Sauter and Todd Gilliland completing the top 10.

Crafton gained one spot in the standings to ninth and now holds an 11-point cushion over Tyler Ankrum, the first driver currently out of a Playoff-eligible position. Stewart Friesen, a Playoff qualifier last year, suffered the most serious damage in the points after an unscheduled pit stop for a flat left rear tire and a 27th-place finish.

With three races left in the regular season, Friesen is 44 points behind Kraus, who holds the 10th and final Playoff position.



Austin Hill celebrates after exiting his United Rentals Toyota and qualified for the playoff with his win at Kansas Speedway Friday night. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

Bret Holmes Finally Gets To Savor Win at Kansas Speedway

KANSAS CITY, KS. — Finally.

Following a string of strong runs, Bret Holmes finally got to experience the emotions of standing in Victory Lane in the ARCA Menards Series. He earned that with a dominating performance Friday night in the Dawn 150 at

Kansas Speedway.

The 23-year-old Munford, Alabama, driver put the family-owned No. 23 Holmes II Excavation Chevrolet out front for 82 laps and crossed the finish line 14.458 seconds ahead of runner-up Ryan Repko.

It was the first career win in his 69th career start for Holmes, who began racing in the series as a 19-year-old in 2016. After a third-place finish in the championship stand-

ings last year, Holmes put together five straight finishes of seventh or better — including a second and two thirds — since the return to racing in June.

"We've been working so hard for this," said Holmes, who had led 42 laps in his career and just 17 before this season. "I've been working my whole life for this. My team did this for me. It's been a long tough road. I just thank my family and my friends. They believed in me when I didn't.

"It's tough being the underdog. Tired as hell. I drove my ass off. We're going to keep our head down and get some more."

Riley Herbst, who started on the pole because the starting lineup was set by owner's points, finished third. Corey Heim was fourth and Tanner Gray overcame an early penalty to take fifth.

Championship points leader Michael Self was sixth. It was his



Bret Holmes, driver of the #23 Holmes II Excavation Chevrolet, holds the trophy after winning the Dawn 150 for the ARCA Menards Series at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas. (Ed Zurga/ARCA Racing photo)

eighth straight top 10 to start the season but also represented back-to-back finishes outside the top five. That has allowed Holmes to chop Self's points lead down to nine.

Dollar was seventh, followed by Derek Griffith, Hailie Deegan and Thad Moffitt.

Dollar, Deegan and Moffitt are third through fifth, respectively, in

the points.

The ARCA Menards Series heads home to Ohio's Toledo Speedway for a unique double-header. The Menards.com 200 presented by SPxE will be Friday, followed by the Menards 200 presented by Crosley Brands on Saturday. Both races will air live on MAVTV and stream online on TrackPass on NBC Gold.

Ongoing Crowd Size Restrictions Forces Cancellation of Battle at Berlin 251 for 2020

SALEM, IN - Berlin Raceway officials have announced that the Battle at Berlin 251 scheduled for Saturday August 15th has been cancelled because of ongoing restrictions on crowd sizes in the state of Michigan over the

COVID-19 pandemic. That event was scheduled to be a points event for the ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS, the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance and the local Berlin late models

"This is a very tough situation for us, our fans, sponsors and racers to endure," noted Berlin Raceway president Mike Bursley.

"Last year's 251 saw a great race and great car count and we were looking forward to seeing that expand even more this year. COVID-19 has really changed our world and its impact on our racing is undeniable."

With that event's cancellation, Anderson Speedway, located in

Anderson, Indiana, has added an ARCA/CRA Super Series 125 lap event for Saturday, August 15th. That event will be the third series event of the season at Anderson Speedway.

Cody Coughlin won the series event at Anderson on June 20th, while Carson Hocevar won the July 13th Redbud 400 Presented by Mitch Smith Auto Service and Perfecto at Anderson.

"We always look forward to having events at Berlin Raceway", remarked R.J. Scott, Managing Partner with CRA.

"We understand with the current restrictions in Michigan and in the area where the track is located, that it is not possible for them to host this great event this year. We look forward to working with Berlin to continue the Battle at Berlin 251 in 2021. We want to thank Rick Dawson for stepping up and adding another series event at Anderson Speedway."

Additional track and event information can be found at www.andersonspeedway.com and at www.cra-racing.com.

PRA Tour Releases Entry Forms For 602 Super Limiteds & Modifieds

SOPHIA, NC - Entry forms for the 2020 Prestoria Racing Association (PRA) Tours opener at Caraway Speedway are now available for the PRA 602 Super Limiteds and PRA 602 Tour Modifieds. Racers from across the Carolinas are counting down the days as the 2020

season finally kicks off on Saturday, August 1st. Two of the country's most racer-friendly divisions will be joined by Limited Late Models/Challengers, Mini Stocks, and U-Cars. The 602 Super Limiteds will compete for 60 laps, while a Modified star-filled 602 Tour Modified feature will go for 35 laps.

602 Tour teams will be allowed purchase Hoosier d800 tires from series or Hoosier Asphalt South. Teams can also use tires left from last season. The durometer rule from last year will no longer be in effect. Limited Late Models/Challengers will have the option to race on 4 Hoosier scuff f45s or 3 f45s and 1 new Hoosier f45. The Mini Stock race will be 30 laps,

paying \$300 to win and \$50 to start, courtesy of V's Barbershop of Winston Salem, NC.

PRA Tours is currently working with local health officials to allow limited fan attendance in the grandstands based on CDC social distancing guidelines. Trackside parking will be available to allow overflow pit parking with a 6-ft buffer between vehicles.

All participants will be required to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing. Hand sanitizing stations will be available for the infield pits and trackside parking. Another open practice will be available at Caraway Speedway this Saturday from 4:30 PM until dark for any cars that would like to get some laps on the track.

PRA Tour dates that are currently scheduled, will continue as previously announced. The 18th Annual North-South Shootout is still planned for November 5-7 at Hickory Motor Speedway.

All the action gets under way on Saturday, August 1 at Caraway Speedway with racing set to start at 8 PM.

For more information please go to pratours.com.

Clark, Reno Get Wins at Riverside Speedway

GROVETON, NH - Johnny Clark reminded everyone in attendance Friday night at Riverside Speedway why he is a six time champion as he dominated the Pro All Stars Series first visit to the 1/4 mile since 2018. Clark, who has not been first to the checkers since 2016, fended off chal-

lenges from several drivers but was never seriously challenged in the 150 lap tilt. "It's been a long time since I have had a car that good," he exclaimed in victory lane, "it was fun, but there was oil or something on the track those last few laps and we almost slipped and gave it away."

As dominating as Clark was leading the entire 150 lap contest, it wasn't as easy as it looked. "We made wholesale changes after the first practice, and it was just terrible. I knew, we all knew after the second practice we had to put it back. It was not easy, there were a lot of changes. I'm glad we did!"

Clark was challenged early by Eddie MacDonald who seemed to maintain the torrid pace but not able to mount a bid for the point. Meanwhile 3 time 2020 winner Nick Sweet was making his way to the front, trying to balance the art of saving some tires while also trying to close the gap on the front runners from his 11th starting spot. "That's the trick, maintaining that balance while trying to run them down but still have something left at the end. We are definitely happy with the finish."

Macdonald held on for the final podium spot while point leader coming into the race Travis Benjamin nailed down the fourth spot. Defending champion DJ Shaw rounded out the top 5. The race was slowed by a single caution on lap 91. Clark's win was career triumph number 40 on the all-time list as he bested a stout 17 car field.

Next up for the Pro All Stars Series is a return visit to White Mountain Motorsports Park on August 9th before a mid-August race at Oxford Plains speedway will lead up to the 47th Annual Oxford 250 the weekend of August 28th-30th.

Nick Reno survived all challenges on a hot and sticky night to score his first career triumph in

PASS MODS action. 15 cars took the green flag at the high banked Groveton oval led by Reno as he made his third start of 2020. Despite five cautions, including one on the opening lap that involved point leader Tyler King and defending champion Spencer Morse, Reno was up to the task. JR Baril, who has experienced some very hard luck in his previous 4 races, started outside pole and challenged Reno through the first 3 yellows before scrubbing the wall and fading during the midpoint of the race.

By Lap 30, King had worked his way back to the front and seemed poised to make a run at his 4th win of the year. King tried through two restarts to move alongside the 77 of Reno, even executing several well timed crossover moves, but Reno was ready for every move.

"I tried hard to protect the bottom, a couple of times I was able to anticipate those moves and close the door. It was definitely a little easier when he went to the outside because I could let it run out a little more."

Baril was able to recover from a mid-race skirmish with the front stretch wall to get by King in the closing laps and mount one more charge on Reno before settling for the runner-up spot.

King survived in third to extend his point lead as he edged out his closest competitor Justin Larson as he ran a steady uneventful race to



Johnny Clark celebrates in victory lane with family and crew after winning Friday night at Riverside Speedway. (Norm Marx photo)

come home fourth. Rounding out the top 5 was Spencer Morse who made two runs from the back after a pair of off track skirmishes put him to the rear.

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For more information see PASS on Facebook.



Nick Reno celebrates after racing his way to victory lane for the PASS MODS at Riverside Speedway. (Norm Marx photo)

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David Gravel Wins Summer Nationals at Williams Grove

MECHANICSBURG, PA - David Gravel knew a second-place starting spot in the Feature would lead to his first Champion Racing Oil Summer Nationals at Williams Grove Speedway Saturday night.

He had six laps and two cars to pass to achieve that goal in the DIRTvision Fast

Pass Dash – which lineups the first four rows of the Feature by the finishing order.

However, once the Dash commenced, he made quick work of the task. He blew by local PA Posse members Brock Zearfoss and Lance Dewease on the first lap to take the runner-up spot and hold it until the finish.

With his goal achieved, he knew the race could be his. His main obstacle was to steal the lead away from polesitter and 10-time World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series champion Donny Schatz.

When the Feature went green, he made it so.

Gravel led from green to checkers at the historic half-mile Pennsylvania track, earning his seventh win at the speedway, his third win of the season and the \$20,000 top prize.

"Clean air in winged (Sprint Car) racing is so important," said Gravel, of Watertown, CT. "We've been struggling with the pill draw in the Dash and we finally got a good one. You wanted to start on the outside row there (for the Feature). My goal was to finish second. I knew if I could do that, I could get the jump on the start and control the race."

The top lane was dominate all night with those starting on the outside pole always getting the jump on starts to take the lead. The Feature was no different with Gravel pulling ahead of Schatz for the lead before they entered Turn 1 on the initial start. With the advantage of clean air, Gravel could pull ahead of the field by a second in one lap.

Schatz was the first to try and contend with the Jason Johnson #41 car, but his fight lasted two laps. With a pop heard among the roar of the 25 410 c.i. engines, Schatz's car appeared to be the source of the sound as he slowed to a stop on the backstretch during the second lap of the Feature.

The undiagnosed mechanical issue was enough to take the Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing #15 car out of the race – Schatz's first DNF since September.

With Schatz out of the race, that moved Lance Dewease into second and reigning champion Brad Sweet into third. Four cautions – including an open red – gave Dewease four opportunities to try and challenge Gravel but each time Gravel was too strong. Dewease couldn't stay with the Mesilla Valley Transportation #41 car on the restarts and eventually feel to the clutches of Sweet.

"I knew Lance is known to slide himself in (turns) three and four and carry a lot of entrance speed, so I was just trying to protect on the restarts," Gravel said. "I knew running the top I was getting a lot of momentum on exit. I just hoped I had a big enough gap and luckily it worked out."

Sweet got by Dewease for second in the early stage of the race, but only held the position for a lap before the famed Hess Iron #69K drove its way back by Sweet's NAPA Auto Parts #49 car. From then on Sweet became a pong ball between Dewease and fourth-place Logan Schuchart. Some laps he'd close on Dewease and others he'd fad and have to fend off Schuchart.

By the end of the 30 laps, Gravel crossed the finish line with a 4.1 second lead over Dewease. Sweet held on to third to round out the podium.

"With the way the race track was tonight, we weren't very good," Dewease said. "I was happy with



David Gravel raced his way to victory lane for the Champion Racing Oil Summer Nationals at Williams Grove Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

the single file starts. I got real tight after that red (flag). Brad kept getting runs at me and runs at me. We had a pretty good race there sliding each other and I run back by him. I was just happy to finish second with the way the track was tonight."

Schatz's misfortune handed the points lead back to Sweet, who now has an 18-point lead over second-place Logan Schuchart – who finished fourth in the Feature. Schatz fell to third – now 26 points behind Sweet.

"I saw Donny have his issues but (points) didn't even cross my mind," Sweet said. "I just kind of thought, it moved me up a spot. We just want to win."

Sheldon Haudenschild's hot streak of top-10s came to an end Saturday night due to a broken rear end. Before the night, he had 18 top-10s in a row, including his win at Lincoln Speedway. He is still fifth in points, but now 100 points behind Sweet.

Carson Macedo, who struggled at

Williams Grove Speedway last year, had a solid weekend, finishing ninth and eighth, respectively. He maintains the fourth rank in points – 70 points behind Sweet.

While Gravel is out of the hunt for the points championship this year after missing a race during the DIRTcar Nationals, Jason Johnson Racing is still in the hunt for the team championship. JJR is tied with TSR for third in points – 26 points behind Kasey Kahne Racing with three months of racing to go in 2020.

UP NEXT: The World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series returns to Wayne County Speedway in Orrville, OH for the first time since 1985 on Sat., Aug. 1.

If you can't make it to the track, you can still watch all of the action live on DIRTvision.

Shane Stewart Wins Summer Nationals Opener at Williams Grove

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Shane Stewart was ready to hang up his helmet at the start of the year.

Instead, he wore it in Victory Lane Friday night at Williams Grove Speedway for his first World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series win since June of 2019.

"There's no better feeling," Stewart said about winning with the World of Outlaws at Williams Grove. "This isn't my best track, but I've had good runs. Just was never able to capitalize on the win. Just happy to be here."

After losing his full-time ride with CJB Motorsports at the end of 2019 and no firm prospect on a full-time
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Shane Stewart celebrates in victory lane after racing for the win on opening night of action at Williams Grove Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

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ride for this year, Stewart considered quitting racing. But before he let that thought become law in his head, Bernie Stuebgen called to offer a part-time deal in the Indy Race Parts #71 car.

It was an offer Stewart knew he had to capitalize on. And he has, even before Williams Grove, putting the #71 in the top-five about every time he hit the track with it. A win was near, but still missing each time.

The half-mile Williams Grove Speedway is not the track he expected to get his first win with the team at either. Stewart won at the speedway in 2017, but never pieced together consistent finishes after.

However, during the opening night of the Champion Racing Oil Summer Nationals, Stewart was the maestro of the paperclip-shaped clay oval.

He won his Drydene Heat Race and then won the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash, putting him on the pole for the 25-lap race.. Then, when the main event went green, he rocketed ahead of second-place Anthony Macri, of Dillsburg, PA, and pulled away from the field.

From then on, no one could touch the Bixby, OK driver. Stewart's car looked to have 10 more horsepower than everyone else the way it launched ahead of the field on restarts and added seconds between them every lap.

On a restart with 13 laps to go, Macri threw a slide job at Stewart going into Turn 1 and took the lead. His stint out front lasted about two more seconds before Stewart fired his car back underneath Macri on the exit of Turn 2 and darted down the backstretch like he was shot out of a canon to reclaim the lead.

He led all 25 laps to claim his 35th career World of Outlaws win and become the 10th different winner this year with the Series.

Ten-time Series champion and current points leader Donny Schatz made his way from fourth to second, ending the race 1.5 seconds behind Stewart.

"We were missing lap traffic. I was thinking to myself, 'Thank God we have double file restarts on these big tracks, or we'd be spread out pretty quick,'" said Schatz, of



Sheldon Haudenschild climbs atop his car in victory lane after racing for the Gettysburg Clash win at Lincoln Speedway. (Trent Gower photo)

Fargo, ND. "Everybody's car was good. Everybody's motors are good. It's really a game of chess at high speed. We needed traffic. Every time we got close a yellow would come out. That's the way it goes."

With his performance, and reigning champion Brad Sweet finishing seventh, Schatz was able to extend his points lead over Sweet again – now 16 points ahead of the Kasey Kahne Racing driver.

Macri ended the night third – his second ever top-five and top-10 finish with the World of Outlaws – after starting second, but still took his performance as a victory.

"It's a win in our book," Macri said. "To run third to these guys, there's definitely no shame in that. We struggled a little bit tonight. We just kept pushing through. On the one restart I knew I had the chance to slide him (Stewart). So, I slid him and kind of bobbled on the curb and he got by me. I kind of lost my composure there for a lap or two. I think Donny got us the next restart. Shit happens."

Stewart gave a lot of credit for his dominating win to Stuebgen – who had won a World of Outlaws race at Williams Grove before with Gio Scelzi in 2018 – and his Charlie Garrett Racing Engine.

"We spent the day at Charlie Garrett's yesterday, and we had stories of (two-time World of Outlaws champion) Jason Meyers and all of the success he's had with Brian (Brown) and Jason," Stewart said. "He told me story that the first time he met Jason he told him, 'Hey, I'm going to see you in Victory Lane tonight,' because that was the first time that Jason had run one of Charlie's motors. And Charlie puts such joy and pride in his motors that he puts a little bit of pressure on you. And he said the same thing to me tonight. He said, 'I'll see you

in Victory Lane."

Sheldon Haudenschild Gets Redemption at Lincoln Speedway

ABBOTTSTOWN, PA - When Sheldon Haudenschild pulled his NOS Energy Drink #17 car into Victory Lane at Lincoln Speedway Thursday night, he got more than a trophy and shower of confetti. He got redemption.

The Wooster, OH driver missed transferring to the Feature at Lincoln in 2019. This year, he entered the Gettysburg Clash presented by Drydene on a streak of 16 top-10s in a row – nine of them being top-five finishes – and carried that momentum to his first World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series win of 2020 and first at Lincoln Speedway.

"It definitely feels good, man," Haudenschild said about the redeeming win. "We were good all night. It definitely feels good to get a win for my team. It's kind of settled the pain to just be really consistent and gaining points. That's been a positive. Definitely want to win. These (Stenhouse Jr.-Marshall Racing) guys deserve to win. That's what we want to do."

His strong run started with a second-place finish in his Drydene Heat Race and then a win in the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash, which he won by 2.4 seconds.

However, Jacob Allen looked to put an end to Haudenschild's hunt for the win by charging from third to the lead on the first lap of the 35-lap Feature.

Allen, of Hanover, PA – just minutes away from the speedway – looked poised to claim his first career win in the early stage of the race. He gapped Haudenschild by over a second in the opening laps before catching traffic on Lap 7.

Haudenschild closed in, but Allen was able to keep his Drydene #1A ahead of the NOS Energy Drink car, even while darting high and low to maneuver around the slower cars. Allen ran the top and Haudenschild couldn't find the grip to pass him low. However, Allen switched to the bottom while racing through traffic, giving Haudenschild his preferred top lane.

On Lap 14, Haudenschild flipped the switch and rocketed around the outside of Allen through Turns 3 and 4 to officially take the lead on Lap 15. There was then nothing Allen could do. Haudenschild ripped around the high side of the track like a man desperately trying to lose the hoard of hungry drivers behind him. Although, in clean air, the closest car to him was at least three seconds behind.

Cautions eliminated his massive lead twice, but even on a green-white-checked finish, Haudenschild was still able to gap the field by a second on the restart.

"You never know where these guys are at," Haudenschild said. "You kind of have to race like they're on you the whole time."

Allen was the one left to fend off the hoard of drivers behind him. First came David Gravel, who was unable to make the pass. And then came his Shark Racing teammate Logan Schuchart. The two Drydene sponsored cars swapped slide jobs each corner for a lap and a half before Schuchart got the upper hand and took second.

While Allen had to settle for a third-place finish, after leading the first 14 laps, he was still energized about his performance.

"It was fun," Allen said. "I feel really good. I know I haven't won an Outlaw race, but this year I feel so good physically and mentally... Sheldon rips. Logan rips. I gave it all I had. The wins are going to come."

The podium finish is his first since earning a third-place finish at Devil's Bowl Speedway in April of 2019. It's also his third top-five finish this year, besting his performance last year where he only got two top-fives.

Logan Schuchart's runner-up finish at Lincoln Speedway – also his home track – has helped him further cut into the championship points gap. He's now 20 points behind points leader Donny Schatz and 14 points behind Brad Sweet, who is in second.

"I remember racing here locally, seven, eight years ago, and it's been a struggle to get here. A long

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journey but we're gaining on it," Schuchart said about the Shark Racing team. "It's nice to get a podium finish."

After winning at Lernerville Speedway on Tuesday night, Schatz, the 10-time Series champion from Fargo, ND finished seventh at Lincoln and Sweet, the reigning champion, of Grass Valley, CA, finished eighth. Schatz now

holds a six-point lead over Sweet.

Carson Macedo, who finished fifth, is still fourth in points – 62 points behind Schatz – and Haudenschild is fifth in points, only four points behind Macedo now.

With the consistency Haudenschild and his team have shown this year, he said he's confident they'll pick up more trophies and shower in more confetti.

"I keep telling these guys, 'We'll be consistent and win races,'" Haudenschild said. "It's hard to tell your guys that and stay motivated with not winning a race until late July but we keep working... I have one of the best teams out there. No doubt."

Donny Schatz Steals Silver Cup Win in Thrilling Fashion

SARVER, PA - Donny Schatz left Lernerville Speedway in September with frustration and a points gap he was unable to make up in time to deny Brad Sweet the 2019 title.

Ten months later, the 10-time Series champion left the Sarver, PA track Tuesday night with a trophy, a big check and the points lead over Sweet.

Redemption best describes the outcome, but astonishing, thrilling and spectacular defines his path to it.

Coming to the white flag, Schatz was running third behind Kyle Larson in second and Sweet in the lead. Five seconds later, he was the leader.

A charge around the outside of Larson off Turn 4 and a slide job underneath Sweet going into Turn 1 propelled Schatz to his seventh Don Martin Memorial Silver Cup victory – his third win of 2020 – and the \$25,000 top prize.

"It's awesome to win the Silver Cup," said Schatz, of Fargo, ND, in



Donny Schatz takes the checkered flag for the Don Martin Memorial Silver Cup at Lernerville Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

Victory Lane. "Third win of the year. Normally we'd like to have more, but we're not going to get greedy. We're going to keep racing the way we are and keep going."

Schatz, Sweet and Larson positioned themselves for a good run early on by winning their Drydene Heat Races. However, Sweet put himself in the best position for the 40-lap Feature by winning the DIRTvision Fast Pass Dash and claiming the pole.

Sweet led the first six laps before Schatz, from sixth, ran him down and took the lead in Turn 1. Like a rehearsed dance move, the two slid side by side in unison through Turns 3 & 4 with Schatz up high and Sweet low. Schatz had the better momentum off the corner and charge ahead of Sweet to run away with the lead.

While Schatz held command out front for the next 20 laps, Sweet found grip around the bottom and closed on the Advance Auto Parts #15 with 10 laps to go. Once he was close enough to see Schatz wheeling his Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing ride, the two never left each other's sight.

Sweet reclaimed the lead on Lap 28 and attempted to pull away from Schatz. He was unsuccessful as four laps later Schatz torpedoed his car underneath the NAPA Auto Parts #49 going into Turn 3. The two then drag raced side by side to the line with Schatz officially leading Lap 33. However, Sweet charged back ahead the next corner.

Their fierce racing brought Kyle Larson into the picture. Larson had been struggling on restarts, losing a spot or two each time. It wasn't until he was able to run consecutive green flag laps that his Finley Farms #57 began to pick off cars and run down the leaders. He

passed Schatz for second with four laps to go and began his hunt for Sweet.

The three titans of the Sprint Car world were a car length apart from each other with two laps to go, leaving no certainty of who would leave the victor. Schatz, the furthest back, was at his time limit to make a move for the win and wasted no seconds to perfect his final charge at victory.

He ripped the top of Turns 3 and 4 to power around the outside of Larson coming to the white flag and then carried that momentum into a slide job underneath Sweet going into Turn 1 to reclaim the lead for the final time.

"It's fun to race like that," Schatz said. "Those guys are good. That's what you guys pay to see. My crew did a great job. I think what won us that race is figuring out how to run the racetrack early in the race. I got hanging there at the end and had to move around. I got to traffic, and I wasn't good on the bottom. The 49 could get down there. The 57 could go there. But that's what ulti-

mately won us the race. Those guys were choking down around there and we could carry speed through (Turns) three and four."

Larson had his own last lap charge, diving underneath Sweet for second in Turn 4 and closed to Schatz's bumper at the finish line. His last four finishes with the Series now include three wins and a runner-up finish.

"It was an exciting race there," said Larson, of Elk Grove, CA. "The track changed a ton. It was hard to keep up with it... It was a fun race. Fun to have the three of us battling for the win there coming down late. Just came up a little bit short."

While Sweet had to settle for a third-place finish, it marked the end to his bad luck streak of three DNFs in a row.

"Probably should have protected," said Sweet. "I don't know if I would have still held them off. I kind of felt like I was hanging on a little the last few laps there. Just couldn't quite get the momentum built back up."

Along with the top-three, Jason Sides had an impressive night. After starting 21st and having to visit the work area twice, he worked his way up to a seventh-place finish and earned the KSE Racing Hard Charger award for the night.

With his win at Lernerville, Schatz is now only three wins away from a milestone 300 career World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series wins and has reclaimed the points lead for the first time since he won the season opening race at Volusia Speedway Park. He currently holds a four-point lead over Sweet in second and a 30-point lead over third-place Logan Schuchart, who finished ninth.

This time, he's leaving Lernerville with a smile.

Deep South Speedway Event Cancelled

The Southern All Stars Series scheduled race for Deep South Speedway for August 1 has been canceled due to damage from a lightning strike to the press box at the track.

Track owner Billy Roberson spoke to series officials today and he said "Ray Ray, the lightning strike caused about \$60,000.00 damage to my sound

system here at the track. At this time I am going to have to cancel the All Stars race and look at scheduling the series for the 2021 season. We enjoyed your first visit here in June and look forward to having your guys back."

The first visit saw 2 great night of racing at the reconfigured track with David Breazeale and Ashton Winger picking up wins.

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Sheppard Collects First Silver Dollar Nationals Win at I-80 Speedway

GREENWOOD, NE - Brandon Sheppard led the final 14 laps to win Saturday Night's 10th Annual Imperial Tile Silver Dollar Nationals at I-80 Speedway. Sheppard passed race leader Chad Simpson on the 88th lap and pulled away to take his first career win in the crown event. He pocketed \$53,000 for the Rocket House Car Team in the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series sanctioned race.

Ricky Thornton Jr. got by Simpson in the closing laps to take the \$20,000 second place prize. Simpson finished third, earning \$10,000. Tim McCreddie was fourth with Ricky Weiss in fifth.

Sheppard dedicated his win to the family of Tim Hitt, who passed away on Friday. Hitt was the original house car driver for Rocket Chassis in the early 1990's.

Sheppard's fourth visit to Lucas Oil Victory Lane in 2020 made him the eighth different winner in ten Silver Dollar Nationals. "I had it in the back of my mind that I was going to wait as long as I could to get to the top of the track. I knew I was abusing my equipment up there. I hit the wall a few times off of two. It was a crazy race," said the 27-year-old Illinois native.

Current LOLMDS point leader Jimmy Owens led the first 43 laps of the race until he began having problems under the hood of his car and Tyler Erb took over the top spot. Erb started to pull away from the field as the caution for Owens came out with 64 laps scored. Owens entered the hot pit area and retired from the event. He was credited with a 23rd place finish. Simpson grabbed the point from Erb on the restart and then held off Sheppard until the reigning Dirt Track World Championship winner became the fourth different leader of the race. Sheppard took the lead on lap 88 and held it to the finish.

Thornton, Jr. grabbed the runner-up finish in his debut weekend at the Nebraska track. "Congrats to Brandon on the win. Thanks to Todd and Vickie Burns for giving me a chance to drive their car."

Simpson came home third. "The car was really, really good mid-race. I could roll through the middle

good with my momentum. The guys told me under caution to keep rolling the middle, my laps times were really good. My crew guys were telling me to use top when I was coming down the frontstretch once. As soon as I came off of turn two Brandon went by me on the topside and I knew it was over."

The winner's Mark Richards Racing Rocket Chassis is powered by a Durham Racing Engine and sponsored by Valvoline, Seubert Calf Ranches, Gunter's Honey, Ace Metal Works, Integra Racing Shocks, Sunoco Race Fuels, Keyser Manufacturing, and Rocket Pre-Owned Motors.

Completing the top ten were Josh Richards, Tyler Erb, Jonathan Davenport, Chris Ferguson, and Tanner English.

For the latest breaking news concerning the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, including the latest series standings, 2020 tour schedule, driver information, and more visit the official website at: www.lucasdirt.com.

Owens Holds off Thornton and Sheppard for I-80 Win

GREENWOOD, NE - Jimmy Owens got back on track on Thursday Night as he captured the caution-free Optima Batteries Dirt Track Bank Go 50 - Presented by K&N Filters at I-80 Speedway. Owens had to fend off late challenges from both Ricky Thornton, Jr. and Brandon Sheppard for his series-leading seventh win of the season. Ricky Weiss came home in fourth followed by Josh



Jimmy Owens raced his way to victory lane for the win at I-80 Speedway for the caution free Optima Batteries Dirt Track Bank Go 50. (lucasdirt.com photo)



Brandon Sheppard collected his first Silver Dollar Nationals Saturday night at I-80 Speedway after taking the lead from Chad Simpson with 14 laps to go. (lucasdirt.com photo)

Richards in fifth.

Richards took the lead at the start of the race and held the point for the first four laps of the race. Owens started fifth on the grid and charged to the lead on lap five surpassing Richards for the top spot, but the 2017 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Champion [Richards] roared back to the lead around Owens on lap 11.

Richards led until lap 27 when Owens caught back up to him to regain the lead for good. Owens then saw Thornton Jr. and Sheppard close the gap on him in the last five laps. Owens, the 3-time series champion held off the challengers for his 71st career LOLMDS victory.

"I could hear him [Thornton], he got a run off of four and left me plenty room on the high side, and I appreciated that. It's good to race with guys like that, but man thanks to Leon Ramirez, he's here and it's great to get a win in front of him. Thanks to my crew for busting their rear ends in this heat. This car is rolling pretty good; we are looking forward to tomorrow and Saturday. I was concerned a little bit when

Josh got around me. He has been really good the last few weeks. I know there was a lot more talent behind us as well. I was able to move around the racetrack and I was hardly losing any time. Then finally he [Richards] started moving back towards me and we were able to capitalize," said the 48-year-old Tennessee native.

Thornton was in the hunt for his first career LOLMDS victory but came home in second. "He [Owens] started to get into one and cut across. I was just a little too tight when I got to him. I probably could have done a slide job in turn three, but I didn't want to wreck us both. Jimmy's been my hero growing up and to win this race would have been awesome. We had a really good car. I don't know how much of a cushion we left; we were scrapping the wall there. About halfway through the race we got going good."

Sheppard entered the race with three LOLMDS wins in 2020 and made it close in the final stages. "In the heat race everybody was hurting tires, especially the left rear. I was trying to save as much as I could in the feature. Towards the end, we really got it going. We felt really comfortable at the end, we passed some cars so hopefully I will give us some momentum for Friday and Saturday."

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

Completing the top ten were Jonathan Davenport, Kyle Strickler, Chad Simpson, Chris Ferguson, and Earl Pearson Jr.

Seth Bergman Sweeps ASCS Frontier at Big Sky Speedway

BILLINGS, MT - Bringing the broom to Montana, Seth Bergman captured both nights of the ASCS Frontier Big Sky 360 Nationals, presented by Kirkness Roofing at Big Sky Speedway.

Capturing the lead on Lap 3 from Mindy McCune, the Corridor Electric No. 23 held the point the rest of the A-Feature. Crossing 1.841 seconds ahead of the field, Trevor Kirkland rebounded from mechanical issues Friday to a second-place run. Jeremy McCune ended up third with Washington's Greg Hamilton working from ninth to fourth. Utah's Chauncy Filler completed the top five.

Advancing seven positions, David Hoiness was sixth with Joe Perry in tow. Nick Haygood, Tanner Holmes, and Kory Wermeling made the top ten.

The Brodix ASCS Frontier Region hits the track again on Friday, July 31, at Black Hills Speedway in Rapid City, S.D.

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Seth Bergman Victorious With ASCS Frontier at Big Sky Speedway

BILLINGS, MT - Fending off challenges through numerous cautions Friday night, Washington's Seth Bergman pocketed \$1,500 and his first career victory with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region to open the ASCS Frontier Big Sky 360 Nationals, presented by Kirkness Roofing.

The win makes Seth the 36th different winner with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region. It's the ninth ASCS Region that he has earned a victory with for an overall total of 38 Regional wins.

Gridging the field third, Bergman chased early on as Trevor Kirkland held point. Entering lapped traffic on Lap 5, that opened the door for

Seth to make his move. Throwing the slide for the lead the following lap, the advantage went to the Corridor Electric No. 23. Trying to re-take the position, mechanical issues struck the No. 37, forcing Kirkland to a stop on Lap 7.

A stop for fuel and air pressure on Lap 13, the race finally made it to Lap 25 with Bergman out front by 1.963 seconds. Colorado's Nick Haygood crossed second with David Hoiness making his return to racing with a podium finish. Jeremy McCune was fourth with Oregon's Tanner Holmes racing from 10th to fifth.

Damon McCune grabbed sixth, followed by Washington's Greg Hamilton. Spinning early on, Travis Reber rebounded to eighth with Kory Wermeling hauling from 18th to ninth. Joe Perry completed the top ten.



Seth Bergman celebrates in victory lane Saturday night after sweeping the weekend action at Big Sky Speedway with the ASCS Frontier Series. (Andrew Kunas photo)

Ainsworth in fifth. Sixth went to Marshall Skinner with Jordon Mallett following after starting 14th. Following the No. 14 through the field, Brad Bowden ended up eighth from 15th. Zach Pringle crossed ninth with Chad Jones tenth.

Next for the ASCS Mid-South Region is Jackson Motor Speedway in Byram, Miss. on Saturday, August 1.

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Keith Martin Doubles Up With ASCS Elite Non-Wing

AMARILLO, TX - Making it back-to-back wins with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating, Keith Martin captured his fifth career victory with the series Saturday night at Route 66 Motor Speedway.

Riding second at the white flag, (Continued Next Page)



Derek Hagar raced his way to victory lane with the ASCS Mid-South at I-30 Speedway. (Jimmy Jones photo)

Derek Hagar Grabs ASCS Mid-South Checkers at I-30 Speedway

LITTLE ROCK, AR - In Victory Lane for the 10th time with the ASCS Frontier Region, Derek Hagar wheeled his way into Victory Lane at I-30 Speedway on Saturday night.

Chasing Cody Gardner from the start, the No. G6 held the point until Lap 17. Working through slower traffic with Hagar on his heels, the No. 9jr used the backmarkers as a pick through the first and second turns to take over the top spot.

Gardner would hold on for runner-up honors with Tennessee's Howard Moore taking third. Tim Crawley was fourth with Ernie



Keith Martin celebrates in victory lane after scoring the win at Route 66 Motor Speedway on Saturday night. Martin also raced his way to the win the night before at West Texas Raceway. (Bobby DrRock Thomas photo)

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Martin would capture the top spot coming to the checkered flag. Followed by Justin Zimmerman, the pair worked past Tennessee's Anthony Nicholson on the closing lap as the No. 16 would fight to make it back to the checkered flag with a flat right rear tire but did manage to claim the final podium step.

Shon Deskins was fourth with Stephen Smith in fifth.

Steven Shebester crossed sixth with Randy Nelson seventh. Michelle Parson, Colt Treharn, and Bryson Oeschger completed the top ten.

Up next for the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating will be Waco's Heart O'Texas Speedway on Friday, August 7, and Devils' Bowl Speedway in Mesquite on Saturday, August 8.

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Keith Martin Charges to ASCS Elite Non-Wing Win at West Texas Raceway

LUBBOCK, TX - Securing his fourth career win with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating, Burleson's Keith Martin climbed through the field from seventh for Friday's \$2,200 top prize at West Texas Raceway.

Getting the lead on Lap 6, Martin was able to fend off Indianapolis shoe Landon Simon. The pair were joined on the podium by another long-haul driver Zac Taylor, who made the nearly 14-hour drive from Green River, Wyo. Tennessee's Anthony Nicholson crossed fourth with Justin Zimmerman making up an impressive 17 positions to complete the top five.

Scott Evans, in sixth, was followed by 13th starting Paul White. Gary Floyd was eighth with Stephen Smith coming from 18th to ninth. Arizona's Ronald Webster made up the top ten.

Special Thanks to Gary Floyd Custom Homes, D-Up Racing, all Import Auto Parts, GlassTech, and

Matthew's Backhoe for adding extra money to the purse to bring it from \$1,500 to win, \$300 to start up to \$2,200 to win, \$400 to start.

Tickets On Sale For 2020 Osky Challenges

OSKALOOSA, IA - Closing in on the month of August means fans and teams are a step closer to the Sage Fruit Ultimate Challenge presented by Searsboro Telephone Co. and Sage Fruit Front Row Challenge presented by Musco Lighting at Southern Iowa Speedway.

Starting with the Sage Fruit Ultimate Challenge presented by Searsboro Telephone Co. on Sunday, August 9, the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network and POWRi Lucas Oil Wingless Auto Racing League will take to the half-mile oval for a pair of \$4,000 to win A-Features thanks to Country Builders Construction.

Moving to Outlaw 410 Sprint Cars and RaceSaver Sprint Cars on Monday, August 10, the 25th annual Sage Fruit Front Row Challenge presented by Musco Lighting, payouts will again be bolstered by Country Builders Construction with 410 portion of the program now paying \$11,000 to

win, and 305 competition going for \$2,000 to win.

A party surrounded by Sprint Cars, the Infield Party Pass is the best value for fans at \$25 per day, with young admitted for \$5. General Admission seating in the Grandstands is \$30 for adults and \$15 for youth. Tickets can be purchased by calling (515) 957-0020.

Social Distancing and the use of Face Masks is highly recommended. Those wanting to distance effectively are encouraged to utilize the Infield Party Pass as it gives you the greatest freedom of mobility. All fans are also encouraged to bring and use Hand Sanitizer.

Sunday, August 9, and Monday, August 10 will open at 3:00 P.M. for fans to begin pulling into the infield. Grandstand open at 5:00 P.M. with Hot Laps at 7:00 P.M. and Racing at 7:30 P.M. (CT).

Southern Iowa Speedway is located at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds in Oskaloosa, Iowa. For more information, detailed directions, and even history, log onto www.oskychallenges.com.

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Hall of Fame Engine Builder Maurice Petty Passes Away

The Petty family announces with great sadness the loss of Maurice Petty, who died peacefully on Saturday, July 25th, 2020. Maurice, a stock-car racing pioneer whose career supplied the horsepower that propelled Petty Enterprises to victories, passed away surrounded by family earlier this morning.

He was 81 years old.

Born in 1939 into the Petty's of Level Cross, NC, a legendary family known for their wins and championships, Maurice would soon become an integral part of continuing the dynasty. Maurice was a participant at track even before his teenage years, and would be part of his father's three championships and 54 wins.

Maurice, chief engine builder at Petty Enterprises, was inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in

2014. He was the first engine builder to be inducted in the NASCAR Hall of Fame. Brothers Richard and Maurice Petty comprised part of a Petty family dynasty that netted 198 victories and seven titles in the sport's premier series. He built engines that roared, and was a talented mechanic and driver, and occasional crew chief and team general manager who became known in the garage simply as "Chief".

Maurice's talent building engines secured his place in history - credited with 21 wins as an engine builder among six different drivers. In addition to Richard Petty, other drivers who won with his engines were Lee Petty, Buddy Baker, Jim Paschal and Pete Hamilton.

Maurice was the crew chief for Pete Hamilton for the 1970 DAYTONA 500 and the Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway victories. As a driver, Maurice has 26 NASCAR Cup Series starts with seven top-five and 16 top-10 finishes between 1960 and 1964.



Maurice Petty, Hall of Fame engine builder and brother to Richard Petty passed away Saturday at the age of 81. (Petty Motorsports photo)

He was preceded in death by Patricia, his wife of 52 years, in 2014. Patricia's loving support was integral to his legendary career, and provided the foundation of the family.

"The 'Chief' was one of the most talented mechanics in NASCAR history. He provided the power that helped Petty Enterprises define

dominance in sports. While he was known for his work under the hood, Maurice played multiple "behind-the-scenes" roles, doing whatever it took to help deliver his cars to Victory Lane. On behalf of the France family, I offer my condolences to the friends and family of Maurice Petty, a true NASCAR giant." - Jim France, NASCAR Chairman and CEO

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - For three decades, race fans from across the northeast and around the world have flocked to New Hampshire Motor Speedway for world-class NASCAR events on "The Magic Mile." As fans make plans to return for the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday, Aug. 2, the highlight of the famed 1.058-mile

speedway's 30th anniversary season, officials are looking back on 10 key moments that shaped the history of New Hampshire's iconic facility.

- **Racing Toward the Future:** Ushering in a new era for motorsports greatness in the northeast, New Hampshire International Speedway officially opened its doors on June 5, 1990 in Loudon, New Hampshire. Less than six weeks later, on July 15, Tommy Ellis claimed victory in the first-ever NASCAR-sanctioned event at the facility, the Budweiser 300 Xfinity Series race.

- **Wallace Wins Inaugural Cup Series Showdown:** In the midst of

arguably his most successful season in 25 years of Cup Series competition, Rusty Wallace outpaced the field to win the first-ever NASCAR Cup Series race at New Hampshire International Speedway on July 11, 1993. The victory was his fifth in a season where he ultimately captured 10 checkered flags, but fell short of the season-long championship, which went to Dale Earnhardt.

- **One for the Record Books:** Under the summer sun, an up-and-coming racer named Jeff Gordon captured one of his seven Cup Series wins of the 1995 season at the Slick 50 300 on July 9. Prior to his 1995 breakout season, the Hendrick Motorsports driver only had two wins to his name. With his Hall of Fame career now behind him, Gordon holds numerous records at "The Magic Mile," including most Top 5 Finishes (16); Most Top 10 Finishes (22); Most Starts (42); Most Laps Completed (11,363) and Most Laps Led (1,371).

- **Beating the Odds:** After missing much of the previous two seasons recovering from severe, life-threatening injuries sustained in a horrific accident during practice at Michigan International Speedway - after which doctors gave him just a 10 percent chance of survival - Ernie Irvan not only returned to racing, but to victory lane with a win on

July 14, 1996. "I don't even know what to say," crew chief Larry MacReynolds said after the win. "This is a long way from that hospital bed in Michigan back in '94." It has been called one of the most emotional victories in NASCAR history.

- **Chasing History:** Of Jeff Burton's 21 career Cup Series wins, four came at New Hampshire International Speedway, the last of which came on Sept. 17, 2000. The track also holds the distinction of being the first where Burton raced in Cup Series competition (1993). In 20 years since setting the all-time wins mark at "The Magic Mile," only Kevin Harvick has matched the feat.

- **Sweeping Up the Competition:** Jimmie Johnson swept both Cup Series events at Loudon in 2003. The seven-time series champion's only other Cup win at the track came in 2010. A return to victory lane this year would tie him with Burton and Harvick as the winningest Cup Series driver all-time at the track.

- **We Work for the Fans:** On Jan. 11, 2008, Speedway Motorsports Executive Chairman Bruton Smith finalized the

purchase of the newly-named New Hampshire Motor Speedway and immediately began working on a series of fan enhancements to improve the race day experience, including a new tram system and gift shop. A state-of-the-art, four-sided scoreboard added in 2011 was among more recent improvements, which also include updates to grandstand seating and camping areas.

- **Before They Were Famous:** Before they were household names, some of NASCAR's best drivers fought hard to earn their first win at the sport's premier level. On June 29, 2009, Joey Logano scored his first career Cup Series victory at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. With the win, the native of nearby Middletown, Conn., joined the likes of Clint Bowyer, Robby Gordon, Joe Nemechek and Ryan Newman, who each earned

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his first win in NASCAR's top series at "The Magic Mile."

• Leading the Way: At New Hampshire Motor Speedway's fall race, Brad Keselowski set a new track qualifying record with a blistering 27.090 second lap clocking in at 140.598 mph on Sept. 19, 2014. Keselowski led the field to green at the SYLVANIA 300 after a dominating win

at the track earlier in the year that saw him lead 138 laps en route to victory.

• Three-peat for Harvick?: Back-to-back defending race winner Kevin Harvick won his second consecutive Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 last season, taking home his fourth Cup Series victory at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. With the win, Harvick tied Jeff Burton as the all-time leader for Cup Series victories at the track. A third consecutive victory at "The Magic Mile" in 2020 would leave Harvick alone at the top of the track's all-time wins list.

Tickets: Adult tickets starting at \$70 are on sale at <https://www.nhms.com/events/foxwoods-resort-casino-301/tickets/>. Tickets for kids 12 and under are just \$10. Free parking will be available in the S1, S2, S3 and S9 lots on Aug. 2. Further details can be found on the New Hampshire Motor Speedway website.

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

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - After double-header racing on Atlanta Motor Speedway's 1/4-mile on Thursday the stage is set for the championship finale on July 30.

The Round 6 and 7 double feature on the Thunder Ring was an opportunity for drivers to assert themselves in their championship battle. In The Associates Group Pro Division features, Caleb Hedy did just that by doing what he's done throughout the season: win races.

"It's really cool to win here. This being my first time being at Atlanta Motor Speedway for a full season

and to be 6 for 7 so far is really special," said Hedy, who won both features Thursday. Hedy rides into championship night with a comfortable 42 point advantage over Jensen Jorgensen.

Blaze Crawford won the first Semi-Pro feature of the night, but contact while battling for the win on the final lap of the second feature cost him valuable positions and, more importantly, benefited Ashton Whitener, his closest competition in the championship battle. Crawford enters the final race just eight points ahead of Whitener, who enjoyed her first Semi-Pro victory Thursday.

Two of the top three contenders in the Outlaws division traded victories Thursday. Bailey North won the first feature after a spirited battle with Donovan Strauss, who went on to take the checkered flag in the second feature. North holds a 10 point advantage over Kelly Puckett heading into the final round; Strauss is 3rd, just 12 points behind.

The pair of WJP Investments Young Lions features drastically shook up the championship standings in that title fight. While Gavin Graham and Colin Brown wheeled their way to their first victories of the season Isaac Bevin, the point leader entering the night, had two disastrous races filled with pitfalls. As a result, Bevin went from leading the way to 24 points behind new point leader Michael Gannon. Mason Maggio is just 9 points behind in 2nd.

Bill Plemons Jr. continued his perfect season with a pair of victories in the Masters features, as did Tristan McKee in both Bandits features.

Thursday Thunder concludes Thursday, July 30, on the Thunder Ring. Fans can catch all the action live on Atlanta Motor Speedway's Facebook page.

For more information on Thursday Thunder and the AMS Legends program, visit AtlantaMotorSpeedway.com or LegendsOfGa.com.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - Following are statements from Speedway Motorsports executives on the passing of New Hampshire Motor Speedway founder Bob Bahre:

• Bruton Smith, Speedway Motorsports Executive Chairman: "Bob Bahre was a true pioneer for motorsports in New England. He wanted to grow our sport and build things that people will remember. He was a smart businessman and I have a lot of respect for that, but I

have even more respect for the positive impact he had on people. I'll pray for Sandy and Gary during this tough time, and I know they are proud of the legacy Bob leaves behind."

• Marcus Smith, Speedway Motorsports President and CEO: "What I'll remember most about Bob Bahre will be his character, understated yet charming. Every time I saw him he had on khakis and a white shirt. I always enjoyed our genuine conversations. He was very generous to people in the motorsports industry and to the New England communities where he did business. He went about things in a quiet, dignified manner and often times that simple approach is the most impactful. It's truly an honor to have known Bob. He lived a meaningful life. My thoughts and prayers are with his family."

• David McGrath, NHMS Executive Vice President and General Manager: "On behalf of our team at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, I'd like to extend our deepest condolences to Sandy, Gary and the entire Bahre family. Bob left an incredible mark on auto racing through the New England region, and his love of motorsports was legendary. He had a passionate commitment to both drivers and race fans, and that commitment was evident when he built our facility in 1990. I am proud to have known Bob. It was a true pleasure to have spent time getting to know him and learning from him over the years. He will be missed, but his legacy of supporting and building motorsports in New England will live on forever."

Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - The Aug. 21-23 NASCAR weekend at Dover International Speedway will take place without fans due to concerns surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

While the six races at The Monster Mile will move forward, state officials did not approve the track's request to host a limited number of fans in the interest of public safety and health concerns.

"We submitted a comprehensive plan to state officials outlining our planned procedures and protocols for keeping our fans safe throughout our August race weekend," said Mike Tatroian, Dover International Speedway's president and CEO. "Unfortunately, due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks, the de-

cision was made to not allow fans. We understand it, and while we are disappointed, we also realize that we need to err on the side of caution and yield to the opinions of public health experts to help reduce the further spread of COVID-19."

Dover ticket holders for August have several options for their ticket funds, including a full refund or moving funds (including an extra 20 percent bonus) to Dover's 2021 NASCAR weekend. Fans can visit DoverSpeedway.com/exchange to register their preference or call (800) 441-RACE to reach a ticket office representative to review their accounts and options. Fans are asked for their patience, as higher-than-normal call volume is expected in the coming days and weeks.

The Aug. 21-23 NASCAR weekend includes the "Drydene Double-header Weekend" on Aug. 22-23, featuring a NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR Cup Series double-header each day, with all four races on NBCSN.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, the "Drydene 200" NASCAR Xfinity Series race takes the green flag at 12:30 p.m., followed by the "Drydene 311" NASCAR Cup Series race at 4 p.m. On Sunday, Aug. 23, the "Drydene 200" NASCAR Xfinity Series race begins at 1 p.m., followed by the "Drydene 311" NASCAR Cup Series race at 4 p.m.

On Friday, Aug. 21, the "General Tire 125" ARCA Menards Series East race begins at 2 p.m., followed by the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series race at 5 p.m. (FS1).

Follow Speedway news and updates on DoverSpeedway.com and via social media at [Facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway](https://www.facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway), or on Twitter and Instagram at @MonsterMile.

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - After careful consideration for the health and safety of all involved, Atlanta Motor Speedway has decided to cancel the 2020 season of O'Reilly Auto Parts Friday Night Drags. The schedule for the 2021 season of O'Reilly Auto Parts Friday Night Drags will be announced at a later date. The latest information on the series can be found online at AtlantaMotorSpeedway.com.



Carteret County Speedway

PELETIER, NC - Daniel Vuncannon charged to victory in the first race for the new Charger division at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway presented by Harley Davidson of New Bern.

Vuncannon upset the field in qualifying and started on the pole in the 40 lap sprint. Throughout the race, he was able to hold off Dylan Newsome, who

was able to draw even on the restarts, and drive away from the field – leading wire-to-wire. After the race, the Fuquay-Varina driver relished in his triumph.

"I gave it all I had," Vuncannon said. "I figured he was going to sneak up on me there. He was doing a good job. We're happy we finally got the track figured out a little better and came home with a win. It feels pretty good to get our first win out here. We worked real hard. Started out last year in the Charger class, ran a few Limited Late Models, and haven't had much luck. We're still leaning and figuring the car out. It feels really nice to do something and feel the fruits of your labor."

Dylan Newsome, who won a Charger exhibition feature in 2019, finished second while Brent Evans rounded out the podium.

Chase Singletary raced his way to victory lane at Carteret County Speedway for the first time in over a year and his first time ever in Legends racing. Despite the below-average car count, the 13-year-old from Burgaw, North Carolina was excited just to get back to victory lane.

"I got a win," Singletary said enthusiastically in victory lane. "It's been so long since I've been in victory lane, it just feels amazing. I want to thank everybody that's believed in me, especially my parents and grandparents and all my sponsors. I want to dedicate this win to my papa, he died eight years ago, so this is just amazing."

Sanford's Jody Measamer remains undefeated at Carteret County Speedway after scoring his third consecutive Team Chevrolet of Swansboro Super Truck Series win and his fourth feature win at the track. In a race where attrition took its toll with competitors Chris Burns and Adam Fulford sidelined midway through the race with mechan-



Daniel Vuncannon poses with his hardware after winning in the new Charger division at Carteret County Speedway. (ERIC CREE photo)

ical problems, Measamer survived and cruised to victory in the closing laps.

"I love this joint," Measamer said. "I don't know if you remember, three or four years, when we came here with the Super Late Model, but the last time I was here in a go-kart, we won. I absolutely love this place. We stumbled onto a setup two or three years ago and it's just worked year in and year out. I couldn't be happier."

Willie Grainger ended up finishing in the runner-up position with Travis Wilson overcoming early struggles to finish third.

Jacksonville's Andrew Jackson won in U-CAR competition over Steve Sullivan and Neil Mason while Grifton's Duane Walker walked away with the victory in Bombers and Newport's Sean Wales held off teammate Tyler Foster in a frantic Champ Kart finish.

Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway returns to action again on Saturday, August 8th with the Croatan Summer Jam presented by Moore's Old-Tyme Barbeque Chicken & Seafood.

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

Clinton County Speedway

MILL HALL, PA - Matt Cochran of Williamsport won his second career Limited Late Model feature event on Friday night over Jim Yoder. In Pro Stock action, AJ Stroup claimed his second win of the season, while Timmy Bitner of Beech Creek won the 270 Micro Sprints, Josh Beamer won the 600 Micro Sprints and Tyler Watson won in the Four Cylinders.

Nick Loffredo of Avis and Kevin Probst were the front row starters of the 25 lap Limited Late Model feature event. Loffredo took the lead at the drop of the green flag, while second row starters of Cochran and Joe Lusk of Jersey Shore battled for the runner up position. Once Cochran confirmed his place in second, he pressured Loffredo for the lead. On lap number nine, Cochran made the pass on Loffredo to take the top spot. Jim Yoder, who started fifth, passed both Loffredo and Lusk on lap number ten to move into the runner up position. At the midway point of the race, Cochran led Yoder, Lusk, Loffredo and Kevin Probst. By lap number twenty, the leaders were into lapped traffic. Cochran passed Jamin Chapman going down the backstretch to try and distance himself from Yoder. Cochran went to win his first race of the year over Yoder, Probst, Lusk and Bryan Benton. Sixth through tenth were Ben Whitaker, Ron Buttenfield, Cameron Benton, Denny Fourney and Matt Adams. Heat races were won by Cochran and Benton.

Brandon Moser and Robert Tressler lead the field of Pro Stocks for the green flag. Moser took charge of the field with fourth place starter AJ Stroup in second, AY Schilling in third, Timmy Dawson in fourth and Robert Tressler at the completion of lap number five. Moser had a sizeable lead that was washed away when Brad Benton's car abruptly stopped on the back stretch and collected Rich Fye in the incident on lap number 7. On the restart, Stoup made the pass for the lead to claim his second win of the season. Tommy Dawson passed Moser on lap number 12 to claim the runner up position with Moser, AY Schilling and Jason Smith rounding out the top five. Sixth through tenth were Noah Jen-

son, Rich Fye, Kevin VanAmburg, Marc Biter and Rooster Peters. Qualifiers were won by Moser and Smith.

Nick Whitesel and Mitchell Holden brought the field of 21 270 Micro Sprints to the green flag. The red flag came out after the conclusion of lap number one when Matt Dixon's car rolled over at the exit of turn number two. Dixon's car had no major damage and he was able to restart the race. Following the restart, Troy Whitesel led the second lap before Lock Haven's Jeffrey Weaver made a pass for the lead. At the completion of lap number five, Weaver led Whitesel, Timmy Bitner, Troy Whitesel, and Bobby Sanso. A caution occurred on lap number 7 when four cars tangled in turn number four. On the restart Weaver and Bitner raced down the front stretch, and Bitner made the pass for the lead as the duo came out of turn number two. Bitner, a high school student, pulled away from Weaver and was able to record his second career victory at the speedway over Weaver, Troy Whitesel, Nathan Bacon, and Sean McAndrew. Sixth through tenth were Bobby Sanso, N. Whitesel, Kyler Stahl, Gary Keister and Logan Hammaker. Heat races were won by Whitesel, Sanso and Stahl.

Josh Beamer advanced from this second row starting spot to lead the first lap of the 600 Micro Sprint Feature Event. The caution came out on lap number three when Timmy Biter, stopped after hitting the front stretch wall. Beamer continued to lead the way, with Cody Hauck, Tyson Mowery, Trevor Teats and Sierra Hauch in the top five. Mowery moved into the runner up position on lap number 10 but was unable to chase down Beamer who led every lap to claim his first win on the season. Mowery finished second followed by Teats, Hauck and Jeff Gyuina. Sierra Hauck, Bob Bogart, Mitchell Holden, Jeffrey Weaver and Eric Leonard completed the top 10. Heat races were won by Mowery and Weaver.

Tyler Watson used his front row starting spot to claim the lead in the 4 Cylinder Feature event at the drop of the green flag. Michael Boring advanced from the fifth spot and tried to reel in Watson. Blake Snyder battled with Boring and took second at the completion of lap number 4. Watson led all 15 laps to win his first career race. Blake Snyder was second, Boring was third, Jimmy Delozier was fourth

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and Skylar Witchely completed the top five. Michael Luther, Chris Orwig, Shawn Wise Chelsie Harris, and Maddox Smith completed the top ten. Heat races were won by Watson and Bor-ing.

The Clinton County Speedway returns to racing this Friday night for another 5 division racing program. The Laurel Highlands RaceSaver

Sprint will be the featured division along with the Pro Stocks, 270 Micro Sprints, 600 Micro Sprints and 4 Cylinders. Gates will open at 5:15PM and Racing will begin at 7:30PM. The Speedway will then feature 2 races in once week beginning in August with a special Wednesday night event for the 270s, 600s, Pro Stock and Four-Cylinders. The special mid-week event typically coincides with the annual Clinton County Fair that was cancelled earlier in the year. For more information, visit www.clintoncountyspeedway.com or visit the speedway on Facebook.

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - Defending track champion Luke Cranston picked off his first Hambelton Racing DCRP Sprint Car win of the season by racing to victory lane in Friday night's 20-lap feature during Driver & Fan Appreciation Night at the 3/8-mile clay oval in southwest Kansas.

Along with Cranston, Matt Rucker in IMCA Sport Modifieds

and Duane Wahrman in IMCA Hobby Stocks posted first wins of the season as well while Dakota Sproul and Troy Burkhart became the first repeat winners of the season at DCRP in the IMCA Modifieds and IMCA Stock Cars, respectively.

The drama of the night took place in the 25-lap IMCA Sport Modified feature with Brandon Kenny accepting the Back-to-Front Challenge that would have been worth \$10,000 to a lucky race fan had he notched the win from the 20th starting position.

And Kenny came painfully close, dicing among the top three in the final laps as the crowd roared in support.

Ultimately, contact with Luke Stallbaumer in the final corner dropped Kenney to seventh at the stripe as Matt Rucker held off the dueling pair to post his first win of the year after taking command on the fourth round.

The last-corner chaos netted Kamren Gruber the runner-up finish with Mike Appel, Monte Nordyke and Mike Appel rounding out the top five.

In the 20-lap DCRP Sprint Car feature, Luke Cranston capitalized on the pole starting by leading the entire distance.

While Brian Herbert chased in second over the early portion of the feature, Taylor Velasquez took over second on the 12th round and tried to chase down the leader.

Cranston weathered a pair of late cautions and successfully kept Velasquez at bay over the closing rounds to secure the win.

"Those restarts had me nervous, I wasn't really sure what I should do so I just kept doing what I had been doing and it worked out," Cranston

commented.

With Velasquez crossing the stripe in second, Jeremy Huish made a late move to claim third with Herbert and Steven Richardson rounding out the top five.

In the 20-lap IMCA Modified feature, Dakota Sproul put on a clinic as he posted his second win of the year.

Gunning into the lead at the outset, Sproul ripped the top side of the track and checked out on the field as Clay Sellard and Brendon Gemmill worked into second and third. A late caution negated Sproul's hefty advantage, but he slipped away with ease to post the win.

Troy Burkhart worked his way past early pacesetter Chris Oliver at the midway point then held him off the rest of the way in the 15-lapper for his second IMCA Stock Car win of the season. Oliver settled for runner-up honors with Jeff Kaup filling out the podium in third.

Sellard settled for second with Gemmill, William Nusser and Nick Link rounding out the top five.

In IMCA Hobby Stock action, Duane Wahrman became the fourth different winner of the year in as many events by topping the 15-lap main event.

Wahrman took command on the sixth round and slipped away from the field until Tathan Burkhart raced into second at the midway point. Burkhart chipped away at the lead, but ran out of laps to catch Wahrman. Burkhart was second with Skeets Salazar in third.

Following Sunday's round of Little DCRP action for Micros and Karts, the 3/8-mile Dodge City Raceway Park clay oval is back in action on Saturday, August 8, with round four of championship chase action including DCRP Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks.

Hickory Motor Speedway

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returned to action Saturday night at Hickory Motor Speedway with the KSP Promotions 215.

First up on the evening's schedule would see the Renegades roll off for their 20 lap feature. Robbie Hollifield in the #51 would start from the pole position with Joseph Hodges in the #1 to his outside. The green flag would see the front row side by side until they came off of turn two when Hodges would motor ahead to the lead. Hollifield would stay glued to the leader's bumper in pursuit of the top spot.

Lap 10 would see the caution fly as contact between Hollifield and Hodges would send Hodges spinning coming off of turn four. Both drivers would have to restart from the rear. However, under caution, Justin Austin in the #4, would make contact with Hollifield and that would end Austins night. Hollifield would be able to continue and re-join the race. Zachary Mullins in the #72 and Robert DiVanna in the #71 would bring the field back to the green flag. Mullins would pull to the lead with Ben Campbell in the #27 moving to second. Mullins would drive on and take his first Hickory Motor Speedway victory. Campbell would grab 2nd. The battle for third would be determined in the final corner as Hollifield would move under Hodges and the two would make contact sending both spinning out of turn four. DiVanna would drive by both and take 3rd. Kyle Boice in the #73 would finish 4th and Hodges would beat Hollifield to the line for 5th.

Next up would see the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Late Models pound the pavement for 40 laps in the first race of a doubleheader for the premier division. Josh Berry in the #88 would set fast time and start from the point with Ryan Millington in the #15 to his outside. Row two would see Kody Swanson in the #77 and Sam Butler in the #81 lined up side by side for the start. Berry and Millington would take up where they left off a week before as they would begin a new battle for the lead, but Berry would finally nose ahead to the top spot with Millington close in his tracks. Ten laps in would see Berry, Millington, Swanson, Butler, and Mason Ludwig in the #12 making up the top five. Butler would put constant pressure on Swanson for the third spot. Lap 22 would see Butler take the position from Swanson and move to third. With a good field of cars on hand Berry and Millington would have to navigate lapped traffic late in the run, each hoping to choose the right line and not get bottlenecked for the position. Berry would make all the right moves and take the win. Millington would finish 2nd with Butler taking 3rd. Swanson would finish 4th while Ludwig would finish 5th, holding off a challenge for the top five spot by AnnaBeth Barnes-Crum in the #12.

Next up would see the Super Trucks hit the track for 35 laps of door to door action. The #1 of Cup driver Garrett Smithley would set fast time in time trials and start from

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Luke Cranston and friends celebrate winning their first win of the season. (DCRP photo)

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the top spot with Joey Shuryan in the #30 to his outside. After several attempts at an official start Smithley and Shuryan would put on a fierce battle for the top spot. Lap 3 would see the caution fly as Shuryan would spin in turn one. The restart would see Smithley drive back to the lead with Dennis Trivette in the #28 giving pressure for the top spot. Tanner Long

in the #45 would move under Trivette to battle for the second position. Long would spin on lap 22 and bring out the caution. The restart would see Smithley and Trivette leading the field to the green flag. Smithley would pull back to the lead after a valiant charge from Trivette for the top spot. Shuryan would look under Trivette as the pair would battle for second. Smithley would drive on to the win. Shuryan would finish 2nd with Long finishing 3rd. Trivette would come home in 4th and Ricky Dennie in the #22 would finish 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would be up next for 50 laps in Round #6 of the Paramount Kia 'BIG 10' Racing Challenge. Landon Huffman in the #71 would take the pole position and start from the front with Will Cox in the #3 to his outside. Zack Clifton in the #81 and Todd Midas in the #50 would make up row two. Huffman would get the best of the restart and lead the field down the backstretch. The caution would quickly fly before a lap was completed as the #43 of Kenneth Purdue would come to rest in turn three after getting into the backstretch wall. Purdue's night would end prematurely. Huffman and Cox would lead the field back to a complete restart. Huffman would drive to the top spot with Cox close behind. Andrew Grady in the #1 would move up to third getting by Clifton and Midas. Grady would continue his strong run as he would pressure Cox for the second spot. After a lengthy battle, lap 22 would see Grady make the pass on Cox to move up to second. The halfway point would see Huffman, Grady, Cox, Clifton, and Midas would be the top five. Grady would reel in the leader Huffman with twenty laps to go and set up another thrilling Hickory Motor Speedway finish. The caution would fly on lap 35 as the



Josh Berry won the first 40-lap Late Model feature at Hickory Motor Speedway Saturday night. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)



Ryan Millington (15) took the top honors in the second 40-lap feature over Josh Berry in front of the empty grandstand with fans not being able to attend just yet., (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

#47 of Chase Janes would come to a stop at the end of the front stretch. Huffman and Grady would lead the field back to the restart. The front row would put on a great side by side battle for the top spot. The caution would fly on lap 39 as the #22 of Max Price would spin coming off turn four. Huffman and Grady would bring the field back to the green flag. Huffman would nose ahead on the restart but neither driver would be ready to give up. The caution would fly on lap 42 as a chain reaction would cause Josh Gobble in the #88, Nathan Linebeck in the #71, and Price to be involved in a wreck on the backstretch. Huffman and Grady would lead the field back to the green. After multiple attempts to re start, Grady would be penalized for jumping and sent to the rear. Huffman and Cox would lead the field to the green flag. Huffman would move back to the top spot. Lap 44 would see the caution fly as the #32 of Josh Stark would spin after contact while battling for third. Huffman would pull back to the lead. The caution would fly again on lap 47 as Midas would spin after contact in a three way battle for third. Huffman

and Cox would lead the field to the restart. Huffman would move back to the lead, but the caution would quickly fly as Clifton would have a parts failure getting into turn three. Linebeck would receive some damage in the incident however he would continue, Clifton would have to park. The restart would see Huffman and Cox up front again. Grady worked his way back up to third but would break and pull into the pits with two to go. Huffman would drive on to the win. Cox would finish 2nd and Josh Kossek in the #44 would work his way back up to finish 3rd. Gobble would overcome his late race incident and finish 4th and Stark would battle back for a hard fought 5th place finish.

The Street Stocks would be next to do battle with their 30 lap feature. Ethan Johnson in the #2 would start from the point with Kirby Goble in the #20 to his outside. Goble would use the high side and pull to the early lead. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would pressure Johnson for second. Lap 7 would see Goble drop off the pace and surrender the lead to Johnson as he would have to bring his ride to pit road for repairs. The #77 of Mark Whitten

would pressure Sutton for second position, however he would end up losing that spot and third as he would have some trouble navigating lap traffic. The #03 of Kevin Eby would move around Sutton for position. Whitten and Sutton would battle side by side for position when both would spin in turn four bringing out the caution on lap 19. The restart would see Johnson and Eby leading the field to the green flag. After a thrilling three way battle for the top spot with Trey Buff in the #48 and Eby, Johnson would resume the lead on lap 22. Johnson would drive on to the win, his first at Hickory Motor Speedway. Eby would finish 2nd with Whitten finishing 3rd. Sutton would come back to 4th and Buff would finish 5th.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Late Models would finish out the evening's festivities with their second 40 lap feature. After the 9 car invert from the finishing order of race one Nolan Pope in the #1 and Thomas Beane in the #31 would make up the front row for the start. Row two would see Vince Midas in the #14 and AnnaBeth Barnes-Crum in the #12 side by side for the green flag. Pope and Beane would duel for the top spot, when several cars would get together and bring out the first caution. Connor Mosack in the #8M, Sam Butler in the #81, and Bob Saville in the #8 would all receive damage. Braden Rogers in the #4 would also pull to the pits for service. The complete restart would see Pope and Beane bring the field back to the green flag. The side by side battle would rage through the field until the caution would fly on lap 2 for Saville as his car would come to a stop in turn two. Pope and Beane would bring the field to the green. Pope would move back to the lead with Beane in his tracks. The caution would fly on lap 7 when Mitch Walker in the #29 would spin in turn three after a three way battle for position. Pope and Beane would be back at the front for the restart. Pope would move back to the lead after several laps of side by side racing with Beane. Lap 13 would see Ryan Millington in the #15 working by for the top spot and bring Josh Berry in the #88 to second. Beane would take the third position from Pope. Lap 24 would see Berry move under Millington for the top spot. Millington would nose back ahead as the duo would set a torrid pace. With ten laps to go Berry would make it a side by side battle once again with Millington. The battle up front would be a good one as both

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drivers would want the win. After an awesome battle Millington would take the win. Berry would finish a close 2nd and Beane would finish 3rd. Pope would finish 4th and Barnes-Crum would finish 5th.

The Cars Tour rolls back into America's Most Famous Short Track next week for an exciting evening of Late Model and Super Late Model action.

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Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - After a late afternoon thunderstorm on a warm July afternoon, the always exciting NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returned time action at America's Most Famous Short Track, Hickory Motor Speedway, on Saturday night.

The 4-Cylinders would be the first to hit the track for 25 laps of door to door action. Brian Mundy in the #6 would set fast time and start from the point with Robert Trivette in the #11 to his outside. Mundy and Robert Trivette would duel side by side for the top spot, as they completed lap one Mundy would pull to the front. Cody Combs in the #09 would loom large in Robert Trivette's rear view mirror as he would look to take the second spot away. After biding his time Combs would finally make the pass on lap 20. Mundy would prove too strong on the night and take the win. Combs would finish 2nd and Robert Trivette would finish 3rd after a good clean battle through most of the race. Curtis Pardue in the #17 would finish 4th with Ashton Trivette in the #21 finishing 5th.

The Advance Auto Parts Late Models would be the next to hit the track for 40 laps in the first twin of their doubleheader. Josh Berry in the #88 would top the charts in qualifying and start from the top spot with Ryan Millington in the #15 to his outside. Mason Ludwig in the #12L and Mike Darne in the #6D would make up row two for the start. Millington would use the high side to take the top spot after a couple of laps of side by side racing. Berry would quickly move back under Millington and the duo would put on an impressive side by side

battle. Berry would finally make the pass and move to the lead on lap 10. The halfway point would see Berry, Millington, Darne, Ludwig, and Thomas Beane in the #31 making up the top five. Trevor Ward in the #15, Sam Butler in the #81, and Beane would have a twenty lap battle for the fifth spot with all three drivers looking for the position and keeping it clean with no cautions. Berry would hold them off and drive to the win. Millington would finish 2nd with Darne in 3rd. Ludwig would take 4th and Beane would win the three way battle and take 5th.

Next up would see the Carolina Pro Late Model Series in the Home Essentials Wholesale 74, one less lap than the usual 75, with this being in memory of Robert Hamke who was synonymous with the #74 on his racecars. The front row would see Kodie Conner in the #45 and Kyle Campbell in the #15 after qualifying. Will Cox in the #3 and Josh Lowder in the #63 would make up row two for the start. Campbell would get better start and move to the front on lap one. Lap 6 would see Conner get under Campbell and battle for the top spot. Conner would make the pass on lap 9 as he would move to the point. Lap 20 would see the caution fly as Amber Lynn in the #2 and the #51 of Zach Keller would spin in turn four while Tony Breidinger in the #80 would also sustain damage in the incident. Breidinger would return to action after quick work by her pit crew. The restart would see Conner and Campbell in row one and Carson Kvapil in the #35 and Cox in row two. Conner would move back to the top spot as Cox would move around Kvapil for third. Nick Loden in the #43 would also do battle with Kvapil for position. The caution would fly on lap 24 when the #03 of Sterling Plemmons would spin coming off of turn four. The restart would see Conner, Campbell, Cox, Loden, and Kvapil making up the top five. Conner would move back to the top spot after a couple of laps, side by side with Campbell. The caution would fly on lap 27 when the #18 of Bill Catania would come to a rest in turn two. The restart would see Conner and Campbell side by side once again. Lap 29 would see Conner move back to the lead. Lap 31 would see Cox move around Campbell for second and bring Kvapil with him to third. The halfway point would see Conner, Cox, Kvapil, Loden, and Campbell as the top five. The caution would fly on lap 42 as Keller would spin

coming off of turn four. Conner and Cox would lead the field back to the green flag. Conner would move back to the lead while Cox would face a challenge from Loden. Contact between Loden and Cox would send Cox spinning in turn two and the caution flying on lap 44. The restart would see Conner and Kvapil pacing the field back to the green flag. The front row would stay side by side until lap 47 when Conner would nose ahead for the lead. With 25 laps to go, the top five would see Conner, Kvapil, Joe Valento in the #30, Lynn, and Cox. Lap 70 would see the caution fly as Valento would spin coming off of turn four. A four lap duel would be setup with Conner and Kvapil bringing the field back to the green flag. The lead duo would be door to door going into turn one, however Kvapil would sail the high side and nose slightly ahead. Conner would look under Kvapil for the lead repeatedly until the checkered flag would fly. Kvapil would go on to take the hard fought victory. Conner would finish 2nd with a spin as he came across the start finish line and collect Cox, who would still finish 3rd. Lynn would bounce back from the early race spin and finish 4th with Eric Nash in the #13 coming home in 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off next for 35 action packed laps. Josh Kossek in the #44 would take the top spot in qualifying with Chase Janes in the #47 to his outside. Todd Midas in the #50 and Zack Miracle in the #32 would make up the second row for the start. Janes would win the battle for the top spot on lap one. Janes would lead, Kossek would run second, and Miracle in third at the ten lap mark. Just behind the top three there would be a good battle for fourth with Midas and the #32 of Josh Stark both wanting the spot. Janes would prove too tough on the night and take the win. Kossek would finish 2nd with Miracle coming home in 3rd. Midas would finish 4th and Stark would take 5th.

The Street Stocks would roll off next for 30 laps. Kevin Eby in the #03 would start from the top spot after pacing qualifying with Mark Whitten in the #77 to his outside. Eby would take the early lead and bring Jesse Clark in the #5 to second. Whitten wouldn't be ready to give up the position and drive back around for second one lap later. Whitten and Clark would battle side by side for position with Eby just off of their front bumpers by a few feet. As the three cars began to navigate

a lapped car, Clark would take the lead as Eby and Whitten would get shuffled out of line. Clark would lead, Don Machutta in the #52 running second, and Eby making up the top three. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would make the move around Eby for third with ten laps to go. Clark would drive on to the win. Machutta would finish 2nd with Sutton finishing 3rd. Eby would finish 4th and Whitten would come home in 5th.

The Advance Auto Parts Late Models would finish out their doubleheader and the night with their second 40 lap feature. After a 9 car invert from the finishing order of race one, Charlie Watson in the #9 and Mitch Walker in the #29 would make up the front row. Row two would see Trevor Ward in the #15 and Sam Butler in the #81 for the green flag. The initial start would look good up front, however a couple fast cars would be swept up in turn one as the caution would fly. Gage Painter in the #12 and the #1 of Ryan Rackley would be involved and both would sustain damage. Watson and Walker would lead the field back to the green flag. Watson would move to the point with Walker close behind. Ryan Millington in the #15 would move his way up to fourth on lap eight. Lap 10 would see Butler move around Walker for second. Lap 15 would see Butler move around Watson for the lead. Butler would bring Millington along with him to second and Josh Berry in the #88 to third. The top five at halfway would be Butler, Millington, Berry, Watson, and Walker. Lap 24 would see Millington make the move around Butler for the top spot. Butler would stay close in Millington's tire tracks hoping to grab his first Hickory Motor Speedway win, and would be facing a fierce challenge from race one winner Berry from behind. Millington would have just enough left to grab the win after his race one second place finish. Butler would take 2nd place with Berry finishing 3rd. Walker would finish 4th and Watson would round out the top five in 5th.

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Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - Kres VanDyke is crushing the competition these days at Kingsport Speedway.

The driver of the red No. 15 Chevrolet rolled to his fifth straight
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victory and sixth of the season Friday night in the Late Model Stock feature for the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series. Pulling away from runner-up Bryson Dennis on a lap-34 restart, VanDyke won by a full straightaway at the end of the 60-lap feature.

VanDyke, a two-time track champion from Abingdon, Va., has been nearly unstoppable on the 3/8-mile concrete oval since former champion driver Wade Day has taken over as his crew chief.

"The car is like a dream. I've never had a car run like this," VanDyke said. "Wade and I discussed a lot of set-ups and the crew has worked their tails off. Everybody is giving 110 percent effort and all these wins are for them, my parents, my wife and all the fans here. All the way around, it's just amazing to be a part of this. I'm just along for the ride."

It is a fast ride for sure.

Dennis, driving the No. 6 Chevrolet, usually piloted by Hayden Woods, emerged from a hard-fought battle to finish second. He started the race on the pole before surrendering the lead to Keith Helton on lap 4. VanDyke took the top spot over 10 laps later.

Although the race was slowed by a couple of caution periods, Dennis didn't have anything for VanDyke.

"It was anybody's race except for the 15. He's in a league of his own," said Dennis, a Greeneville racer. "I feel like all the other cars are pretty close and we can race them pretty good."

The action was wild behind them and Abingdon teenager Chase Dixon captured the third-place spot after a battle with veteran Derrick Lancaster. Dixon charged through the field after spinning out early in the race to post the strong finish.

"It was hard racing early between me and the 88 (Brad Housewright). No hard feelings about the spin, just one of those things that happens between race car drivers," Dixon said. "It knocked the tow out a little bit, but I'm thankful to come out of here in one piece. It was good, hard racing with everybody."

Lancaster held on for fourth and North Carolina teenager Ashton Higgins rounded out the top five.



Kress VanDyke takes the checkered flag for the sixth time this season in the Late Model Stock series. (KS photo)

PURE STREET TWINS

Tony Dockery and Rob Austin split 15-lap feature wins in the Pure Street division.

The two drivers ran side by side the first couple of laps in the first race of the evening before Dockery powered ahead in the No. 05 Camaro. Austin finished second with Bruce Blessing scoring the final podium spot.

With the top-eight cars inverted, Austin drove to the front of the field in the second Pure Street feature. He took over the lead on lap 8 when Jay Swecker got into Jamie Meadows and both drivers got loose.

Austin took advantage, passing both for the lead. Swecker finished runner-up and Dockery was third.

CANTER REMAINS UNBEATEN

Kevin Canter, driving the black No. 3 Ford with the Dale Earnhardt tribute paint scheme, took over the lead from Dennis Arnold on lap 4 of the Mod 4 feature. Once in front, he set sail over the remainder of the 25-lap feature, easily outdistancing Arnold to stay undefeated in seven races this season.

Arnold finished second and Chris Amburgey ended up third.

PHELPS HOLDS OFF SMITH

Craig Phelps raced to the front early, taking the lead on lap 2 of the Pure 4 feature and holding off Bucky Smith at the finish.

Phelps, in the No. 00 Toyota, grabbed the lead and pulled away to a sizeable lead. Smith ran him down and his No. 99 car made it to Phelps' back bumper, finishing right behind at the end of 30 laps. Lance Pratt finished behind the pair of Kingsport drivers in third.

FIVE FOR BARNES

Kyle Barnes, a Draper, Va., driver, grabbed the lead from Derek Lane on a lap-17 restart and drove

his white No. 00 Chevrolet to a fifth Sportsman win of the season.

Lane, in the black No. 28 Chevy, powered on to finish second with Rusty Clendenin getting past Alex Miller for the third position.

For more information on Kingsport Speedway, visit our website at www.kingsportspeedway.com.

Fresh content and updates can also be found on the tracks Facebook page (@KingsportSpeedway), Twitter (@KpSpeedway), Instagram (@KingsportSpeedway), Snapchat (@KptSpeedway), and YouTube (@KingsportSpeedway).

Little DCRP

DODGE CITY, KS - The Micro Sprint and Kart ranks beat the approaching rain by hustling through Sunday night's second round of competition atop the 1/7-mile Little DCRP clay oval.

Deekan McRoberts doubled up for the second time in as many attempts with triumphant runs in both the Junior Karts and Novice Junior Sprints.

Tanner Johnson fought off Buddy Mullens to win the Non-Wing "A" Class main event before Mullens held off Mal Mullens and Johnson for Winged "A" Class honors.

Keenan Hernandez scored his first Advanced Junior Sprint win of the year while Randle McRoberts and Daniel Williams both made it two wins in a row in the Open Outlaws Karts and Adult Karts, respectively.

The Little DCRP clay oval resumes action on Sunday, August 9.

The Finishes:

- Winged "A" Class: 1. 75m-Buddy Mullens, 2. 751-Mal Mullens, 3. 86-Tanner Johnson, 4. 9-Jaden Holder, 5. 98-Kohl Riche, 6. 72-Kye Riche.

- Non-Wing "A" Class: 1. 86-Tanner Johnson, 2. 75m-Buddy Mullens, 3. 9-Jaden Holder, 4. 27-Shea Riche.

- Junior Sprints (Advanced): 1. 3k-Keenan Hernandez, 2. 49h-Isabella Holt, 3. 1s-Cam Smith, 4. 49-Briggs Williams.

- Junior Sprints (Novice): 1. 75-Deekan McRoberts, 2. 57b-Bryan Isenbart.

- Open Outlaw Karts: 1. 75-Randle McRoberts, 2. 2T-Trevor Smith, 3. 7-Brian Rogers, Jr., 4. 14-Brian Rogers.

- Adult Karts: 1. 212-Daniel Williams, 2. 44-Jonathan Smith, 3. 21-Jaden Smith, 4. 5-Gage Robertson, 5. 22x-Jordan Smith, 6. 9x-Dakota Schellhamer, 7. 10-Caitlin Holt, 8. 22-Cindy Holt, 9. 29-Noah Illk, 10. 316-Brent Austin.

- Junior Karts: 1. 75-Deekan McRoberts, 2. 8T-Travis Pack, 3. 1x-Reis Ochs, 4. 51-Caelb Peterson, 5. 57-Aiden Cox, 6. 22-Ayden Correll, 7. 54c-Caleb Gresty, 8. 45-Ryker Williams, 9. 01jr-Rase Smith.

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

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGSGROVE, PA - Jason Shultz of Carlisle scored the \$3,000 Summer Championship for Modern Heritage 410 sprint cars at Selinsgrove Speedway on Saturday night, taking his first career 410 sprint win anywhere while also scoring a first for his new No. 35 race team.

A former Selinsgrove Speedway limited sprint car track champion, Shultz owns 21 career limited wins at the oval.

Andy Haus of Hamburg took the win in the Summer Championship for super late models, also pocketing \$3,000 for his 25 laps of work while holding off Jeff Rine.

The victory was the third of Haus' career at the speedway.

The Roadrunner 20 was taken by 19th starter Jake Jones.

The first lap of the 25-lap Summer Championship for super sprints was red flagged when front row starter Anthony Fiore got sideways in the third turn while running third and collected sixth starter Dylan Norris.

Shultz then started the race second and took the lead over fourth starter Mark Smith on lap one.

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But before Shultz could settle into a rhythm, the yellow flag appeared on the second circuit.

Shultz restarted with Smith, Brad Howard, Kyle Reinhardt and Chase Dietz lined up behind.

Reinhardt rocketed into third when action resumed while Shultz pulled away, entering the rear of the field on the ninth circuit.

At the halfway point, Shultz was well out in front while Smith and Reinhardt raced hard for second spot.

A yellow flag with eight laps to go wiped out a near one-second lead held by Shultz and it placed Reinhardt on his tail for the new green after taking second the lap before.

Reinhardt tried to take a look down low in the first turn when green reappeared but Shultz jetted away on the cushion and had a 2.3 second lead with three laps to go when a final yellow flag bunched the field.

Shultz pulled away to the win over the final one and one-half miles of the event to take the victory by 2.064 second over Reinhardt, ninth starter Dylan Cisney, Smith and 11th starter Justin Whittall.

Sixth through 10th went to Chase Dietz, Derek Locke, Curt Stroup, Nicole Bower and Kyle Smith.

Heats went to Dietz and Norris.

The start of the super late model main was stopped when eight cars connected in the second corner on the opening lap.

Polesitter Any Haus took the lead over Tim Wilson upon the completion of the first lap with Ken Trevitz in third.

Fourth starter Jeff Rine took third on the second lap.

Haus had just entered traffic on the sixth tour when a caution flag cleared the track in front of him and Rine took second away from Wilson on the restart by darting underneath in the first corner.

Another restart on lap eight put Rine on Haus' bumper for a restart but Haus got away and had a near two-second lead at the halfway point.

A caution flag with 10 laps to go erased a 2.056 second lead held by Haus but he built that same mar-

gin up again when action resumed by pulling away from Rine, who failed to challenge for the win.

Ninth starter Dylan Yoder rode home third followed by Brett Schadel and Jim Yoder.

Sixth through 10th went to Tim Wilson, Andrew Yoder, Donnie Schick, Hayes Mattern and Nathan Long.

Heats went to Wilson, Schadel and Kyle Knapp.

Second starter Curtis Lawton led from the start until lap 18 of the Roadrunner 20 when 19th starter Jake Jones got by for the lead and win.

Lawton had withstood numerous restarts, racing with Terry Kramer for control before Jones moved into second.

The win was Jones' third at the track this season and he took home \$1,000 for the win.

Keith Bissinger, involved in an early race accident, came back for third.

Darren Rice and Jimmy Kessler rounded out the top five finishers.

Heats went to Will Brunson and Lawton.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Andy Haus of Hamburg scored the second round of the RBS Auto & Trailer Sales/Modern Heritage Civil War Super Late Model Series - North vs. South, staged between Selinsgrove and Williams Grove Speedways on Saturday night when he picked up the Summer Championship at Selinsgrove Speedway.

The series now moves to Williams Grove Speedway on Friday, August 7 when the super lates will race in a \$2,200 to win event.

Haus beat Jeff Rine, who took the first show in the series, at Selinsgrove, on June 20.

Rine is now just 40 points ahead of Haus in the series title chase.

Following Haus and Rine to the line at Selinsgrove on July 25 was Dylan Yoder, Brett Schadel and Jim Yoder.

The series champion will be crowned in the north, at Selinsgrove Speedway, on September 6 as the field takes part in a ULMS special.

Dates in the south at Williams Grove will take place coming up on August 7 and again on August 21.

Modern Heritage of Mifflinburg, Pa., and RBS Auto & Trailer Sales of Eldersburg and McHenry, Md., have teamed to present the 2020 Civil War Series.

The inaugural series carries points for feature finishes that will

award a premium to the champion at series' end and contingency prizes for finishers second through fifth in points.

Hooser Tire and Lias Tire American Racer will sponsor the series as well, joining forces with Modern Heritage and RBS Auto & Trailer Sales.

Teams will receive North vs. South Series appearance points only for the August 21 program at Williams Grove. All other series races will divvy out full feature points.

Since opening in late 2019, Modern Heritage has quickly become a region leader in kitchen and bathroom custom design work and installation, "Creating Beautiful and Timeless Spaces."

Offering not only full design and installation services, Modern Heritage carries full lines of flooring and cabinetry for every customer's needs at its showroom located at 321 East Chestnut Street in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.

RBS Auto and Trailer Sales offers a wide selection of trailers and haulers from 10 major manufacturers, featuring anything from car haulers to dump trailers and custom designed enclosed trailers.

RBS' inventory has something to suit every hauling need with over 150 trailers and haulers in stock. RBS offers delivery and competitive financing.

Learn about RBS Auto and Trailer Sales by visiting its website, www.rbsautosales.com or by calling 410.549.1313, Eldersburg, and 240.489.2256, McHenry and follow RBS on Twitter and Facebook.

Learn all about Modern Heritage by visiting the companies official website at www.modernheritage.style and by following the firm on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram or by calling them at 1.866.789.5399.

Keep up to date with all the latest speedway news, results, information and race status by visiting the speedway's official website at www.selinsgrovespeedway.com or follow the track on Twitter and Facebook.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action on Friday, July 24 with Dunleavy's Modifiedz Night. Stafford's SK Lights took center stage with a 40-lap feature that paid over \$10,000 in total posted awards. SK Light rookie driver Derek Debbis, who failed to qualify for the season opening event at

Stafford back on June 26 was the big winner of the night, taking his first career victory in the biggest race of the season that was worth \$2,358 in purse and contingency awards. Ronnie Williams scored his first win of 2020 in the SK Modified® feature, Ryan Fearn took down the Late Model feature, Jeremy Lavoie won the Limited Late Model feature, and Jason Lafayette scored the Street Stock checkered flag.

In the 40-lap Dunleavy's Modifiedz Night SK Light feature event, Derek Debbis took the lead at the green flag with Steven Chapman taking second. Wesley Prucker was third in line with Mark Bakaj going around Joey Ferrigno to take fourth. Andrew Les took fifth from Ferrigno on lap-3 and several other cars, including Alexander Pearl, Peter Bennett, and George Besette, Jr. were able to get by Ferrigno as he slid back to ninth place. Josh Carey brought the first caution out with 13 laps complete with a spin in turn 4 with Debbis still in command followed by Chapman, Prucker, Pearl, and Bakaj.

Debbis took the lead back under green with Chapman in second. Pearl worked his way into third with Prucker and Bakaj side by side for fourth place. Les and Bennett were side by side for sixth with Puleo and Besette behind them. The caution came back out with 17 laps complete for spins in the middle of turns 1+2 by Nathan Pytko and Bert Ouellette.

The restart saw Pearl and Chapman touch with Chapman going around in turn 4 in front of the field to bring the caution out before a lap could be completed. The next restart saw Pearl charge into the lead but by the time the cars reached the backstretch Debbis had came back strong and got back into the lead. Ouellette and Carey spun on the frontstretch to bring the caution out with 18 laps complete.

Pearl again initially got the better restart than Debbis but Debbis was back in the lead as the cars came off turn 4 to complete lap-19. Bakaj was third in line with Les up to fourth and Puleo fifth. Prucker was back to sixth followed by Bennett, Besette, Nick Anglace, and last week's winner Brian Sullivan. Puleo took fourth from Les on lap-24 while Debbis was starting to stretch out his advantage over Pearl and Bakaj out front.

Debbis led lap-33 to pick up a \$333 bonus bonus that was put up by Doug Dunleavy from Dunleavy's

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Truck and Trailer Repair in memory of Wade Cole with Pearl, Bakaj, Puleo, and Les still giving chase. Debbis took the checkered flag to record his very first victory at Stafford. Pearl came home in second with Bakaj, Puleo, and Les rounding out the top-5.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Bryan Narducci and Troy Talman dueling side by side for

the lead with the 2 rows behind hem side by side for position. Cory DiMatteo made a strong move to go from third to the lead going into turn 3 on lap-4 with Talman in second. Ronnie Williams was up to third with Narducci and Michael Christopher, Jr. side by side for fourth. Williams moved into second on lap-6 with Talman falling back to third. Christopher was fourth and Keith Rocco was up to fifth as Narducci had fallen back to eighth in line.

With 10 laps complete it was DiMatteo out front with Williams, Christopher, Rocco, and Todd Owen making up the top-5. Stephen Kopcik was sixth followed by Talman, Membrino, Narducci, and Mikey Flynn.

The order remained the same until lap-20 when Williams went by DiMatteo coming out of turn 2. Christopher was still in third with Rocco in fourth and Owen in fifth. The caution came out with 21 laps complete for a spin in the middle of turns 3+4 by Marc Burke.

Williams took the lead on the restart with Christopher taking second. Owen moved into third with Kopcik moving up to fourth and Rocco was fifth. DiMatteo slid back to sixth in line with Talman, Michael Gervais, Jr., Andrew Molleur, and Membrino behind him. Tyler Hines spun through the frontstretch grass to bring the caution back out with 25 laps complete.

Williams took the lead on the restart with Christopher and Owen side by side for second behind him. Rocco and Kopcik were side by side for fourth behind Christopher and Owen. Owen took second on lap-28 with Kopcik taking fourth and dropping Rocco back to fifth as Williams continued to lead.

Williams led lap-33 to collect a \$433 bonus that was put up by Doug Dunleavy from Dunleavy's Truck and Trailer Repair in memory



Ronnie Williams took his first win of the season in the SK Modifieds at Stafford Speedway. (SS photo)

of Wade Cole. Williams led Owen and the field to the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the 2020 season. Kopcik finished third with Christopher and Rocco rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, Paul Varricchio, Jr. took the lead at the green flag with Trace Beyer in second. Jordan Hadley was third with Tom Fearn quickly moving his way up to fourth. Fearn moved into third on lap-3 and he took second on lap-4. Hadley slipped back to third with Ryan Fearn fourth and Duane Provost fifth when the caution flew with 4 laps complete for Rick Lanagan, who spun in turn 3.

Tom Fearn took the lead on the restart with Varricchio dropping back to second. Ryan Fearn took third with Provost in fourth and Adam Gray muscled his way into fifth place on lap-6 as Hadley was sliding backwards. With 10 laps complete, Tom Fearn still held the lead with Ryan Fearn now in second, Varricchio in third, Gray in fourth and Provost in fifth. Rich Duranti spun coming out of turn 4 to bring the caution out with 12 laps complete.

Ryan Fearn nearly took the lead on the restart but he fell back into line in second behind Tom Fearn. Varricchio was third but he spun in turn 1 to bring the caution out with 13 laps complete and nullify the pass that Ryan Fearn had just made on Tom Fearn for the race lead.

Ryan Fearn took the lead on the outside of Tom Fearn with Gray nearly going 3-wide with Tom Fearn. Duane Provost spun to bring the caution out one lap after the restart.

Ryan Fearn took the lead on the next restart with Gray getting around Tom Fearn to move into second. Paul Arute came up to fourth and that was the order when the caution came back out with 16

laps complete for Provost, who came to a stop at the entrance to pit road.

The restart was called back before Ryan Fearn again took the lead with Gray in hot pursuit from second place. Tyler Leary moved into third with Arute in fourth and Al Saunders in fifth. Michael Bennett was up to sixth with Wayne Coury, Jr. in seventh and Hadley eighth. Tom Fearn came to pit road with a flat right front tire and eventually pulled behind the wall.

Gray couldn't catch Ryan Fearn as Fearn took down his first win of the 2020 season. Leary finished third with Arute and Al Saunders rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature event, Gary Patnode took the lead at the drop of the green flag with Jeremy Lavoie coming up to second. Matt Clement took third with Alexandra Fearn fourth and Devon Jencik in fifth. Lavoie moved to the lead on lap-3 and Clement took second as Patnode was falling backwards. Fearn took third and was able to hold off a challenge from Durand as Patnode slid back to fifth on lap-5.

All the side by side action allowed Lavoie and Clement to start to pull away from the trio in third place. Durand took third from Fearn on lap-7 with Fearn slotting into fourth and Patnode was now back to fifth.

With 7 laps to go, Lavoie and Clement were comfortably in front of Durand in third. Patnode and Fearn were dueling side by side for fourth with Fearn coming out as the winner of that battle. Patnode came back to the inside of Fearn on lap-18 to retake fourth place while it was still Lavoie and Clement out front.

Lavoie led Clement to the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the 2020 season. Durand finished third with Patnode and Fearn rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature event, the field went into turn 1 and there was a Talladega style pileup that involved at least 6 cars and brought the red flag out. Brandon Michael took the lead on the restart with Jason Lafayette, Al Stone, III, Larry Barnett, and Nick Hovey behind him. Lafayette took the lead from Michael on lap-2 and Stone began to apply pressure to Michael for third.

Zack Robinson was working his way back through the field and he took fifth on lap-9 while Lafayette was pulling away from Michael and Stone, who were still dueling for second with Barnett still in fourth. Jason Finkbein spun coming out of turn 4 to bring the caution out with 12 laps complete.

Lafayette took the lead on the restart with Stone moving into second. Robinson came up to third with Michael sliding back to fourth, just in front of Meghan Fuller. Fuller took fourth from Michael on lap-17 while Stone and Robinson were still trying to catch Lafayette.

Lafayette led Stone to the checkered flag for his first win of the 2020 season while Fuller got around Robinson on the final lap to take third. Michael rounded out the top-5.

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

Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Williams Grove Speedway will host another Yellow Breeches 500 event for the Lawrence Chevrolet 410 sprint cars coming up this Friday, July 31 at 7:30 pm.

The 410 sprints will race in a 25-lap main event paying \$500 just to start.

Also in action will be the HJ Towing & Recovery 358 sprint cars, competing in a Summer Series event.

The 358 sprints will race for an increased purse in a 25-lap feature.

Ticket pricing is \$16 for adult general admission and \$10 for youth ages 13-20. Kids ages 12 and under are always admitted for FREE at Williams Grove Speedway.

Gates will open at 5:30 pm.

Coming up one week later, on August 7, Williams Grove Speedway will host the Billy Kimmel Memorial for 410 sprint cars.

Also racing on August 7 will be the super late models in their first appearance of the season at the track.