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Mark Shields has spent his entire career as a political columnist and commentator at PBS, so he may not have seen his famous quote: "There is always strength in numbers. The individuals or organizations that you can rally to your cause, the better" put to better use like it was Sunday at the Talladega Superspeedway.

Stewart-Haas Racing and Ford clearly had the numbers at the 1000Bulbs.com 500.

Numbers as in teammates. Numbers as in horsepower. Numbers as in likely drivers to



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The finish was typical for Talladega. Fuel shortages and late crashes, including a big pileup on the final lap, shook up the final results. In fact, the top 13 finishers combined to lead just three laps.

While the final lap was the only one Almirola led, he consistently was in the top five – and in perfect position to take advantage of any opening.

The dominating performance started months ago in the busy engine shops of Roush Yates Engines. It's where Doug Yates has found ways to squeeze every ounce of speed out of each engine.

"They [Ford teams] executed their plan perfectly today," Yates said. "It was shaping up there at the end that we were going to finish first through

and myself being in the situation we were in going into this weekend," Almirola said. "Today we were able to do that. We stayed so committed to each other. We worked every restart out to where we stayed committed to each other, got in line. It was us against the field."

The rest of the field didn't stand a chance.

"I thought we were the next best in line today," said Denny Hamlin, who drove his Toyota to a fourth-place finish. "The Ford cars seemed to have a little more speed than us. We stayed disciplined and in line there. We chose the right line when the lines came. Got a great top-five finish today. We were almost the best in class there."

Greg Zippadelli, the competition director at SHR, said he was just as surprised all four of his drivers bought into the strategy. But once they saw the benefits in qualifying, it suddenly became an easy sell.

"We pay these guys every week

honestly to be selfish, take care of themselves, run as hard as they can and finish up as high as they can, win as many races as they can," Zippadelli said.

"Everybody gave and took today. Very proud moment for Stewart-Haas."

As an organization, Stewart-Haas now has 11 victories this year shared among all four drivers.

Almirola feels his chances are just as good as his teammates when the season boils down to the winner-take-all finale at the Homestead-Miami Speedway.

"I honestly think we're somewhat of a dangerous team just because we've been flying under the radar all year long," he said.

"Even going into the playoffs, I feel like we've been flying under the radar. There's no better team in the garage area than our race team. I would put our race team up against any team in the garage, hands down."

"I've been able to see inside of different organizations. I was with Gibbs early on in my career. I've had the opportunity to work with Hendrick Motorsports when I drove for Dale Jr. in the Xfinity Series. I've been around a lot of different organizations, some of the best. I've never ever seen an organization with so many people pulling the rope in the same direction at Stewart-Haas Racing."

And showing there's real strength in numbers.

Keeping it strong at Talladega, the Stewart-Haas Racing cars of Kurt Busch (41), Clint Bowyer (14), Kevin Harvick (4) and race winner Aric Almirola (10) were the teams to beat. (DAVID GRIFFIN photo)



move into the Round of 8 following next Sunday's Race at Kansas.

Stewart-Haas dominated the day, starting with race-winner Aric Almirola and second-place Clint Bowyer. Added with pole winner Kurt Busch and Kevin Harvick, SHR combined to lead 154 of the 193 laps.

Other Fords combined to lead 30 of the other 39 laps.

Stewart-Haas took their commitment to stick together to extraordinary lengths, especially after all four seemed to work against each other a week earlier at Dover. They swept the top-four qualifying positions, and all four were in position in the final 10 laps to sweep the podium. If not for fuel issues – Harvick stopped for a splash with three laps remaining and Busch ran out while leading on the final lap – the SHR celebration could have been monumental.

The company can still find solace in knowing that, barring something bizarre at Kansas, the team will have 50-percent of the playoff field in the third round.

ninth, but we had that caution.

"I'm trying to carry on what my dad, Robert Yates started, and our family tradition of plate racing and just really proud to have my daughter Olivia here with me today and carrying on the family tradition. Hopefully, we can celebrate more of these in the future, but we're sure going to take time to celebrate with Aric Almirola and Stewart-Haas today."

The game plan continued Tuesday before the race during the competition meeting between drivers, crew chiefs and team officials. That's when the usual directives to work as a group, not four individuals took a more serious tone. And despite asking for Alpha personalities to be more cognitive of the common good, all four drivers listened.

And delivered.

"Going into the weekend, that was our focus, was to be committed as an organization to doing everything we can to help each other, making sure that we continue to get points, especially for Clint

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Aric Almirola Finds Long-Awaited Redemption with Talladega Win

TALLADEGA, AL - Aric Almirola has been tantalizingly close to winning this season, only to come up empty.

On Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway, he finally got to light the victory cigar.

When the No. 41 Ford of Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Kurt Busch lost fuel pressure on the final lap of the 1000Bulbs.com 500, Almirola was there to collect his first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series victory since 2014 and clinch a spot in the Round of 8 in the series Playoffs.

Almirola's second career victory—and his first in the No. 10 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford—came one week after a late caution at Dover robbed him of a chance to win.

At the end of a race in which the Stewart-Haas cars achieved mind-bending dominance at NASCAR's biggest track, Almirola finished .105 seconds ahead of teammate Clint Bowyer, who, coincidentally, caused the telltale caution at Dover—one that mirrored a similar situation at New Hampshire in July.

"This is awesome! At Talladega!" Almirola exulted after taking the checkered flag. "I've been so close so many times this year. Four or

five times this year, I feel like we've had a shot to win, and I haven't been able to seal the deal... I feel like I've let (the team) down so many times, because we've had so many opportunities to win and haven't done it..."

"We come here, a place that I love—I won an Xfinity race here last year. I just love racing at Talladega, and I came here with the mind-set that we were going to go give 'em hell, and if we wreck, we wreck, and if we win, we win. And we won!"

Led by Busch, the four Stewart-Haas drivers swept the top four starting positions in Saturday's knockout qualifying session. But that was just the beginning. Busch won the first stage of Sunday's race, followed by Bowyer, Kevin Harvick and Almirola.

It was more of the same in Stage 2, with Harvick taking the green/checkers ahead of Bowyer, Busch and Almirola. Harvick scored enough stage points to clinch a spot in the Round of 8 of the Cup Playoffs.

"This was an incredible race for us," Almirola said. "We were so committed to each other and so organized, and nobody in the field could touch us. It was us against the field. What an impressive run. I'm just proud to be the one on top today."



It was party all the way with Aric Almirola in Talladega's victory lane after winning the 1000Bulbs.com 500 and qualifying for the next round of the Cup playoffs. (DAVID GRIFFIN photo)

The SHR drivers were running 1-2-3-4 with three laps left when Playoff driver Alex Bowman lost control of his No. 88 Chevrolet in Turn 4 to cause the eighth caution of the afternoon.

The yellow put Harvick and fellow Playoff drivers Brad Keselowski and Ryan Blaney in dire straits with respect to fuel, and all three came to pit road to gas up before the final restart in overtime on Lap 192. Busch held the lead until his car sputtered in Turn 4 on the final lap—after a multicar wreck in Turn 1 damaged the cars of Playoff drivers Kyle Busch, Chase Elliott and Martin Truex Jr.

Almirola surged into the lead and took the checkered flag, leading his only lap of the afternoon.

With the runner-up finish, Bowyer climbed from outside the Round of 8 cutline to sixth in the

Playoff standings, 21 points to the good.

"I was happy for Aric," Bowyer said. "He had that race won last week (at Dover), and it was me that brought out the caution. I feel like he got a little redemption there."

"Was happy that we finished second."

"I think it was second, second and second (in all three stages). As far as our day went, we needed to be a little bit better."

Because of the late-race fuel shortage, Keselowski and Blaney enter next Sunday's Round of 12 cutoff race at Kansas in ninth and 10th place, respectively. Keselowski, who finished 27th at Talladega, trails reigning series champion Martin Truex Jr. (23rd Sunday) by 18 points for the final spot in the Round of 8. Blaney, who ran 29th, is 22 points back.

Kyle Larson salvaged an 11th-place finish after a litany of issues, including a blown left rear tire and spin on the backstretch, but Larson trails Truex by 26 points. Bowman, who finished 33rd after wrecking, can advance to the Round of 8 only by winning at Kansas.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. finished third on Sunday, followed by Denny Hamlin and Joey Logano, who solidified his claim to a Round of 8 berth with the fifth-place finish. Logano is 39 points ahead of Keselowski, his Team Penske teammate.

AJ Allmendinger ran sixth, followed by Jimmie Johnson, who recovered from a spin through the tri-oval grass and contact with the inside wall on Lap 62 to come home seventh. Erik Jones, Paul Menard and Regan Smith completed the top 10.



Running in the top ten, Almirola (10) led the most important lap, the last one, after teammate Kurt Busch, who was leading, ran out of gas. (DAVID GRIFFIN photo)

Crafton Stays Alive in Playoffs, Timothy Peters Gets the Win

TALLADEGA, AL - Racing for just the fourth time in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series this season, Timothy Peters fought off a block from Noah Gragson on the final lap of the Fr8Auctions 250 at Talladega Superspeedway to become the first three-time winner at the 2.66-mile track.

Driving in the last of his three events for GMS Racing, Peters started a move to the outside of Gragson's Toyota on the back-stretch.

When Gragson moved up to block, Peters stayed in the gas, and Gragson's No. 18 Tundra spun across the nose of Peter's Chevrolet into the outside wall.

NASCAR called a caution for the wreck, freezing the field with Peters in the lead.

For Gragson, there was the consolation of moving into the Round of 6 of the NCWTS Playoffs. Matt Crafton did likewise, despite being collected in a 10-car wreck on Lap 59 of 94 and finishing 26th. Gragson and Crafton join Round of 8 winners Justin Haley and Grant Enfinger, along with Brett Moffitt and Johnny Sauter, in the Round of 6.

Despite a sixth-place result,

Stewart Friesen was eliminated from the Playoffs, as was Ben Rhodes, who ran 16th, one lap down, after his No. 41 Ford sustained damage in the same wreck that sidelined Crafton.

But it was Peters who emerged from the last-lap chaos with the victory.

"Everybody's wanting to win," Peters said, who triumphed for the 11th time in his career and the first time since 2015. "Everybody's wanting to block. I wanted to win, too, because this is my last go-around on the three-race stint. So, at the end of the day, I was going for it."

"These guys right here (the No. 25 GMS Chevrolet team) worked their butts off. It just feels so good, so good..."

"Man, I love this place, and it's so cool to be a three-time winner. But this is not about me. It's about the team. This team put together this truck back at the shop, and I was just the lucky one who got to drive it today."

Myatt Snider finished a career-best second, followed by pole winner David Gilliland, Haley and Wendell Chavous, who scored his only top five in 50 starts.

With his Playoff hopes on the line, Crafton had to sweat out the final 30 laps after exiting the race in the aftermath of the afternoon's



Timothy Peters shows his excitement in victory lane at Talladega Superspeedway after winning the Fr8Auctions 250 Saturday afternoon. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

largest wreck. But Rhodes couldn't recover the lap he lost because of the accident, and Friesen couldn't challenge for the victory because his engine was down on power.

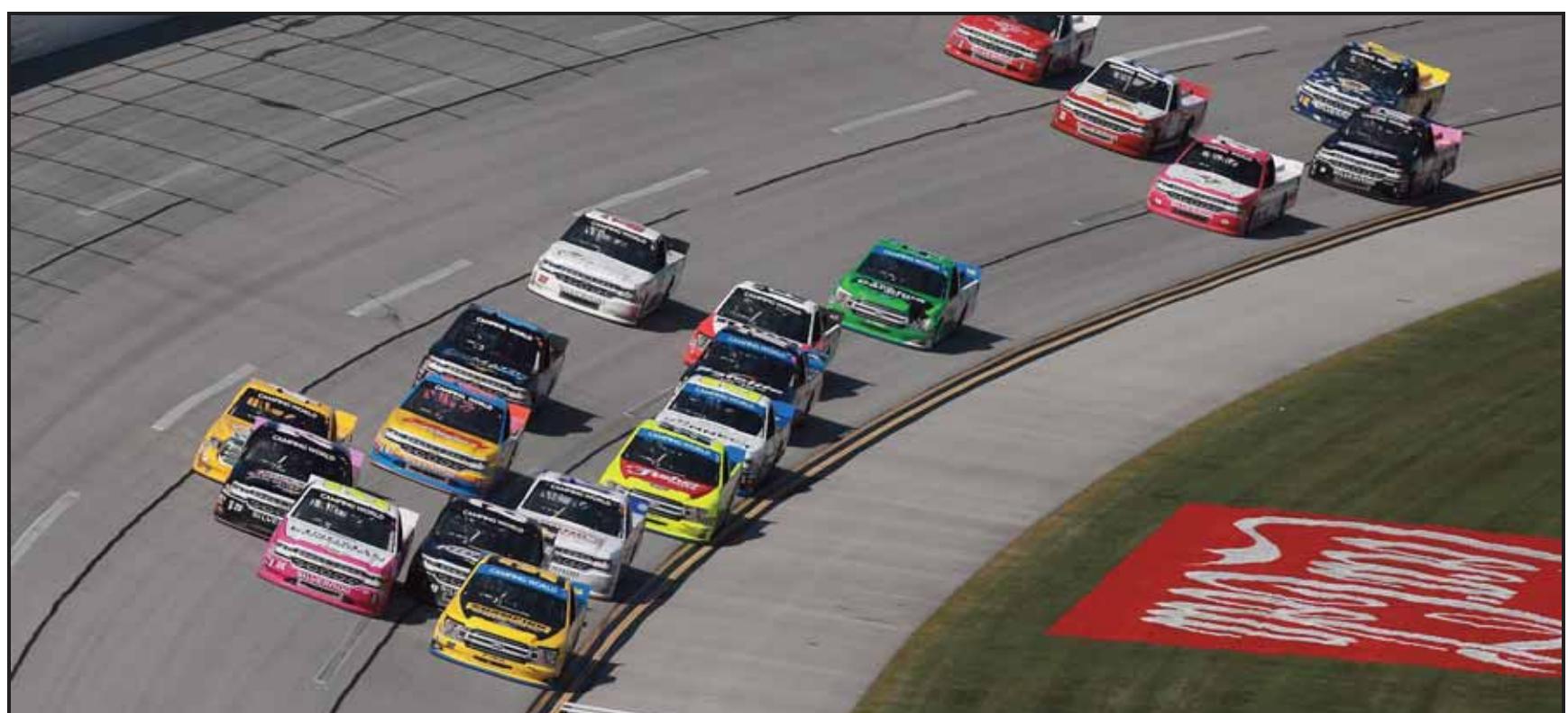
"I saw some people getting turned up in front of me, and I got hooked in the right-rear," Crafton said of the wreck that put his Playoff chances in jeopardy. "The next thing I knew I was facing the fence and hit head-on..."

"That's Talladega for you. It's all out of your hands from when we drop the green. I mean, when you're racing and people are side-by-side bouncing off each other like

that. We did everything we could do the first two segments and let her fly from there."

Crafton, a two-time series champion, was fourth in Stage 1 and second in Stage 2, collecting 16 points that proved crucial to his advancement into the Round of 6. Crafton finished the Round of 8 four points ahead of Rhodes and six ahead of Friesen.

Sauter also sustained heavy damage in the Lap 59 wreck, but by then the regular-season champion had collected 17 stage points, enough to lock him into the next round.



Timothy Peters (25) makes moves to the front as the field bunches up into three lines of racing. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

Justin Bonsignore Completes Thompson Sweep & Celebrates Championship

THOMPSON, CT - Justin Bonsignore couldn't have dreamt of a better way to end his championship season on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour.

Bonsignore captured his eighth win of the season in the Sunoco World Series

150 at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, ending his title run by celebrating both a race win and a dominating championship.

The win allowed the Holtsville, New York, driver to become the fourth driver in the modern era of the Whelen Modified Tour to sweep all of the events at Thompson in the same season. Steve Park (1996), Mike Stefanik (1998) and Doug Coby (2015) are the other three to accomplish the feat.

"It's been unreal, ever since we unloaded at Myrtle Beach, we have had a great race car at every single race track," Bonsignore said. "To come here and to sweep the season, there are only a few select people who have done that, and it means a lot to me. It's important."

Bonsignore started third, but ran just outside the top five for the first half of the race. During a caution on lap 81, he rolled the No. 51 Phoenix Communications Chevrolet to pit road and changed tires. Quick work by his team allowed him to exit the leader of the race, and he never relinquished the top spot.

"We didn't have the best car, but the pit crew did a great job and got us out there in the end. The car was really good on the second set

of tires," Bonsignore said. "It was the same thing we did all year at Thompson. We were going to race hard because we didn't have anything to lose today."

He defeated Chase Dowling by 97 points in the final championship standings, with an average finish of 3.4 and top-10 finishes in all but one event.

Jon McKenna used a late stop for tires, and passed Ron Silk in the final turn, capping his season with a second. Silk was third, followed by Ryan Preece, who led a race-high 83 laps. Burt Myers rounded out the top five.

Doug Coby was sixth, followed by Matt Swanson, Bobby Santos III, Chris Pasteryak and Eric Goodale.

The Sunoco World Series 150 will air on NBCSN on Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m.

Bonsignore and his Kenneth Massa Motorsports team will be honored with the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour top finishers and special award winners at the NASCAR Awards Charlotte on Friday, Dec. 7.

Cole Rouse Gets His Redemption at All American

ROSEVILLE, CA - All season long Cole Rouse has been close.

Last time out, Rouse took the white flag and was leading before losing the race to teammate Hailie Deegan. It is more than safe to say Rouse wanted this win bad.

Rouse finally got his elusive first career NASCAR K&N Pro Series West win Saturday by winning



Justin Bonsignore celebrates his victory and the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour championship on Sunday at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. (Ruby Wallau/NASCAR photo)

the NAPA AutoCare/Roseville Toyota 200 presented by TriCo Welding Supplies & the West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame at All American Speedway.

Rouse's No.99 NAPA Belts & Hoses Toyota won the pole earlier in the day and battled hard at the front of the field with the likes of Ryan Partridge and Chris Eggleston. Taking the lead on an aggressive pass during the Lap 189 restart it almost seemed like smooth sailing until a late race caution set up a four-lap dash to the finish.

This time Rouse got his redemption.

The 21-year-old driver from Fort Smith, Arkansas held off a pair of Bob Bruncati Racing entries and came home .506 seconds ahead of the Partridge to claim his first win in his 27th series start. Rouse entered the event with 10 career top fives, including runner-up finishes in three of his previous four races.

Partridge's No. 9 Sunrise Ford seemed to be the car to beat before being passed by Rouse in the penultimate restart. Partridge, the

2016 winner at All American, would settle for his 11th top five of 2018.

Championship leader Derek Thorn lost a lap early after contact from Derek Kraus lead to a spin. He fought hard to get his lap back, and battled back to finish third for his 12th top five of the season.

Nick Joanides came home fourth, scoring his best career finish and first top five of his career. Travis Milburn fought his way back after multiple spins to complete the top five.

Matt Levin, Hailie Deegan, Taylor Canfield, Rich Delong III and Takuma Koga completed the top 10.

Thorn leads Rouse by 26 and Partridge by 29 heading into the season finale at Kern County Raceway Park in Bakersfield, California, on Saturday, Oct. 27, for the NAPA Auto Parts 175 presented by West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame.

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Cole Rouse celebrates his first career NASCAR K&N Pro Series West win at All American Speedway (Austin Ginn/NASCAR via Getty Images photo)

Kirby III Gets Winchester Win and 2018 Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks Championship

SALEM, IN - Indianapolis, Indiana's James Kirby III continued his second half season roll on Saturday night by winning the Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks Powered by JEGS 50 lap Season Championship event on the famous High Banks of Winchester Speedway, as part of the 47th Annual Winchester 400 Weekend Presented by Vore's Welding & Steel. It was Kirby III's first CRA Championship and his series leading third win of the season.

"Man this is great to get the win and get the Season Championship

here at Winchester," remarked Kirby in victory lane. "I have to thank my mom and dad for all they do to support my racing. My crew, they gave me a great car. I was worried on those last restarts that the 68 car and the 73 would make it interesting, but we were able to pull away and get the win!"

Kirby took full advantage of his pole starting position after Allstar Performance Fast Qualifier Jason Atkinson drew a seven for the features inverted start. Kirby pulled away at the drop of the green, and then had to fight off first Tyler Marsh and then fellow Chase for the Championship drivers J.J. Schafer and Atkinson to get the win, his second straight with the se-

ries, keeping the others at bay on four restarts for the events three cautions and one red flag. Kirby picked up the Racer Parts Wholesale Sweet Move of the Race Award for getting the win and winning the Championship.

Kirby III added, "It's really cool to join my dad as a Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks Championship winner! I have to thank all our sponsors for their support, without them we couldn't be out here racing. This series has a great group of racers, I'm proud to be the series 2018 Champion!"

Schafer would finish in second, coming from his sixth place starting position to challenge Kirby III for not only the win, but the series Championship. Schafer would finish second in the Chase for the Championship for the second straight season.

Former series Champion Atkinson came from his seventh place starting position to finish in third, which gave him a third place finish

in the Chase for the Championship. Calvin Parham finished in fourth place, with proud father Jimmy Kirby, James Kirby III's father, in fifth place.

Fellow Chase for the Championship and 2018 Five Crown Series Champion Jake McElfresh got caught up in oil when Danny Adams blew an engine and make hard contact with the turn two retaining wall ending his night and Championship battle on lap 37.

The next event for the Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks will be the 2018 CRA Awards Banquet Presented by Shepherd Insurance, which will take place on Friday, January 11th in Indianapolis at the Crowne Plaza Downtown at Union Station.

The 2018 Champions and the top ten in final series points for each CRA Series will be honored that night.

For more information on all the CRA series go to www.cra-racing.com.

Veterans Share Excitement With Youth For Chance To Race at Richmond

NAPLES, ME - While some of the best young drivers in North America are excited for the opportunity to race at Richmond Raceway as part of the inaugural PASS Commonwealth Classic on Saturday, October 20, veterans share that same since of anticipation. Grassroots racing greats like Rowe, Nasse, Fogelman, Laperle, Coby, Bonsignore, McCaskill, and Locklair are synonymous with winning in their respective disciplines of grassroots racing, but each will be making their first starts at Richmond. As a matter of fact of fact, only a handful of drivers competing in the PASS Commonwealth Classic, among those, Tour-Type Modified stalwart, Jamie Tomaino, have ever had the chance to race there.

Another of those who have raced at Richmond and will be competing with the Pro All Stars Series (PASS) Super Late Models is Mike Wallace. The middle brother of the famed Wallace racing clan from Missouri last competed in the 2015 Daytona 500. Since then, he has been mentoring his son, Matt, who claimed

the PASS South Super Late Model win earlier this year at Concord Speedway. But, when the opportunity came to race at one of his favorite tracks, Mike Wallace could not resist the temptation to get back behind the wheel.

"When I saw PASS announced the race at Richmond earlier this year, I had to do a double-take to make sure what I was seeing was real," says Wallace, who will be driving his son's Unker's Therapeutic/Lucas Oil Chevrolet #6. "Matt was originally going to race there in a Late Model Stock car, but when I realized how much I missed racing he said why don't you drive the car and I will crew chief. We tested at South Boston recently and just want to go to Richmond and be competitive and have fun."

With nearly 50 starts at Richmond between Cup, Xfinity, and Trucks, Wallace has no lack experience when it comes to racing on the 3/4-mile speedway. But, he will be on an even playing field when it comes to racing PASS Super Late Models on the D-shaped track.

"Richmond is going to be incredibly fast for all the divisions racing there, especially a PASS Super Late Model," says Wallace. "The last time I was in a Super Late Model was when I raced in Missouri and won the NASCAR re-

gional points in 1990, so a lot has changed. Richmond is a great racetrack to race on because it's multi-grooved like a superspeedway, but it has all the classic characteristics of a short track. As long as everybody races smart and shows respect, it should be a great race."

Entries continue to come for next weekend's race with Boris Jurkovic, Wes Burton, and a yet-to-be named driver for Kyle Busch Motorsports in the PASS Super Late Model division. Rob Summers is the latest Tour-Type Modified entry, while several Solid Rock Carriers Late Model Stock entries have come in including Ryan Wilson, Terry Brooks, Jr., Matt Cox, Chad McCumbee, Will Burns, Chris Throckmorton, Casey Wyatt, Adam Cosgrove, and Grayson Cullather.

A solid group of Virginia drivers have recently entered in the Limited Late Model division, including Cole Bruce, Reid Murphy, Eric Bishop, Franklin Caricofe, Jason Myers, and North Carolina's, Josh Lowder. While Street Stocks continue to enter from all around including North Carolina's Gary Ledbetter, Jr. and Stephen Sharp, South Carolina's Ricky Locklair, Sr., Georgia's Jeff Sparks, and Virginia's Justin Brown.

The weekend will begin on Thursday, October 18 with hauler parking and safety inspection for all divisions from 11 AM – 5 PM. A prac-

tice day for the PASS Super Late Models, Tour-Type Modifieds, Solid Rock Carriers Late Model Stocks, Limited Late Models, and Street Stocks is scheduled for Friday, October 19, starting with gates opening and more parking at 7 AM and practice from 10AM – 5 PM. On Saturday, October 20, practice will begin at 9 AM, qualifying at 1 PM, and features starting at 4 PM with 100 laps for the PASS Super Late Models, 75 laps for the Tour-Type Modifieds and Solid Rock Carriers Late Models Stocks, 50 laps for the Limited Late Models, and 40 laps for the Street Stocks.

Entry forms for all divisions, the complete weekend schedule, and additional information is available at ProAllStarsSeries.com.

Fans can purchase tickets online at RichmondRaceway.com leading up to the PASS Commonwealth Classic or at the speedway the weekend of the event. And, as an added bonus, fans will be able to access Richmond's brand new, state-of-the-art Fan Zone and watch everything going on in the garage area throughout the weekend with a paid general admission ticket.

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Christopher Bell Dominates Eldora for Fourth Career Outlaw Win

ROSSBURG, OH - Christopher Bell pounded the cushion to perfection up against the Eldora Speedway wall to win his fourth career World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Feature, but first of 2018, Sunday evening at the Ohio half-mile. Bell fell as

far back as eighth but took the lead on Lap 14 and never looked back. Donny Schatz extended his Series points lead finishing second for a Tony Stewart Racing/Curb-Agajanian Racing one-two punch. Parker Price-Miller, who led the first 13 laps, completed the podium.

Tim Shaffer won the Sears Craftsman Dash and led the field down the backstretch, but a strong sweeping move across the racing surface from Parker Price-Miller saw the youngster lead the opening lap by a nose.

Carson Macedo, aboard the Jason Johnson Racing No.41, took second from Shaffer on Lap 9 and began closing in on Price-Miller for the lead.

Christopher Bell fell back from his fifth-starting spot on the initial start, but began his cushion-pounding charge forward immediately. As Macedo passed Shaffer for second on the ninth circuit, Bell re-entered the top five. Two laps later, Bell was third and visibly closing on the leaders. Bell passed Macedo for second on Lap 13 and took the lead the following lap from Price-Miller in turn one.

From there, Bell set sail, rim riding his way to a sizable advantage through lapped traffic.

Donny Schatz worked his way forward from his eighth starting spot to take third just past the halfway point.

The lone caution of the event flew on Lap 21 for a slowing Aaron Reutzel, setting up a double-file restart.

Price-Miller, who had fallen back to fourth, got an excellent restart and challenged Bell for the lead before settling into second. Bell once again powered away from the field, establishing a sizeable lead over the field.

Schatz went to work on Price-Miller for second, completing the pass with one to go. At this point,

his TSR teammate was gone, as Bell cruised to win by over four seconds.

"I'm very grateful to run this thing, it's a rocket every time I come to this place. It was so fast on the top, I could zoom right around," Bell said in Victory Lane.

When asked about riding the wall at Eldora with a near-perfect race car, Bell didn't hold back saying, "It's the most fun thing you'll ever do."

"It's a dream come true to be able to win World of Outlaws races at Eldora," Bell, who was making his fifth Outlaw start of the season, added with a smile.

Donny Schatz settled for second for the second consecutive night and was pleased with his car, "My car was really good. These guys keep working on it and making some gains, it was great to have some grip out there."

Parker Price-Miller, in one of three Indy Race Parts entries, held off Macedo to complete the podium, "We were really good, when you are out front, you don't know how strong you really are, and Christopher blew my doors off. He was the class of the field. I can't thank Bernie and Betsy enough for giving me this opportunity."

Macedo, who will return to the JJR No.41 at Port Royal in two weeks, finished fourth with Ian Madsen completing the top five.

Brent Marks came forward from 12th to sixth with Joey Saldana, in another Indy Race Parts car, was strong finishing seventh.

Sheldon Haudenschild charged from 18th to eighth and Logan Schuchart earned KSE Hard Charger honors coming from 20th to ninth. Pennsylvanian Brock Zearfoss, who will finish out the season following the Outlaw tour, completed the top-ten.

A night after breaking a 19-year-old track record at Terre Haute, teenager Gio Scelzi was within striking distance of the 16-year-old Eldora track record in Qualifying, missing it by seven hundredths of a second.

It was an early start at Eldora, which was coming off a double-header World 100 program the night before, with the Outlaw Feature ending before 7:30 on a brisk October evening.

A rare off-weekend for the NASCAR Xfinity Series allowed



Christopher Bell climbs atop his car in victory lane after winning at Eldora Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

Bell to compete back in his dirt track roots. Bell currently leads Xfinity points and recently set the single-season win record for a rookie with six. Bell finished 11th last night at Terre Haute.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series returns to action next weekend with a pair of dates in Kansas, starting Friday, October 19 at Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City for the FVP Platinum Battery Shootout and concluding Saturday, October 20 at Dodge City Raceway Park in Dodge City, KS. If you can't make it to the track, watch all the action LIVE on DIRTVision.com.

Brad Sweet Continues Career Year with Terre Haute Triumph

TERRE HAUTE, IN - Brad Sweet's added another page to his unforgettable 2018 season with a flag-to-flag victory at the historic Terre Haute Action Track, his ninth World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series victory of the year. Donny Schatz charged from 12th to second, getting by Tim Shaffer, who completed the podium, on the Green-White-Checkered finish.

Brad Sweet and Kasey Kahne Racing teammate Daryn Pittman put on a show on the final lap of the Sears Craftsman Dash finishing side-by-side. Sweet edged Pittman by 0.054 to earn the pole for the 30-Lap Feature.

Sweet powered to the lead on the initial start to lead the opening circuit and reached lapped traffic on Lap 9 at the spacious Indiana half-mile. Pittman and 2001 Terre Haute Outlaw winner Tim Shaffer were in tow.

At the halfway point, Donny Schatz had worked forward from his 12th-starting spot to sixth

aboard the Tony Stewart Racing/Curb-Agajanian No.15. By lap 19, the nine-time Series Champion and current points leader had maneuvered to fourth.

Sweet continued to work his way through traffic as Schatz closed the gap on Pittman and Shaffer for the runner-up position.

Lap 27 saw Shaffer and Schatz get by Pittman for position down the backstretch and through turn three, respectively.

As the White Flag flew for Brad Sweet, he would not be caught, as he had multiple lapped cars between himself and Shaffer and Schatz, who were in a torrid battle for second.

It wouldn't be that easy for the driver known as 'The Big Cat', however, as the caution flew for a stopped Ian Madsen as Sweet was about to take the Checkered.

The caution set up a single-file, Green, White, Checkered finish with Shaffer, who was ahead of Schatz at the last completed lap, in second and Schatz in third.

On the restart, Schatz quickly disposed of Shaffer in turn one and set his eyes on Sweet for his 20th victory of the season. Schatz closed the gap in each corner, but it wasn't enough, as Sweet went on to win by .686 seconds.

When asked about the late restart, Brad Sweet chuckled and said with a smile, "Well, I've been getting used to it. Knoxville, Black Hills, Chico and Lernerville have all had late race restarts and sometimes it's not bad to get a clean track. I think we were just good enough to hold these guys off tonight."

"Lapped traffic was tricky. I think I made a few mistakes, but I guess I had a big enough lead," Sweet said of the long Green Flag period

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to open the race, before thanking his NAPA Auto Parts crew for their continued hard work.

"Terre Haute is a special place. I've won a non-wing USAC race here, so it's cool to come back here and win with the World of Outlaws," the Grass Valley, CA native added.

Donny Schatz, who had passed Tim Shaffer for second on the final lap but had to go back to third for the Green-White-Checkered finish, was obviously disappointed to come up just short.

"We did what we could, the car was obviously rolling to get up there on an open race track. My guys did an incredible job, we wanted to get a win," Schatz, who earned KSE Hard Charger honors for his efforts, said.

Tim Shaffer's excellent 2018 season continued with a podium finish and he was pleased, "We had a great car, it kept coming in little by little as the race went on."

Pittman settled for fourth with Sheldon Haudenschild charging from 15th to complete the top-five.

A week of rain and frigid temperatures had Terre Haute Action Track in uncharted territory dur-

ing Qualifying, as 19 of the 32 cars signed in broke the existing track record set back in 1999. Brian Brown, who went out late, ended up establishing the new Terre Haute track record at 16.028, nearly a half-second faster than the existing record.

WoO Return to Jacksonville Canceled

JACKSONVILLE, IL - After consistent precipitation throughout the early morning and afternoon, the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series and Jacksonville Speedway have made the decision to cancel tonight's event at the Illinois facility.

The event will not be made up in 2018, but the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series has every intention of returning to Jacksonville Speedway in 2019 with details to be announced in the upcoming weeks. Advanced ticket holders with questions should be directed to Jacksonville Speedway early next week. Stay tuned to Jacksonville Speedway social media accounts and website for all information.

Outlaws Returning to Dodge City Raceway Park on October 20

CONCORD, NC - After a three-year hiatus, the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series will make its awaited return to Dodge

City Raceway Park in Kansas on Saturday, October 20. Last year's Boot Hill Showdown was lost to Mother Nature, but The Greatest Show on Dirt will return to the semi-banked 3/8 mile in 2018.

Perhaps no one is more excited for the World of Outlaws' return to Dodge City than veteran Jason Sides. Sides has two career victories at Dodge City, including one during the last time the Outlaws visited the facility in 2015. Sides won the opening night of the Boot Hill Showdown that year and finished fourth on Night Two.

Dodge City Raceway Park has been a staple on the Outlaw schedule since 2004, when Steve Kinser won the inaugural event.

In addition to Sides, Daryn Pittman has had a lot of success at the Kansas facility, scoring four wins, including three of the last six Outlaw events, at Dodge City. Donny Schatz, who is the most recent Outlaw winner at Dodge City, and Kraig Kinser (2012) are other active full-time Outlaws with wins at the facility.

In addition to the Outlaw regulars, Joey Saldana – a five-time Outlaw winner at Dodge City – will pilot the Jason Johnson Racing No.41 as a part of his five-race schedule with the team. Pennsylvania's Brock Zearfoss is slated to be in attendance for his Dodge City debut as well.

Tickets for The Greatest Show on Dirt's return to Dodge City Race-

way Park are still available and can be found [here](#).

If you can't make it to the track, watch all the action [LIVE](#) on [DIRTVision.com](#).

Outlaws Return to Lakeside Speedway

CONCORD, NC - The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series 40th Anniversary Season is coming to an end, but not before one final trip to the Midwest starting Friday, October 19 at Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, KS with the running of the FVP Platinum Battery Shootout. Last year's FVP Platinum Battery Shootout was exactly that, a shootout.

A handful of sizzling battles throughout the perfect racing surface excited the crowd with FVP sponsored driver Brian Brown coming out on top for the hometown win.

The hoard of Outlaw regulars will be looking to reign supreme in Kansas, led by nine-time and defending Series Champion and current points leader Donny Schatz, who won at Lakeside in 2015. Other Series regulars that have Lakeside triumphs include Brad Sweet and Daryn Pittman.

Tickets for the FVP Platinum Battery Shootout are available and can be found [here](#). Following the Outlaws event at Lakeside, the Series will stay in Kansas to compete at Dodge City Raceway Park the following evening.

2018 Harvest Cup at Haubstadt Goes to C.J. Leary

HAUBSTADT, IN - C.J. Leary won the Harvest Cup signifying the conclusion of the racing season at Tri-State Speedway. It was also the final event in 2018 for both the Hoosier Tire Midwest Sprint Car Series and the Lucas Oil POWRi WAR Sprints.

This year's event was co-sanctioned by the two organizations.

Leary quickly moved into the lead on lap three and continued to hold the lead throughout the 30 lap feature. The program was a complete sweep for the Greenwood, IN, driver. He had already set the overall fastest time in group qualifying with a lap of 13.136 seconds. Then he followed up the deed by winning

the third heat race. There was no doubt who had the fastest machine in the field. The victory was worth \$5,000. It was the third MSCS feature win this season for Leary.

The first two laps were led by Kyle Cummins after starting on the pole. The Princeton, IN, driver had won the first two features in a special series of three races to be sanctioned by WAR. Weather contributed to the third stop being moved to Tri-State Speedway. Cummins had an opportunity to win a bonus of \$20,000 if he could win all three races. He had won his heat race and had a real chance to win the Bell Racing USA Triple Crown Challenge. Kyle would finish fourth in the feature this time out.

The two drivers sharing the podium with Leary were Kent Schmidt and Justin Grant. Schmidt, who races out of Owensville, IN,

turned in his best performance of the year in finishing second. He stayed in contention after passing Robert Ballou on lap 6. Grant had moved the Topp Sprinter into third by the halfway mark. Jarett Andretti moved up to finish fifth. Second heat winner Robert Ballou was sixth. Fourth heat winner Chase Stockon was seventh. Chet Williams, Donny Brackett, and Aric Gentry rounded out the top ten.

In a pre-race presentation Championship trophies and Hoosier Tire award jackets were presented to 2018 MSCS Champion Carson Short and the car owner Richard Short. Eric Perrott received the MSCS Rookie of the Year Award. The Shorts are from Marion, IL, and Perrott is from Sumner, IL. The POWRi WAR Wildcard League Champion Landon Simon and MMSA Champion Cody Trammel were also recognized at that time. Carson Short also received the Wilwood Tuff Brakes Award for his mid-pack finish in the feature. Chet Williams was the Keizer Aluminum Wheels

Hard Charger of the Race in gaining 8 spots during the main event. Donny Brackett won the B Main.

The feature was red flagged two times. Brandon Mattox flipped in turn two on lap nine. Landon Simon brought out the red on the opposite end of the track on lap 14. The first heat was also action packed. Five of the nine cars entered managed to finish.

In other action Brandon McDowell, won the UMP Modified feature. It was win number three at Haubstadt for McDowell this season. Dustin Beck, Zach Fair, Dane Heilman and Dennis Ponder rounded out the top five. Fair and McDowell won the heat races. Dave Beck was the fastest qualifier.

The MMSA Mini-Sprints closed out the show. The 20 lap feature went to Brad Strunk over Rod Henning and Justin Lewis. It was Strunk's second consecutive feature win at the speedway. Cody Trammel and Dean Parker rounded out the top five. Henning, Brandon Coffey, and Parker won the three heat races.

T-Mac Wins The World 100 at Eldora

ROSSBURG, OH

- After two Prelim Nights, spread over a 37-day period, the 48th annual World 100 concluded with the main event of the 2018 racing season in the Dirt Super Late Model World. The famed $\frac{1}{2}$ (0.500) mile high-banked dirt oval of Eldora Speedway (OH), located just east of the Indiana/Ohio

state line in Rossburg, Ohio served as hosts of the "Granddaddy of them all" on Saturday, October 13. After the 78 teams, who returned from the September rain out and had to wait an extra day, again due to Mother Nature, the result was a "Doubleheader Saturday" at the western Ohio speed plant that saw the teams race in the morning/afternoon and again in the evening.

Under a cool fall night at the track and when all was said and done, 2006 World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series Champion, Tim McCreadie would leave the famed Big "E" with the biggest win of his career after scoring his first World 100 triumph and Globe Trophy that comes with winning the prestigious event. The Watertown, NY veteran took the lead from pole-sitter, Devin Gilpin on lap 45 and the 44-year-old would survive a restart with 16 laps to go to secure the victory, worth \$51,000.

"You just don't know when things like this will go your way. You just keep struggling and trying and hoping that it'll all work out and tonight it did." An emotional McCreadie stated surrounded by his crew, family and friends surrounding his #39 Sweetners Plus / Longhorn Chassis / Pro Power Racing Engines entry. "We're not here to just be here. We're here to try to win and tonight was our night. The struggles have been tough. It's been hard on the crew guys, it's been hard on me, it's been hard on the family, it's been hard on everybody. We changed the car around from this afternoon. We went to work and tried to make the car drive better and it worked. As heart-breaking as last week was with missing Oswego, it hurt my feelings. Maybe that's the way life goes though you have to lose something that you really cherish for something that arguably is bigger. This place means a lot to a lot of people.

I don't always see it because I didn't come from here. But I understand it, especially now." He smiled.

It would be Eldora Track Points Leader, Devin Gilpin and former two-time World 100 winner, Brian Birkhofer leading 30 of the best Dirt Super Late Model drivers in the country to the green flag to start the most prestigious race in the country. It would be Gilpin beating Birkhofer to the first corner to grab the early lead while the rest of the field jockeyed for position behind him. McCreadie, who started fifth, methodically picked his way up to the podium and would trail 2015 Outlaws Champion and 2008 World 100 winner, Shane Clanton, who started ahead of him in third as both went by Birkhofer for second and third respectively.

McCreadie slipped past Clanton for second and set his sights on Gilpin who had built up a sizable lead. Soon McCreadie was on Gilpin's back bumper and the battle was on for the lead. Five laps before the halfway point of the race, McCreadie made what would be the winning pass on lap 45 by sliding past Gilpin and pulling away from Gilpin and the rest of the field. With 25 laps to go, another former two-time World 100 winner, Jimmy Owens was able to get by Gilpin for second and set his sights on a possible third career Globe Trophy.

McCreadie had built up a six-second lead when the nights second and final caution flew with just 16 laps to go. This set up one final chance for Owens to get past McCreadie. However, on the restart, McCreadie blasted out ahead of Owens and again pulled away from the rest of the field. He was never seriously challenged the rest of the way and in the end, would see the checkered flag first and his name to the list of winners of the most prestigious Dirt Super Late Model race in the world.

Owens settled for second ahead of Tyler Erb, who started 16th and would complete the podium finishers. Four-time World 100 winner, Scott Bloomquist came home in fourth as 2015 Outlaws Rookie of the Year, Brandon Overton completed the top five after starting in 14th. Gilpin would settle for sixth but would clinch the 2018 Eldora Speedway Super Late Model Track Championship, the first in a Super Late Model, of his career. Four-time Outlaws Champion, Josh Richards



Tim McCreadie celebrates his first career World 100 triumph at Eldora Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

was seventh after starting in 19th while a pair of former World 100 winners, Dale McDowell from 22nd, Earl Pearson Jr., from 18th and outgoing Eldora Track Champion, Kent Robinson rounded out the final top 10.

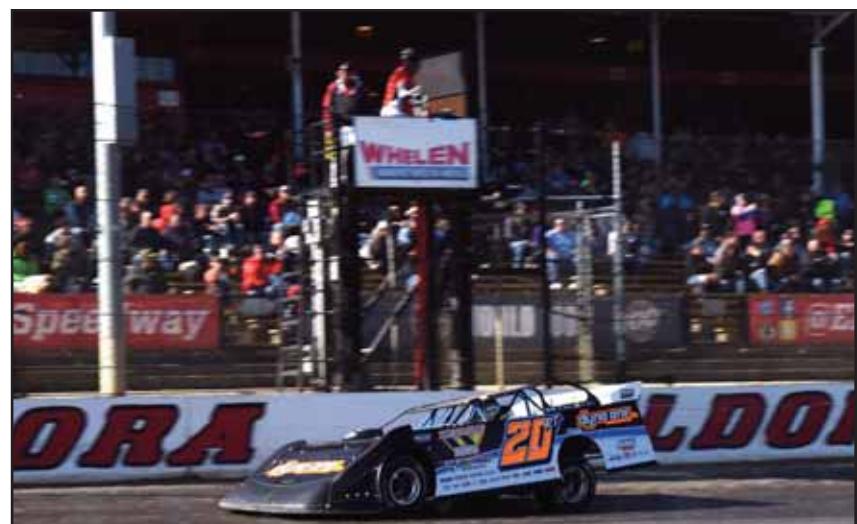
Thornton and Richards Win the Twins

ROSSBURG, OH - The 48th annual World 100 was set to resume after a delay of five weeks and two days with the second of two Prelim Nights at the famed $\frac{1}{2}$ (0.500) mile high-banked dirt oval of Eldora Speedway (OH), located just east of the Indiana/Ohio state line in Rossburg, Ohio on Saturday, October 13. Originally scheduled for September 7, then October 12, Mother Nature was nowhere in sight for "Doubleheader Saturday" as the second of three full nights of racing for the "Granddaddy of them all" featuring the popular "Every Lap Matters" format was highlighted by twin 25-lap features pay-

ing \$10,000 to win each. After 101 cars were on hand back in September 77 returned 37 days later and at the end of the impromptu morning / afternoon show it would be former four-time World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series Champion, Josh Richards scoring the victory in the Odd Feature. While in the even Feature, Ricky Thornton Jr., surprised everyone on the property by scoring his first career Super Late Model Feature win and it comes at the famed Eldora Speedway.

In the Odd Feature, Richards started on the outside of the front row and quickly disposed of pole-sitter Duane Chamberlain. From there, it was all Richards who was never seriously challenged en route to his first Feature win at Eldora speedway since May 25, 2008, which came in a Sunoco American Late Model Series race. A span on 10 years, five months & 19 days. "This feels fantastic. I almost forgot what it feels like to be up here," Stated the 30-year-old

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Ricky Thornton Jr. takes the checkered flag for one of the Twin 25's at Eldora Speedway during the 48th Annual World 100. (Paul Arch photo)

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driver from Shinnston, WV as he climbed from his #1 Best Performance Motorsports entry after ending a personal overall winless streak of eight months and 10 days.

It would be Chamberlain and Richards leading the 24-car field to the green flag to kick off "Doubleheader Saturday" as Richards rocketed out to the lead from his outside front row starting spot.

A couple of cautions bunched up the field, but on each restart, Richards was able to pull away from the pack. Chris Madden was able to claw his way into second spot from eighth, but by the time he got to the runner-up spot, Richards had built his lead up and was able to place several lapped cars between himself and Madden and go on to score the \$10,000 payday.

With the win, Richards also clinched the "Every Lap Matters" Points title, worth an additional \$2,500 after both Prelim Events (September 6 & October 13). Madden settled for second as World of



Josh Richards celebrates winning one of the Twin 25's at Eldora Speedway during the World 100. (Paul Arch photo)

Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series points leader, Mike Marlar finished off the podium in third. Don O'Neal was fourth as Earl Pearson Jr., completed the top five. Devin Moran was sixth, Brandon Shepard & Shane Clanton were seventh and eighth. Shannon Babb finished ninth as Dale McDowell completed the top 10.

In the Even Feature, Ricky Thornton Jr., surprised many in attendance on a beautiful fall afternoon in Western Ohio when the 28-year-old started on the pole and would go on to lead all 25 laps for

his first career Super Late Model Feature Win of any kind. The driver of the #20rt S.S.I. Motorsports ride, who is filling in for the injured Hudson O'Neal, made the most of the opportunity in the car and on the biggest stage in Dirt Super Late Model racing with the upset victory.

"This is just so huge. I have to thank Hudson O'Neal for letting me drive this car. Without him, we wouldn't be here." Remarked the elated driver after scoring the biggest win of his career.

Thornton Jr., and 2006 World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Se-

ries Champion, Tim McCreadie brought the field down to the green flag for the Even Feature and it would be Thornton Jr., beating McCreadie and the rest of the field to the first corner to grab the early lead. The Grand Canyon State driver would inch out ahead a little more with each lap that passed while McCreadie would be left to battle with Jimmy Owens for the second spot.

As the laps continued to click off, Thornton Jr., would continue to build his lead in what would be a caution free event. McCreadie was able to get back past Owens and set his sights on Thornton Jr. However, Thornton Jr., had built up a sizable lead and with plenty of lapped traffic between himself and a hard-charging McCreadie, Thornton Jr., was able to hang on to score the biggest victory of his career. McCreadie settled for second with Jimmy Owens grabbing third. Chase Junghans and Shanon Buckingham, from 10th, completed the final top five finishers. Eldora Speedway Track Points Leader, Devin Gilpin finished in sixth as Mason Ziegler, Brandon Overton, out-going track champion. Kent Robinson from 11th and Scott James would finish off the final top 10 running order.

Tankersley Captures ASCS Gulf South Victory And 2018 Championship

BEAUMONT, TX - Finally getting the chance to settle the 2018 season on the track, Channin Tankersley captured his sixth win of the season with the Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region as well as the 2018 Series Championship.

Winning the Tribute to the Fallen at Golden Triangle Raceway Park, which paid honor to Bryan Clauson, Greg Hodnett, and Jason Johnson, the 41-lap event saw Tankersley out front for the duration.

Challenged early by Ray Allen Kulhanek, the driver of the No. 1 machine ending up seeing an early end to his night while battling for second after contact between him and Blake Hahn sent Kulhanek onto his side. Ray Allen was unharmed, but not able to finish.

Moving the No. 52 into second, Hahn took a shot at the lead but

biked onto the right-side tires. Dropping to third in the process, the misstep allowed Tankersley to pull

away by over a straightaway. Racing back to second before a late race caution, Hahn again tried for the lead but would not be able to maneuver around Channin Tankersley, who now has 25 career wins with the ASCS Gulf South Region.

Blake Hahn in second was joined on the podium by Canada's

Skylar Gee, who raced to the show position from eighth. Moving from 10th, Eric Baldaccini crossed fourth with Tucker Doughty making the top five. Bruce Crockett was sixth with Cody Stacy seventh from 15th. Junior Jenkins, Todd Bliss, and Harry Yerrington completed the top ten.

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Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series stars Kyle Larson and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. are utilizing a "throw-back" idea from their racing roots to help enhance the future of their sport.

And the racing pals are ponying up \$5,000 each of their own money to make it happen.

In a concerted effort to attract new young fans to NASCAR, Larson and Stenhouse Jr. will host a \$10,000 "Kids Dash for Cash" event prior to the start of the AAA Texas 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race on Sunday, Nov. 4, at Texas Motor Speedway (2 p.m. CT, TV: NBC Sports Network).

The children's event will take place at approximately 1 p.m. CT near the infield grass toward Turn 4 prior to the driver introductions. The "Kids Dash for Cash" will be televised live on Big Hoss TV for the entertainment of the crowd.

This idea was actually born from where it all started for both of them - the local dirt tracks that have embraced this kids' concept for years.

"I'm really excited to partner with Kyle and Texas Motor Speedway to present the 'Kids Dash for Cash,'" said Stenhouse Jr., who drives for Roush-Fenway Racing. "I saw this

take place at Calistoga Speedway last year while we were out there for the Sonoma NASCAR race. Just to watch 100 excited kids go crazy picking up as many coins as possible was fun to watch. That night, they had \$1,000 worth of nickels for 100 kids, so you can imagine the excitement these kids had."

The event coincides with the ongoing kids' initiative by Speedway Motorsports, Inc., the parent company of Texas Motor Speedway, of offering a 12-and-under children's ticket to a Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race in any seating price range for just \$10.

"This is pretty cool to team up with my good friend Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Texas Motor Speedway to put on this event," said Larson, who drives for Chip Ganassi Racing. "I think it's important to connect with the younger fans. We want to spread the word to other tracks and encourage them to continue to get kids out to the races. Getting kids to the race track will only help the sport in the future. We thought Texas would be a great place to start since Texas does everything BIG."

Any child 12 and under with a AAA Texas 500 ticket can sign up for the "Kids Dash for Cash" that will distribute \$10,000 in coins to 600 children across three age groups. There will be 100 entrants for children 3-4 years old, 200 for 5-7 and 300 for 8-12. Parents can pre-register their children through <http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com/tickets/kyle-larson-ricky>-

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The money will be spread out in a defined area with the children dashing around and collecting all the coins until they are all accounted for in that age group. To make it more interesting, Larson and Stenhouse Jr. will have large Sunoco fuel cans filled with 50-cent pieces and silver dollars from which they will sprinkle around the smaller coin denominations for each age group.

The AAA Texas 500 is part of a NASCAR Playoffs tripleheader weekend at Texas Motor Speedway that also includes the Camping World Truck Series JAG Metals 350 on Friday, Nov. 2, and Xfinity Series O'Reilly Auto Parts 300 on Saturday, Nov. 3.

For more information on the AAA please visit www.texasmotorspeedway.com or call the speedway ticket office at 817.215.8500.

Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - For more than 20 years, Robert Barney has earned his living by saving lives, providing emergency medical services to countless patients in and around his home of Waterford, New Jersey.

Last weekend at Dover International Speedway, those same skills displayed by at least a dozen people were used to save Barney's life after he suffered from cardiac arrest in his RV at one the Monster Mile's campgrounds.

After days of rest, treatment and recovery, Barney, 64, went home from a Camden, New Jersey, hos-

pital on Thursday.

"I was just telling a friend, I feel like I got mugged by a polar bear," Barney said Friday morning. "It felt great to sleep in my own bed."

Late Saturday afternoon, Barney returned to his RV following the "Bar Harbor 200" presented by Sea Watch International NASCAR Xfinity Series playoff race. Barney and his wife Debra rode their bikes to and from the track, so they were well ahead of the rest of their group who had walked.

The visit to Dover has been a frequent stop for the Barneys, who have been married for 40 years and attending Monster Mile races for 35. Typically, the couple attends 6-9 NASCAR weekends each year including both at his "home track" of Dover.

Suddenly, Barney said he felt funny, and he sat down in a chair. Soon after that, he lost consciousness. After calling 911, Debra, a nurse, and a nearby friend started preliminary resuscitation efforts. Six minutes after the initial call, the first emergency personnel arrived.

Michael Scott Bundek, Dover International Speedway's Emergency Services Coordinator, was one of the first responders at the scene.

"I believe the track's plan worked perfectly in this case," said Bundek, who has been chief of the Little Creek (Del.) Volunteer Fire Co. for 18 years and worked at Dover's NASCAR events for two decades.

"Everything we had thought of, to the call going to the 911 center,

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to the [Joint Operations Center] to the JOC dispatching people to the scene, worked.

"In any urban setting, the average response time is eight minutes. We were there in six."

In a span of just 17 minutes, seven people took turns providing compressions on Barney's chest, while others helped clear his airways, provide IVs and work on shocking procedures. Barney was shocked four times from an automated external defibrillator in that time span. That aggressive team approach to CPR is known as "Pit Crew CPR."

"The more compressions that are being done, the better the outcome for a cardiac patient," Bundek said. "You have someone doing compressions, you have someone up on deck. Everybody has their own job. They switch out smoothly and fast with the minimum amount of down time, while you're doing a pulse check or another check."

"I think this was a normal progression. Circulation was restarted almost immediately. Although his heart wasn't beating on its own, it was being beaten for him."

"One or two people couldn't have done it. At least six people are needed to do that effectively, and that includes clearing the airway, IV and the shocks."

Debra Barney remembers at least a dozen people moving in and out of the RV during the rescue. She also remembers the 17 minutes feeling like an eternity.

"The response was amazing," Debra says. "They were a well-oiled machine. They were even apologetic for walking on our couch."

Thirty-four minutes after the initial 911 call, Barney was transported by ambulance to Bayhealth-Kent General Hospital in Dover, and was even talking to his caregivers along the way. He was soon transferred to Our Lady Of Lourdes Hospital in Camden, New Jersey, before being discharged on Thursday.

"This was the best-case scenario," Bundek said. "The commitment that the track has had for EMS has been extremely beneficial through the years. We plan for the worst and hope for the best, and in this case both happened."

Dover International Speedway hosts monthly public safety and emergency management meetings with the outside agencies that assist track personnel during the two NASCAR tripleheader weekends the track hosts, along with the Firefly Music Festival in June.

For his part, Barney was familiar with the "Pit Crew CPR" strategy long before his medical emergency.

"I've done it before," Barney said. "Maybe not as elaborate as what I heard they were doing but something similar. The faster you start intervention, the better the outcome."

"Obviously, it worked."

After some rest, future checkups are in Barney's future, and maybe a bypass operation. But the dozens of friends the Barneys have made in campgrounds throughout NASCAR Nation are also hoping to see the couple back at the track in near future.

While Debra is aiming for Daytona next February to be their return, Robert has the goal of visiting Homestead on Nov. 18 to see one of his favorite Ford Racing drivers crowned as the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion.

"I don't want to be on my back celebrating a title," Barney said. "I'm glad I still have the opportunity to follow my passion."

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Talladega Superspeedway and its parent company, International Speedway Corporation (ISC), revealed today that the construction of the new Turn 3 Oversized Tunnel, an important component of the track's new Transformation Infield Project – will begin in a matter of days during the week of Oct. 21. Sunday's announcement took place during a press conference prior to the start of the 1000Bulbs.com 500, a Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race.

The new Oversized Vehicle Tunnel is a highlight of an approximate \$50 million redevelopment endeavor Transformation – The Talladega Superspeedway Infield Project – that is part of ISC's long-term capital allocation plan and reinvestment into its major motorsports complexes. The project, highlighted by a one-of-a-kind Garage Fan Zone Experience, will feature "up-close" access, interactive attractions and enhanced amenities for fans, sponsors, teams and stakeholders in the iconic Talladega infield.

The new two-lane tunnel will have dimensions capable of allowing

vehicles as large as race team haulers and fans' recreational vehicles to enter and exit the track simultaneously with ease. The lane tunnel will have a height of 16 feet, 8 inches, a width of 28 feet and a length of 208 feet. The tunnel will be located near the current Gate 9 crossover. It will be open 24 hours during event weekends.

The new tunnel is scheduled for completion by the track's spring NASCAR event weekend of 2019 while all other aspects of the project are set to be finalized for the fall 2019 NASCAR Playoff event weekend.

"This new tunnel is certain to be one of the most popular elements of our Transformation project, serving both our competitors and our fans," said Talladega Superspeedway Chairman Grant Lynch. "Traffic flow will be greatly improved, enhancing the race weekend experience for thousands who visit our famed facility each year."

Talladega Superspeedway and ISC also announced today that Creek Enterprises, Inc. – an integrated information services company headquartered in Tecumseh, Michigan – has been named the first "Transformation Partner" of the "We Transformed Talladega Superspeedway" lineup that will include other corporations to be announced in the future.

"We are extremely excited to partner with International Speedway Corporation and to assist with the client experience redevelopment of Talladega Superspeedway," said Creek Enterprise, Inc. President Jason Derby.

"Our values are a perfect match with ISC as we both focus on providing high-quality services, superior customer relationships, and services that drive business value. Like Creek Enterprise, ISC puts the customer first and works diligently to deliver a superior client experience during each and every interaction."

For more information on all of the new opportunities as part of Transformation – The Talladega Superspeedway Infield Project, call 855-518-RACE (7223) or email the ticket office at tss-ticketoffice@talladegasuperspeedway.com.

Fans can also learn more about the project by visiting www.talladegasuperspeedway.com/transformation. News, images, video and up-to-date information will be available throughout the project.

Talladega Superspeedway is NASCAR's most competitive (record 88 lead changes in 188 laps), highest banked (33 degrees),

and longest track (2.66-miles), as well as the most fun and fan-friendly. Talladega offers something for everyone, including hundreds of acres of free camping, amazing kids tickets and college student prices, along with special offers for military members and first responders, and teachers and educators. The historic venue, which opened in 1969, is deemed NASCAR's "Party Capital" thanks to the track's infamous infield, which features the traditional Saturday Night Infield Concert presented by Wind Creek Casino and Hotel and the world-renowned Talladega Blvd., home of Friday night's "Big One on the Blvd." party. It's the site of the most comfortable seats in motorsports, large ISM Vision HD video boards lining the frontstretch and endless pre-race activities for fans on race day, including special Kids VIP opportunities. For ticket information, visit www.talladegasuperspeedway.com or call 855-518-RACE (7223).

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - The stars of NASCAR won't be the only ones winning during the playoffs; fans will have a chance to win big during Atlanta Motor Speedway's 2018 NASCAR Playoffs Superfan Giveaway, too!

Atlanta Motor Speedway is giving away three rounds of prizes that will make the 2019 Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 the ultimate race experience for lucky winners. The rounds of prizes will coincide with the three remaining rounds of NASCAR's Monster Energy Cup Series playoffs, with prizes being awarded at the end of each round and new prizes announced at the start of the next round.

The first prize up for grabs offers an once-in-a-lifetime NASCAR experience at Atlanta Motor Speedway. One lucky winner and three of their friends will be chosen to waive the green flag for NASCAR Gander Outdoor qualifying at Atlanta Motor Speedway from atop the flagstand! That's an experience that can't be bought; it can only be won!

The first round prize winner will also receive Sunday morning garage tour for themselves and three friends, offering an up close look at NASCAR teams as they make final preparations for the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500.

The winner of the first round prize in Atlanta Motor Speedway's 2018 NASCAR Playoffs Superfan Giveaway will be chosen after the checkered flag drops in Kansas on **(Continued Next Page)**

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October 21. That's also when Atlanta Motor Speedway will announce the next round's exciting prize!

Here's when prizes will be announced and winners will be picked:

- Round 1 prize: Green flag experience and four (4) NASCAR garage tours - Winner will be chosen after Kansas NASCAR race (10/21/18)

- Round 2 prize:

Revealed after Kansas NASCAR race (10/21/18) - Winner chosen after Phoenix NASCAR race (11/11/18)

- Round 3 prize: Revealed after Phoenix NASCAR race (11/11/18) - Winner chosen after Homestead NASCAR race (11/18/18)

Entering to win is easy: Anyone who has already purchased tickets for NASCAR's Feb. 24, 2019, return to Atlanta Motor Speedway for the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 is already entered. Fans who purchase 2019 Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 tickets before each prize drawing date are also automatically entered to win. To see full contest rules and entry details, visit www.atlantamotorspeedway.com.

For more information, or to purchase 2019 Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 tickets, contact Atlanta Motor Speedway at (770) 946-4211, (877) 9-AMS-TIX or visit www.atlantamotorspeedway.com.

Kansas Speedway

KANSAS CITY, KS - Penn National Gaming has invited their best players from across the country to experience the Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas Speedway and 50 of those guests have been selected as the Grand Marshals for the race on Oct. 21.

Previously announced, actor Tom Payne from AMC's The Walking Dead will wave the green flag to start the Hollywood Casino 400 as the honorary starter. Also taking part in pre-race activities is Kansas City Royals outfielder Alex Gordon, who was named the honorary pace car driver.

Kansas City, Kansas Police Department Master Detective Danon Vaughn will sing the national anthem, while the Overland Park Police Honor Guard will present the colors.

All Kansas Speedway tickets are currently on sale by calling

866.460.RACE (7223) or by logging onto www.kansasspeedway.com.

Kansas Speedway, a premier motorsports facility in the Midwest, hosts two NASCAR race weekends a year, in addition to hosting approximately 200 other events throughout the year. In the fall, the NASCAR playoffs return Oct. 20-21 with the NASCAR XFINITY Series Kansas Lottery 300 and Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Hollywood Casino 400. Also in the fall is the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards series finale.

To purchase season or single day tickets, call 866.460.RACE (7223) or log onto www.kansasspeedway.com. A limited number of camping spots are available by calling Kansas Speedway's Ticket Office.

General parking is always free at Kansas Speedway and fans can bring in one 14x14x14-inch soft-sided cooler with their favorite food and beverages.

Fans can follow Kansas Speedway on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kansasspeedway, follow us on Twitter (@kansasspeedway), on Instagram (kansasspeedway) and Snapchat (kansasspeedway).

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Before the green flag flies on the AAA Texas 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race on Sunday, Nov. 4, fans will have the opportunity to rock out to some country music - Texas style.

Beginning at 12 p.m. CT, the Josh Abbott Band will take the stage for the Texas Corn Producers Loud & Proud Pre-Race Show Powered By American Ethanol. This will be the band's first performance at Texas Motor Speedway, but the group certainly is no stranger to the Lone Star State. Lead vocalist Josh Abbott founded the seven-member band in 2006 while attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock, which is about 300 miles west of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

The Josh Abbott Band will hit the Texas Motor Speedway pre-race stage at 12 p.m. CT on Sunday, Nov. 4.

"We can't wait to hit the stage at Texas Motor Speedway," Abbott said. "There's nothing like the great state of Texas, and there's nothing like the great fans of NASCAR. We're honored to perform at one of the most iconic race tracks in the United States."

The Josh Abbott Band is comprised of seven musicians, includ-

ing Abbott (lead vocals, guitar), Austin Davis (banjo), Preston Wait (fiddle, guitar, steel), Edward Vilanueva (drums), Caleb Keeter (guitar), David Fralin (keys/mandolin) and Jimmy Hartman (bass guitar).

The band is celebrating its 10th anniversary since recording its first single, "Taste," as well as its most recent album, Until My Voice Goes Out.

The Josh Abbott Band's last album, Front Row Seat, captured the life cycle of a relationship, from its passionate start to its heart-breaking conclusion. It was a summary document of events from the past. By contrast, Until My Voice Goes Out is an optimistic look into the future, a roll-up-the-sleeves-and-move-forward embrace of life and its potential.

Texas' red-dirt scene provides a wealth of touring opportunities for young bands and over the last 10 years Josh Abbott made the most of it, quickly vaulting into the upper realms of the state's live acts with a raucous, raw sound and certain unpredictability. Once "Taste" appeared on radio stations across the Lone Star State, audiences came out to hear - and sing along with - that song and a wealth of hooky, accessible titles on Scapegoat and their 2010 breakthrough, She's Like Texas, both released on the band's own indie label, Pretty Damn Tough Records.

The Josh Abbott Band nabbed Top 10 debuts on the Billboard country albums chart with 2012's Small Town Family Dream and 2015's Front Row Seat, and the band lobbed five singles onto the Hot Country Songs chart, including the infectious "Hangin' Around" and "Amnesia."

Fans of the Josh Abbott Band will have the ability to be stage-side for the concert as well as pre-race driver introductions for the AAA Texas 500 with the purchase of a \$79 pre-race pass. The pre-race pass must accompany a race ticket.

The AAA Texas 500 is the feature event of a

NASCAR Playoffs tripleheader weekend at Texas Motor Speedway. In addition to the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series AAA Texas 500 on Sunday, Nov. 4, Texas Motor Speedway also will play host to the Camping World Truck Series JAG Metals

350 on Friday, Nov. 2, and Xfinity Series O'Reilly Auto Parts 300 on Saturday, Nov. 3.

For more information on the AAA Texas 500 weekend, please visit www.texasmotorspeedway.com or call the speedway ticket office at 817.215.8500.

Kansas Speedway

KANSAS CITY, KS - Kansas Governor Dr. Jeff Colyer has been named the Grand Marshal for the Kansas Lottery 300 on Oct. 20, and Jamie Young, representing the Kansas Lottery's #1 retail outlet, Lonestar in Salina, Kan., has been named the Honorary Starter for the race.

In addition to Governor Colyer and Young taking part in pre-race activities, Toyota and the University of Kansas Health System, along with Kansas Speedway, will recognize five breast cancer survivors as part of the ceremonies.

Darrell Stuckey, who is a retired NFL Pro Bowler and Kansas City, Kan., native will provide the invocation, and The Band Sayler will sing the National Anthem, while the Overland Park Police Honor Guard will present the colors.

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Top Drivers Invited to Compete for Spots in NASCAR Drive for Diversity Driver Development Program

NASCAR, Rev Racing to Evaluate Ethnically Diverse and Female Drivers for 2019 Class

D A Y T O N A BEACH, FL – Twelve drivers from across the United States and abroad have been invited to try out for NASCAR Drive for Diversity Driver Development Program, the top driver developmental program in motorsports, at Florida's New Smyrna Speedway and Bethune-Cookman University on Oct. 22-23.

The NASCAR Drive for Diversity Driver Combine invites promising ethnically diverse and female drivers to test their skills over a two-day period as NASCAR evaluates talent for the 2019 NASCAR Drive for Diversity Driver Development class.

In partnership with Rev Racing, NASCAR Drive for Diversity Driver Development Program offers racing opportunities in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East, NASCAR Whelen All-American Series and U.S. Legend Cars International for one full season, providing selected drivers with equipment, mentoring, and competition experience. The goal is to provide top diverse talent with a path for development in order to improve participants' chances of being identified as a prospect by NASCAR's national series teams, sponsors and manufacturers.

Candidates for the 2019 class have competition experience throughout North America, Asia and Europe. All will vie for an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series™ drivers Daniel Suárez, Bubba Wallace and Kyle Larson, the first NASCAR Drive for Diversity driver to qualify for the NASCAR Playoffs.

"The drivers invited to this year's NASCAR Drive for Diversity Driver Development Combine represent a wide range of diverse backgrounds, both in terms of heritage and driving disciplines," said Jusan Hamilton, NASCAR senior manager of racing operations and event management. "The combine has been tremendous in helping the NASCAR industry identify and de-

velop top diverse talent and this year is no different."

The combine, which will serve as a key element in the selection process for setting the driver lineup for Rev Racing in 2019, will evaluate participants on their driving skill and work ethic on and off the track, as well as their marketing and media skills. Each driver will also take part in a physical fitness assessment at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach. Additionally, Rev Racing and NASCAR will work with B-CU communications students for additional training and evaluation of the combine participants that will include a mock press conference and one-on-one interviews.

Since the inception of NASCAR Drive for Diversity Driver Development Program, Rev Racing has earned 19 wins, 88 top-5 finishes, and 186 top-10 finishes in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East. NASCAR Drive for Diversity Driver Development Program driver Rubén García Jr. won the K&N Pro Series East season finale at Dover International Speedway in early October, the Mexico native's second win of the season. García Jr. is also the current Championship points leader in the NASCAR Peak Mexico Series.

"As we embark upon our 11th year managing the Drive for Diversity program in partnership with NASCAR, we couldn't be more excited about the evolution of our driver development program," said Max Siegel, CEO of Rev Racing. "Through selection process and training program we look forward to selecting and developing some of NASCAR's brightest stars."

In addition to Garcia Jr., drivers under consideration to return to the team in 2019 are Chase Cabre, Ernie Francis Jr., Nick Sanchez and Ryan Vargas. Vargas is a two-time NASCAR Wendell Scott Trailblazer Award winner and has won three NASCAR Late Model races. In 2018, Francis Jr. achieved four wins in the Trans-Am Championship presented by Pirelli and currently leads the series standings. He has won the series champion-

ship for four consecutive years.

This year's participants also include Juan Manuel González, Loris Hezemans, Perry Patino, Brooke Storer, Ryu Taggart, Gracie Trotter and Britney Zamora. Storer is the 2016 Desoto Speedway Sportman Champion, while Zamora became the first female driver to win the Northwest Super Late Model Series Championship in 2017. In 2015, Taggart earned a third-place finish out of more than 7,000 drivers in the Red Bull Kart Fight in Japan.

Rev Racing also operates the NASCAR Drive for Diversity Youth Driver Development Program, which targets drivers 12 to 17 to compete in the U.S. Legend Cars International (USLCI) and serves as an entry point to the NASCAR Drive for Diversity Driver Development Program. The deadline to apply for the youth program is Oct. 31, 2018.

2018 NASCAR Drive for Diversity Driver Combine drivers:

DRIVER	HOMETOWN
Chase Cabre	Tampa, Fla.
NASCAR K&N Pro Series East & NASCAR Whelen All-American Series	Ernie Francis Jr. SW Ranches, Fla.
Trans Am TA Series & NASCAR K&N Pro Series East	Rubén García Jr. Mexico City
NASCAR K&N Pro Series East & NASCAR Peak Mexico Series	Juan Manuel González Mexico City
NASCAR Mexico FedEx Challenge Series	NASCAR K&N Pro Series East
Loris Hezemans	Amsterdam
Blancpain GT Sprint Series & NASCAR Whelen Euro Series	Nick Sanchez Miami, Fla.
Perry Patino	Montgomery, Ala.
Pro Late Model & Late Model Sportsman Series	Brooke Storer Land O' Lakes, Fla.
NASCAR Whelen All-American Series & Bojangles Summer Shootout Pro Legend Car Class	Gracie Trotter Denver, N.C.
Model/Sportsman Division	CARS Tour & PASS Series, USLCI Legend Cars & Bojangles Summer Shootout Semi Pro Division
Ryu Taggart	Jefferson City, Mo.
Pro Late Model Division at Lebanon I-44 Speedway and USRRA A-mod on dirt	Ryan Vargas La Mirada, Calif.
NASCAR K&N Pro Series East & NASCAR Whelen All-American Series.	Brittney Zamora Kennewick, Wash.
NASCAR Whelen All-American Series, Budweiser Crown Series & Northwest Super Late Model Series	



Chase Cambre is just one of the young racers invited to the Drive for Diversity Combine. (REV RACING photo)

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About Rev Racing

Headquartered in Concord, NC, Rev Racing, owned by Max Siegel operates the NASCAR Drive for Diversity Program, which is the industry's leading developmental program for ethnic minorities and women drivers and pit crew members. For more information about Rev Racing visit <http://revracing.net>; or follow us on Twitter @RevRacin.