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## Keselowski Takes Over New Hampshire



# The Future of Winners

Legendary baseball manager Sparky Anderson once said if he had 24 free agents on his roster each season, he'd win the World Series every year.

Brad Keselowski proved again the lack of a future contract is a great motivator with an overwhelming performance at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway last Sun-

day.

Agents for the free agent-to-be were probably sharpening their pencils seconds after Keselowski took the checkered flag after leading 184 of 301 laps.

Keselowski is the biggest domino in racing silly season. Penske Racing wants him to return to the No. 2 Ford, but there's a chance Keselowski could move into the No. 48 Chevrolet at Hendrick Motorsports after Jimmie Johnson retires at the end of the season.

"It's certainly been much different than years previous in my career," Keselowski said. "Nobody likes it. There's nobody really winning, I can tell you that. You try to keep perspective. I still have a great job. A lot of people don't have a job at all. I don't think what they want to do is hear me whine about mine."

"But then again, I do recognize if my contract had fallen differently, I would probably be in a much better place with respect to when it ran out time-wise. It's part of it."

COVID-19 created an economic misfire in NASCAR. Contracts in the future will reflect the downturn. Keselowski's timing couldn't have been worse, especially in an era when other drivers with sponsorships essentially are buying their rides.

Car owners now have to weigh business with performance. The coronavirus has tilted the scales to paying bills, not buying race victories.

"The landscape is very strange, not just because of the virus, but I think one of the things that really stands out that's changed the landscape is the threshold or the bar, so to speak, you have to pass as a driver to be eligible for the Cup Series," Keselowski said. "It's been

lowered significantly since I've been a part of the sport.

"That's starting to bring a wave of kind of paid drivers, so to speak, drivers that pay for their ride. That really does a lot of damage to the contract market when there's drivers out there that are willing to pay for your ride, let alone you getting paid. They're willing to pay to take your ride. That really changes the marketplace pretty dramatically. So that's been part of it, too."

"But all in all, again, I'm thankful to have a spot in the sport. Hoping it will last for a long time. If it doesn't, I know I did all I could do."



**DON COBLE**

Crew chief Jeremy Bullins said he's committed to keeping his driver at Penske. Bullins and Keselowski have three wins – and 15 top 10s – in 20 races.

Bullins hopes the continued prospect of fast cars will be part of the offer Keselowski can't refuse.

"This is a performance business. A lot of ways, every year is a contract year," Bullins said. "The pressure's always there to be successful and to compete. But that's what we live for, that's what we want to do."

"So far so good. I think obviously it's going really well. Hopefully, we can keep it all together."

Keselowski isn't the only free agent playing a waiting game – sometimes at 200 mph.

Bubba Wallace, Clint Bowyer, Aric Almirola, Erik Jones and Ryan Preece also don't know where, or if, they'll be driving in 2021.

Almirola made another strong case to return to the No. 10 Ford at Stewart-Haas Racing with another top-10 finish at New Hampshire for his ninth top-10 in a row.

At the same time, Almirola and Bowyer know Stewart-Haas wants to put Xfinity driver Chase Briscoe behind the wheel. Briscoe has five wins and 13 top-10 finishes in 17 races this year.

Wallace will be coveted in the offseason. Richard Petty Motorsports wants him to return, but Chip Ganassi and McDonald's has shown interest in putting Wallace in the No. 42 Chevrolet next year.

Petty countered with an offer to give Wallace a piece of the team's ownership, co-owner Andrew Murstein said.

Jones not only faces the pressure of making the NASCAR Play-



Each year the names go round and round when it comes to contract signing. Brad Keselowski, Bubba Wallace, Clint Bowyer, Aric Almirola, Erik Jones and Ryan Preece will all be looking for rides or re-signing. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

offs, he knows Toyota has big plans for Christopher Bell.

Jones, who drives for Joe Gibbs Racing, is 18th in the current standings, 55 points behind the final qualifying spot.

Bell drives for Leavine Family Racing and the team works as a satellite for Gibbs.

"I don't think four or six races decide the fate of your career by any

means, and I've had a really good relationship with JGR for quite a few years now," Jones said. "I put probably the most pressure on myself."

But as the business model continues to be reshaped by a deadly virus, everyone is learning it will take a lot more than a good relationship to keep your job in NASCAR.

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# Brad Keselowski Wins in Dominating Fashion at New Hampshire

With two wins in his pocket heading into Sunday's Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Brad Keselowski was already in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs, but it was this third win of 2020 that

came in the sort of dominating style the championship contender hoped would show his team's readiness to challenge for the season title.

Keselowski, 36, led a race best 184 of the 301 laps around the "Magic Mile" and held off runner-up Denny Hamlin by 1.647-seconds to hoist his 33rd career NASCAR Cup Series trophy and mark the fifth consecutive season he's had at least three wins.

"We've had a lot of great races this year with the 2-car, but we just hadn't really gone out and dominated a race, you know," Keselowski said. "I was talking with [crew chief] Jeremy Bullins and we were like maybe that's what we need to get to the next level. We're right there. We need to just go and dominate a race and that's what today was for us.

"I'm really proud of my team and the effort they gave today and great race car. Thank you."

Although Keselowski's No. 2 Team Penske Ford certainly topped all the important statistics, Hamlin and his No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota kept him honest for most of the day. The two accounted for 18 of the race's 23 lead changes, with Keselowski ultimately passing

Hamlin and holding the point for the race's final 81 caution-free laps.

"We just kind of were second there to the two (Keselowski)," the five-race winner Hamlin conceded. "We could really do well on restarts and we were going back-and-forth. Wow, that was some really, really good short track racing there. Hopefully the fans liked what they saw there with me and the two (Keselowski) for most of the day.

"Some great side-by-side racing. We treated each other fair and it's good that we got one-two out of it."

Hamlin's Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Martin Truex Jr. finished third, followed by Keselowski's teammate Joey Logano and the season's championship leader Kevin Harvick. Matt DiBenedetto, Aric Almirola, rookie Cole Custer, Chase Elliott and rookie Tyler Reddick rounded out the top 10.

It marked Almirola's series-best ninth consecutive top-10 finish. And was the second time in the last four races that at least two rookies finished inside the top-10.

Harvick's fifth-place finish was good enough to hold onto an 81-point advantage over second place Keselowski in the series driver standings.

Jimmie Johnson finished 12th to keep his Playoff hopes alive in the seven-time champion's final full-time season in the series. The result represented a huge rally on the day for Johnson, who was involved in an incident with Clint Bowyer early in the race. In earning his seventh top 10, he crept closer to the all-important top 16 in the standings that will represent the Playoff



Brad Keselowski celebrates his third win of the season after taking the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 by leading 184 laps. (MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES photo)

field.

He trails 16th place William Byron – his Hendrick Motorsports teammate, by 25 points. Reddick is 15 points behind Byron with only six races remaining to decide the Playoff challengers.

Reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Busch suffered more bad luck in what's been a frustrating season for his No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing team. Busch's car had a tire go down only 15 laps into the race – while he was running among the top five - and it put his car hard into the wall.

Busch has three runner-up finishes (at California, Atlanta and Darlington, S.C.) this season but hasn't won a race since his cham-

pionship-clinching victory in the 2019 season finale at Homestead. He arrived in New Hampshire ranked ninth, but his last-place finish (one of four finishes of 30th or worse) leaves him ranked 10th in the standings.

"Way too early in the going for anything to be wrong or even to build enough brake temp or brake heat," a clearly disappointed Busch said.

"I don't know. Just hate it for our Pedigree team and the fight that we've been having this year seems to be continuing."

The series moves to the two-mile Michigan Speedway for a Saturday-Sunday double-header next weekend.



Brad Keselowski (2) and Denny Hamlin (11) battle for position. The whole day at New Hampshire was the Brad and Denny show with both dominating the action. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)

## Wait Is Worth It at Toledo Speedway For Sam Mayer

TOLEDO, OH - It took an extra day, and one last restart, but Sam Mayer completed the weekend sweep at Toledo Speedway.

Mayer took the lead on a late race restart just past halfway in the Menards 200 presented by Crosley Brands, and then hoisted his second winner's trophy in three days when the ARCA Menards Series race was called on Lap 127 because of rain.

The 17-year-old from Franklin, Wisconsin, picked up his first series win Friday night. After weather pushed Saturday's scheduled event to Sunday, Mayer started third. He got by Chandler Smith, who led briefly, and chased after General Tire Pole Award winner Ty Gibbs, who paced most of the first 100 laps.

The caution came out briefly at Lap 103 for precipitation. The cars stayed on the track and kept the track dry; when they went back to green on Lap 117, Mayer's No. 21 Chevy Accessories Chevrolet grabbed the top spot. Three laps later, Gibbs spun in Turn 4 trying to take the lead and brought out the caution. Rain returned shortly thereafter and series officials were forced to end the race.

Smith, the Sioux Chief Showdown points leader, wound up taking the runner-up spot, followed by Bret Holmes, ARCA Menards Series points leader Michael Self and Derek Griffith.

Friday's win was Mayer's first on the series. Now he has two in as many races.

In his last six ARCA starts, he has two wins, two seconds, a third and a fourth. He now has eight wins across the ARCA Menards, East and West series since the start of last year.

Hailie Deegan finished sixth, followed by Austin Green, Thad Moffitt and Drew Dollar. Gibbs wound up 10th, the last car on the lead lap, after his spin.

The race is No. 10 for the ARCA Menards Series and also the fifth round of the Sioux Chief Showdown.

Self's lead over Holmes was sliced by another point, and is now seven. Dollar is third, 40 points back of Self. Deegan is fourth and

Thad Moffitt fifth.

Smith leads Self by six points and Mayer by seven in the Sioux Chief Showdown, while Gibbs (-12) and Holmes (-13) are fourth and fifth, respectively.

The ARCA Menards Series will return to the track on Sunday, Aug. 9, with the VizCom 200 at Michigan International Speedway. The next Sioux Chief Showdown race will be Friday, Aug. 14, at the Daytona International Speedway Road Course.

### Mayer "Finally" Gets ARCA Menards Win at Toledo Speedway

TOLEDO, OH - Sam Mayer has accomplished so much so soon into his stock car racing career, it's hard to believe there was still something he hadn't done.

There was, but he checked those off Friday night at Toledo Speedway.

The 17-year-old from Franklin, Wisconsin, dominated the Menards.com 200 presented by SPxE. It was Mayer's first win in the ARCA Menards Series – and his first victory in the the Sioux Chief Showdown.

Mayer's No. 21 led the last 97 laps and crossed the finish line 1.607 seconds ahead of Ty Gibbs.

The race is No. 9 for the ARCA Menards Series and also the fourth round of the Sioux Chief Show-



Sam Mayer celebrates his win in victory lane during the Menards.com 200 presented by SPxE for the ARCA Menards Series at Toledo Speedway Friday night. Mayer won again after a rain delay on Saturday had them finish the race on Sunday at Toledo. (Nic Antaya/ARCA Racing photo)

down.

Mayer won the rookie of the year honors and the East championship last year, becoming the youngest national, regional touring series or international champion in NASCAR history. When the series moved under the ARCA banner in 2020, the GMS Racing driver didn't show any signs of slowing down when he won both the ARCA Menards Series East and West openers earlier this year.

However, in 15 previous starts, Mayer had yet to visit Victory Lane. Eight times he made it on the podium, including three runner-up finishes.

Taylor Gray finished third, followed by Bret Holmes and championship points leader Michael Self.

Holmes shaved one more point off Self's lead, which is now eight.

Drew Dollar, Derek Griffith, Hailie Deegan, Tim Richmon and Rick Clifton rounded out the top 10.

Chandler Smith, who had won two of the first three Sioux Chief Showdown races of the season, won the General Tire Pole Award for Friday's race and led the first 103 laps. But after Mayer passed him following the first race break, Smith's car was not as dominant. He suffered a subsequent flat tire and finished 11th.

Due to state and local health-care safety regulations, both Friday and Saturday's races at Toledo are restricted to competitors, crews, officials and other essential personnel to conduct the event.

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## Craig and McCarty Command Cloer Construction 250 at Hickory

NEWTON, NC - Bobby McCarty and Matt Craig dominated the Solid Rock Carriers CARS Late Model Stock and Super Late Model Tour races in Saturday night's Cloer Construction 250 at Hickory Motor Speedway.

McCarty, who is the two-time defending champion of the CARS Late Model Stock Tour, passed pole-sitter Mini Tyrrell on the opening lap of the 125-lap Late Model Stock Car feature and never looked back. The veteran driver survived a handful of restarts throughout the race to score the victory – his first of the 2020 season.

"We had a really good car," McCarty said. "We played our strategy out to a T and didn't move off our strategy, even when they were kind of getting close to us and started pressuring us. We just stuck to our strategy and it worked out. In the end, we were able to go and, once we went, we were really strong coming off the corner and they couldn't pull up on me there."

While McCarty relished in his victory, he had hoped to be able to outduel rival Josh Berry, who was absent from Saturday night's race. After a subpar finish at Southern National Motorsports Park and the controversial crash at Ace Speedway, tonight's win vaulted McCarty up the points standings. However, the focus for the No. 22 team is not gaining points, but winning races.

"I just want to win," McCarty said. "I don't like the way things have played out, so at this point, we are out for blood. I'm not worried about the points because that will work itself out. We are ready for war."

Jared Fryar, who entered tonight's race third in the Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour LMSC standings, finished in the runner-up spot, passing Tyrrell in the closing laps.

"Our run was awesome," Fryar said. "We didn't have the qualifying speed we needed, but I knew I was going to have really good race speed. We have to work on getting the balance back between good qualifying runs and race speed."

Mini Tyrrell had one of his best nights in his CARS Tour career,

starting on pole and finishing in third at the end of the night. His run broke a streak of three consecutive DNFs heading into next weekend's race at his home track, Dominion Raceway.

"It definitely boosts our confidence as a whole team," Tyrrell said. "It was a solid run all night. Obviously the pole was just amazing, that was so cool. We had a really solid car at the beginning there. Bobby's car was just outstanding. He was on a rail. Hats off to him. He deserved to win. He had the best car by far."

Trevor Ward and Chad McCumbee rounded out the top five.

Matt Craig led 120 laps in the 125-lap Super Late Model portion of the Cloer Construction 250 to pick up his second Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour win of the season and his second win at Hickory in his

last three CARS Tour starts at the track.

"Getting to Victory Lane here is the best part because it's our home track now that Concord's gone," Craig said. "We put a little extra emphasis on this track and so does Kodie [Conner]."

From the drop of the green flag, Craig knew he had a solid race car. "The car was really good at the beginning for sure, he said. "A couple of those guys wanted to go a little faster than I was going, which is fine. As soon as they try to pass me, I'm going to speed up so I can keep the lead and keep control of the race. My car was good."

"The last 15 laps, Kodie was a little better than me. My team told me he rode in the back. That's always a good strategy but being out front is hard to beat. You can build up that buffer and, if the race goes green, you can rely on that lead. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. Tonight, it worked."

Conner went on to finish second, a career-best finish in the Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour for the

reigning PRA Super Late Model Series champion.

"I felt like if we had a caution, we would have been right there with [Craig]," Conner said. "If it was a 150-lap race, maybe we would have had something else for him, but all in all, it was a great race weekend."

Trevor Noles finished third while Carson Kvapil and Tyler Church rounded out the top-five.

The Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour will return to action next week with the Radley Chevrolet 125 at Dominion Raceway in Thornburg, Virginia.

The Late Model Stock Cars of the Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour head north to Dominion Raceway next Saturday night for the Radley Chevrolet 125.

The CARS Tour can be found on Facebook at "CARS Tour", on Twitter @CARSTour, and on Instagram as @CARS\_Tour.

For more information, visit [www.carsracingtour.com](http://www.carsracingtour.com) or call their Mooresville, N.C. offices at 704.662.9212.



Bobby McCarty celebrate in victory lane after winning the Late Model Stock portion of the CARS Tour event at Hickory Motor Speedway. (Christian Gardner photo)

## Kil-Kare Raceway Oval Event Cancelled Due to Increased Covid-19 Restrictions Enforcement

SALEM, IN - With the recent decisions by the Ohio Governor regarding Covid-19 restrictions, fairs and speedways across the state have been hit with a ban on spectator events by local

health agencies.

While the Kil-Kare drag strip can go mainly unaffected because a majority of the events are participant driven, racing on the oval is largely dependent on spectator revenues to pay the purses to the participants.

With restrictions on the number

of fans, there was no way to fulfill the financial obligations to the participants, and thus the August 2nd event has been canceled.

The Kil-Kare oval event on Sunday was a partnership between Champion Racing Association, Vores Compact Touring Series and Shadybowl Speedway.

Officials have vowed to work with the management of Kil-Kare to review future rescheduling options should the Covid-19 restrictions change significantly.

More event information and information on all the CRA Series is available at [www.cra-racing.com](http://www.cra-racing.com).

## Knoxville Set to Make History Aug. 13-15

KNOXVILLE, IA - "The ONE and Only" at Knoxville Raceway Aug. 13-15 will be a one of kind historic event with a unique format and more than \$400,000 in prize winnings on the line.

The format places importance on Thursday's and Friday's \$10,000-to-win events with points accumulated from results

throughout the two nights determining drivers' starting positions for Saturday's \$50,000-to-win Brownells Capitani Classic presented by Great Southern Bank.

### FORMAT HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Thursday/Friday

- Points earned for Qualifying, Heats, D-Main, C-Main, Last Chance Showdown and 25-lap Feature.

- Drivers seeded based on Hot Laps times to determine Qualifying order for their group – three cars qualify at a time.

- Top 48 in Qualifying inverted into 6 Heat Races (so 8 cars inverted in each Heat Race).

- Top 8 in accumulated points from Qualifying and Heat Races make up the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash.

#### Saturday

- Top 4 in accumulated points from Thursday & Friday are locked into Saturday's DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash

- Balance of the cars will be split into 4 Qualifying Races – the four winners go to the Dash

- 30-lap Feature for \$50,000-to-win, \$3,000-to-start.

"This event is like none other and it's the richest three-day race this season, so since it's 'The ONE and Only' it calls for a special format," World of Outlaws CEO Brian Carter said. "This was put together by our World of Outlaws officials with input from our teams, as well. It's truly everybody coming together to make this week spectacular for the competitors and fans alike."

### FULL FORMAT:

#### Thursday/Friday

- Pill draw will be same as all events and cars will be split into 8 groups of 9 cars. (some groups may be 8 cars depending on car count)

- Cars will Hot Lap in their groups. Hot Lap times will be used

to seed cars into qualifying groups within the hot lap groups to qualify 3 cars at a time. i.e. Hot lap group 1 fastest 3 will go out first, then the next 3 fastest and then the final 3. Then Hot Lap group 2 fastest 3, etc. Some hot lap groups may have 2 cars in the last qualifying group. The order of Hot lap groups will remain the same when qualifying the subgroups within them. HL Group 1, HL Group 2, etc. Qualifying is not split and is one group.

- Top 48 in Qualifying will be inverted into 6 Heat races (so the top 8 cars will be inverted in each Heat). The balance of heats will line up straight up behind the invert cars.

- Top 8 in accumulated points from Qualifying and Heat races will make up the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash. Those drivers will draw for their Dash starting position. The Dash finish will line up the first 4 rows of the feature.

- Heat winners transfer to the feature.

- Top 6 in points after the DIRTvision Fast Pass Dash cars that were not a Heat winner also make the feature. If a Heat winner is a Dash car, then 7th in points will make the feature and so on if needed. The 6 Heat winners and top 6 in points will be combined and will line up in the feature by points behind the Dash cars.

- The Last Chance Showdown (LCS), C-main and D-main will be lined straight up by accumulated qualifying and Heat race points. 16 to LCS, 16 to C-main, 20 to D-main. Top 4 from each move to the rear of next event by their finishing order to create 20 car fields.

- Fastest car that did not transfer to the feature after the heats will start on the pole of the LCS. This may cause 21 cars for the LCS. Cars behind the pole car line up by accumulated points.

- Points will be earned for all events except the dash and will be used to line up Saturday program.

- Heats-10 Laps, Dash 6-Laps, C-Main-10 Laps, LCS-12 Laps, Feature-25 Laps

#### Saturday

- Top 4 in accumulated Points from Thursday/Friday will be locked into the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash on Saturday.

- The balance of the cars will be split into 4 Qualifying races straight up by points.

- Winner will go to the dash. 2nd-4th will go to the feature by finishing

position. 5th-8th to the LCS by finishing position. 9th-12th to the C-main. 13th-17th to the D-main.

- Top 2 in points that do not transfer will start on the front row of the LCS.

- Top 4 out of the LCS, C-Main and D-main transfer to the next race lined up on the tail by finish.

- The Dash top 4 in points locked in cars will draw for positions 1-4 in the Dash, Qualifier winners will draw for positions 5-8. Dash finish lines up the first 4 rows of the feature.

- Qualifiers-12 Laps, Dash-6 Laps, C-Main-12 Laps, LCS-15 Laps, Feature-30 Laps

Remaining ticket packages for the front and back grandstands are going quick. The three-day tickets for adults are \$110 and \$62 for youth 13-19. Kids 12-and-under are free and will receive a ticket on site. Camping is available through Knoxville Raceway by calling (641) 842-5431.

If you can't make it to the track, you can still watch all three nights live on DIRTVision with a Fast Pass Subscription.

## Wayne County Postponed for Rain

Persistent rain showers creating a high-water table and saturated grounds at Wayne County Speedway have forced World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series and track officials to postpone Saturday's event. Officials are working on a rain date to reschedule the event.

All tickets and pit passes will be honored for the rescheduled date at Wayne County. Make sure to hang on to your wristband if you purchased a pit pass. If we're not able to find a make-up date, information will be provided on how to get a refund.

## Plymouth Speedway Postponed Due to Rain

Persistent rain showers and continued showers during the event creating saturated grounds at Plymouth Speedway have forced World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series and track officials to postpone Sunday's event. Officials are working on a rain date to reschedule the event.

All tickets and pit passes will be honored for the postponed date at Plymouth. Make sure to hang on to your tickets and wrist bands. If you're not able to make it to the make-up date, information will be provided on how to get a refund

when that date is announced.

Qualifying was completed before the rains came, therefore Donny Schatz is still officially the new track record holder at Plymouth with an 11.061 sec. lap.

The Greatest Show on Dirt will continue its high-octane Fri., Aug. 7 and Sat., Aug. 8 for the Ironman 55 doubleheader weekend at Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55.

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

For the latest on the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Cars, make sure to follow on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

## WoO and Sea Foam Sales Company Announce Digital, at-Track Partnership

CONCORD, NC - The World of Outlaws and Sea Foam® Sales Company are partnering on digital and at-track elements in 2020 beginning with this weekend's World of Outlaws events in Indiana and Ohio.

Sea Foam® has been part of the automotive industry for more than 75 years and is one of the best-selling automotive additives in North America. Sea Foam® products have attracted a passionate following as the proven choice for mechanics, vehicle enthusiasts, and all sorts of people who love or depend on engines.

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## Sheppard & Owens Split Wins in Hoosier Dirt Shootout Opener

KOKOMO, IN - It's been Brandon Sheppard this and Jimmy Owens that for as long as fans can remember in the year 2020.

On Friday night at Kokomo Speedway, it was no different; as both drivers scored convincing Showdown Feature wins and punched their tickets

into tomorrow's \$25,000-to-win Hoosier Dirt Shootout.

In all, 18 drivers are locked-in to the 75-lap feature with six of those superstars set to participate in the Morton Buildings redraw with a chance at the pole position. Included in tomorrow's redraw is Sheppard & Owens along with Shane Clanton, Ricky Thornton Jr., Cade Dillard, and Chase Junghans.

Starting the night with group qualifying, Shane Clanton claimed his 39th career Fast Time Award by clocking a lap of 13.413 seconds around the Kokomo 1/4-mile. The Zebulon, Ga. native topped Group A ahead of Jimmy Owens, Jason Feger, Derek Chandler and Scott Bloomquist. In Group B, Darrell Lanigan set the pace with a session-best 13.456 over McKay Wenger, Brandon Sheppard, Chase Junghans & Ricky Thornton Jr.

Come time for the 25-lap Showdown Features, the narrative quickly flipped from pole-sitters Clanton and Lanigan to the dominance of Owens and Sheppard.

Darting straight to the cushion at the drop of the green flag, Owens pointed his No. 20 around the outside of Clanton's No. 25 and assumed control of a lead he would never relinquish in Showdown #1. Never seriously challenged, even after two stoppages, "The Newport Nightmare" took off for a .856-second victory at the checkered flag.

Owens assured his spot in the Morton Buildings Redraw alongside fellow podium finishers Clanton and Cade Dillard. Taking transfers and earning a spot in Saturday's Hoosier Dirt Shootout feature was Jason Feger in fourth, Kyle Bronson in fifth, Bobby Pierce in sixth, Scott Bloomquist in seventh, and the iconic Billy Moyer in eighth.

In the second Showdown, Lanigan

paced the opening two circuits aboard his No. 29V before Sheppard sneakily struck and stole the lead on the bottom. Rolling the low line in the No. 1, B-Shepp meticulously worked the inside of the Kokomo 1/4-mile, and like Owens, checked out for a 1.675-second victory.

Sheppard joins Owens, Clanton & Dillard in the Feature Redraw and brings Ricky Thornton Jr. and Chase Junghans along with him. Claiming transfer positions in the second Showdown was Tyler Erb finishing fourth, Mike Marlar in fifth, early leader Darrell Lanigan in sixth, Daryn Klein in seventh, and Dennis Erb Jr. in the eighth spot.

### Overnight Rain Forces Postponement at Kokomo to Later Date

KOKOMO, IN - A series of additional showers overnight brought too much rain to the already saturated grounds at Kokomo Speedway and have forced the postponement of Sunday's finale to the inaugural Hoosier Dirt Shootout.

World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series, track, and event officials are working diligently to pursue a makeup date with full intention of returning to Kokomo Speedway and completing the \$25,000-to-win 75-lap Hoosier Dirt Shootout feature.

Stay tuned to @WoOLateModels social media for information regarding a return date.

### Sheppard Beats Dillard & Owens in Remarkable Davenport Battle

DAVENPORT, IA - For the second time in as many races,

the Davenport Speedway 1/4-mile delivered an absolute thriller with the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series in town.

Don't let the headline news of Brandon Sheppard's 11th win of the year fool you, Tuesday's 50-lap, \$10,000-to-win feature was a downright barnburner.

Six official lead changes highlighted the action-packed show which brought fans to their feet as they witnessed Sheppard go toe-to-toe and swap the lead multiple times with Cade Dillard down the stretch. A side-by-side battle for the lead not good enough? Well Jimmy Owens made it a three-way war throughout the closing half as three of the nation's best fought wheel-to-wheel and raced under a blanket for the win.

In the end, lady luck and lap traffic played a factor in the finish as Sheppard snuck by Dillard with four laps remaining and survived one final frantic sprint to the checkered flag to score his 66th career World of Outlaws Late Model Series win in stunning fashion.

Setting a New Track Record (13.979) and winning his Team Drydene heat race, "The O-Show" entered the Morton Buildings Feature Redraw as the favorite alongside fellow heat winners Chad Simpson, "The Rocket Shepp," and "Thriller." With Dillard and Simpson lining the front row and Owens and Sheppard behind them, the stage was set for a clash of titans from the beginning.

After Simpson controlled the opening five circuits, Dillard worked his way to the lead on lap six as he mastered the low line around the 1/4-mile. While the Robeline, La. native held the point, the action boiled behind him as Owens attacked Sheppard for second, and momentarily took it, before B-Shepp found a new level in the No. 1.

Acing the bottom as Dillard blasted the top, Sheppard methodically picked at the inside groove and capitalized on lap 19 by driving by Dillard down the backstretch to

take command. A pair of lap 24 cautions halted the pace before a lap 28 stoppage proved to be the final restart with Sheppard in control over a stout row two of Dillard and Owens.

Sheppard's switch to the high side opened the door for Dillard to occupy his lane on the bottom, which gave fans an intense side-by-side battle for the lead. Running neck-and-neck down the stretch, Dillard and Sheppard ensued to trade the lead it seemed almost every lap. In reality, Sheppard controlled laps 19-35, then Dillard took command off laps 36-37, Sheppard stole it back on lap 38, and then Dillard again snatched it away on lap 39.

Closing back in with lap traffic in play, Sheppard and Owens - who was right in the thick of things with both drivers all race long - caught Dillard as the five-to-go signal was given. While Dillard dealt with traffic on the bottom, Sheppard ripped around the top and was able to squeeze by both the lapper and Dillard on lap 46 to reassume control of the lead. From there, it was a mad dash to the finish with Dillard and Owens frantically pursuing the Rocket1 Racing No. 1. In the end, neither Dillard nor Owens could muster up one final challenge for Sheppard, who banked his 11th World of Outlaws win of the year.

Coming home in second, Dillard only fell behind of Sheppard by .521 seconds at the checkered flag. It wasn't the third career victory the Louisiana native hoped for, but his second-place bid did mark his 11th top five of the season and propelled him closer to Lanigan in the battle for third in the championship standings.

Although he never led a lap, Jimmy Owens was a constant threat for the lead in Tuesday's trip to Davenport. Hounding both Sheppard and Dillard trailed them both down the stretch and made a few moves into the second spot, but ultimately slipped to third for his second-straight podium finish.

Behind Sheppard, Dillard and Owens was Jimmy Mars with a fourth-place bid. Chris Simpson held the fort down for the local bunch as the highest-finishing Iowan in the fifth spot.

Jeremiah Hurst ran all the way from 23rd-to-sixth to take Hard Charger honor. Bobby Pierce finished in seventh, Darrell Lanigan was eighth, Dennis Erb Jr. was ninth, and Chase Junghans picked up his 20th top ten effort of the 2020 season with a 10th-place drive in the No. 18 Rocket.



Brandon Sheppard races with Cade Dillard enroute to victory lane at Davenport Speedway. (Brendon Bauman photo)

## Jeff Seesholtz Sweeps ASCS Elite North Weekend

FORT MORGAN, CO - Picking up his first career victory with the ASCS Elite North Non-Wing Series on Friday night, Jeff Seesholtz backed up that win Saturday taking the top spot at I-76 Speedway.

Making it through an opening lap restart that saw Brett Ream go around, the ensuing green flag saw the

No. 9j atop the leaderboard until the race's mid-point, in which Coby Pearce took over the point. Not able to keep a grasp on the lead, the No. 92 fell to runner-up honors as Seesholtz went on to the win.

Brian Hardman made up the night's podium with Ryan Devitt and Austyn Gossell rounding out the top five. Matt Bolin, Brett Ream, and Logan Hershey completed the field.

The ASCS Elite North Non-Wing Series goes green again on Saturday, August 8 at El Paso County Raceway.

For other news, notes log onto [www.ascsracing.com](http://www.ascsracing.com), follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and Twitter (@LucasOilASCS).

### Jeff Seesholtz Takes Win at Phillips County

HOLYOKE, CO - Taking his first trip to the top of the podium with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing North



Ryan Bickett celebrates in victory lane after besting the field at Black Hills Speedway. (Nick Whalen photo)



Jeff Seesholtz celebrates in victory lane after winning at I-76 Speedway. Seesholtz also won the night before at Phillips County Raceway. (K.A.M. Photography photo)

Series, Jeff Seesholtz captured the win Friday night at Phillips County Raceway.

Rolling to the win from the right of the front row, Seesholtz outran Brett Ream to the win with Coby Pearce third. Gary Land and Matt Bolin made the top five. Logan Hershey, Austyn Gossell, Brian Hardman, and Burch Hardman made up the field.

### Ryan Bickett Bests ASCS Frontier Region at Black Hills

RAPID CITY, SD - Earning his second career victory with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region, South Dakota's Ryan Bickett topped action Saturday night at Black Hills Speedway.

Trailing the opening lap to Jeremy McCune, the view of the No. 0j's tail tank was short-lived with

the No. 17b racing by the following lap. Trying to return to the point on Lap 3, McCune ended up going around and forcing a caution.

Unchallenged the remainder of the event, Bickett made it to the finish ahead of Mindy McCune. Rallying back from the spin, Jeremy McCune finish one spot behind his Wife, while his Son, Damon McCune, advanced from eighth to fourth. Mike Pennel completed the top five.

Shad Petersen was sixth with Travis Reber seventh. Adam Speckman, Trevor Plambeck, and Paul Jones made up the top ten.

The Brodix ASCS Frontier Region resumes action on Friday, August 7, and Saturday, August 8 at Sweetwater Speedway. Tickets for the event are limited, and on sale at <http://www.sweetwaterspeedway.com>.

## Southern All Stars 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The Southern All Stars Series is pleased to announce the Class of 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees to be enshrined on August 15, 2020 at the 3rd Annual Governors Cup at Talladega Short Track.

In addition to inductees going in on the dirt side, we will

also be inducting an asphalt group this year as we start off with a stellar group of men for the inaugural class of 2020.

Being inducted this year on the dirt side is 2 drivers that have not only said they will be there to receive their hardware, but will be bringing their racecars and entering the Governors Cup race itself.

- Ronnie Johnson - "The Chattanooga Flash" as Ronnie is known has the most career wins with the series at 65 and 3 championships.

- Clint Smith - "Cat Daddy" as his fans call him is one of 2 drivers tied for the most championships with 4 for the series.

- Lynn "Preacher" Phillips and Alfred Gurley - Owners and builders of Talladega Short Track, their track has hosted at least 1 All Stars race in the series 37 year history.

- Mickey and Mike Swims - Owners of Dixie and Rome Speedway's in Georgia, they hosted numerous events with the All Stars and also were part of the Hav-A-Tampa Series back in the 90's.

- Clyde Haynes - Clyde was a staple with the series as B. J. Parker hand picked him to be the

official flagman of the series. Fans knew when Clyde lifted that left leg as the cars rolled off turn 4 that we were going green.

On the asphalt side, another great group of men going in as the 1st class of many more.

- Ben David Atkinson - Former flagman at Huntsville Speedway, partnered with B. J. Parker to form the asphalt series. Later on not only would they have the Super Late Models, but also the Pro Late Models along with the Truck Series. Ben's son David and grandson Davey work with the dirt series to help carry on the tradition.

- Mike Harmon - Mike was the asphalt series first champion. He and Jerry Goodwin were neck and neck for the championship the next year as they started the last race of the season at Nashville Fairgrounds Raceway and Mike wrecked on the green flag lap. Mike now drives and fields cars in the Ixfinity Series, still giving drivers the chance to race all over the United States.

- Jerry Goodwin - Jerry won the second championship driving for car owner Dennis Reno from Birmingham. Later on Jerry went back to dirt racing and competed at many All Star races on the dirt side.

- Norm Basden - Norm was a friend to everyone on the All Star circuit as he sponsored the series and also some drivers. Mike Harmon, Johnny Brazier and several others were drivers that Norm sponsored and also would present the champion a brand new trailer at the end of the year.

Series official Ray Tennyson said "What a great group of men going into the 2020 Hall of Fame class. I had the opportunity to know each one of the gentlemen and cannot think of any more deserving of this honor as they do. August 15th will be a very special night for these men and their families."

The 3rd Annual Governors Cup will be August 15 at Talladega Short Track. For more information go to [www.sasdirt.com](http://www.sasdirt.com) for all the details.

## Eliason Scores \$20,000 Huset's Grand Re-Opening for First All Star Win of 2020

BRANDON, SD - For the first time in 2020, Visalia, California's Cory Eliason is an Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 main event winner, doing so in fantastic fashion during Huset's Speedway's Grand Re-Opening on Sunday evening, August 2. Forced to

outduel the 'Madman' Kerry Madsen, as well as fend off late charges by Dominic Scelzi and Ian Madsen, Eliason's triumph was accomplished in front of a capacity crowd at the Brandon, South Dakota venue, securing \$20,000 in the process and now within 92 points of the Series championship lead.

"This place is badass," an elated Cory Eliason said in Huset's Speedway victory lane, driver of the Rudeen Racing/Hagar Reality/Rayce Rudeen Foundation/No. 26 sprint car. "This is probably the best crowd that I've seen this season and it's incredible. Thank you all for coming out and supporting this race."

Starting from the outside-pole position, Eliason followed Kerry Madsen for the first 11 circuits, not imposing a real threat until the frontrunners reached traffic for the first time on lap nine. By lap 12, Eliason was in position to pounce, taking advantage of Madsen's brush with the turn four wall to drive by the Killer Instinct Crossbows No. 2M to lead the circuit.

Despite near-devastating contact, Kerry Madsen persevered, getting back by Dominic Scelzi on lap 16, who followed Eliason by the No. 2M, before executing a perfect slider to drive by Eliason in turn four on lap 17.

Madsen's pace through traffic eventually dwindled allowing Eliason to close-in on the 'Madman' once again. Utilizing the very top-side of the speedway, Eliason was back within striking distance on lap 19, using the next four circuits to build enough momentum to make another bid for the lead. On lap 23, Eliason was back in control, driving right around Madsen who tried to hug the bottom of turns three and four. Dominic Scelzi mimicked Eliason's move and also drove by Madsen.

"This place definitely reminds me of Tulare and Chico back home," Cory Eliason continued. "I was concerned when Kerry got to the front that it was going to be game over for us, but lapped traffic came into play and it really helped us out. We had a really nice race car tonight. I can't thank everyone enough who helps us out. Kevin Rudeen is here tonight so it's special to get a win with him and the team."

Kerry Madsen held on to finish third at Huset's Speedway, followed by a hard charging Ian Madsen and Rico Abreu.

What's Next: The Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 will enjoy two weekends away from action before returning to competition on Friday evening, August 21, at the I-96 Speedway in Lake Odessa, Michigan. The two week break will allow full-time All Star Circuit of Champions competitors the opportunity to return to Knoxville Raceway for 360 and 410 action on August 6-8 and August 13-15, respectively.

Online Coverage: Each and every event on the 2020 Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 schedule will be broadcast live exclusively at [www.floracing.com](http://www.floracing.com).

To access live and on-demand racing action from the All Star Circuit of Champions, visit [www.floracing.com](http://www.floracing.com) and become an annual PRO subscriber. To check out ex-



Cory Eliason climbs atop his car in victory lane after winning the Grand Re-Opening at Huset's Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

clusive content, please visit <https://bit.ly/2XR863e>.

## Kyle Larson Sets All Star Consecutive Win Record with Seventh Victory at Knoxville Raceway

KNOXVILLE, IA - Kyle Larson won his seventh straight Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 feature on Saturday night, setting a record with the series. The victory came at the Knoxville Raceway, where the Elk Grove, California-native swept the World of Outlaws weekend in June. Larson earned \$5,000 for the win aboard the Paul Silva wrenched #57, and even lost a contact lens along the way.

The 25-lap feature was slow to get started. On the first try, Kasey Kahne got above the turn two cushion and slowed near the wall. Aaron

Reutzel did the same on the bottom of turn one. Both visited the work area and returned to action.

The second try at green was no better. AJ Moeller broke his front end after contact with another car in turn two and slid down in front of the field. Fortunately, he didn't turn over, or collect anyone.

Once green, it was for good, and Gio Scelzi took the early advantage ahead of Lynton Jeffrey and Larson. Brian Brown passed Kerry Madsen for fourth on lap two. Larson sized up Jeffrey, and took third on the third circuit.

Rico Abreu, who started thirteenth, shot from seventh to fifth on lap five. Brown claimed third from Jeffrey on the same lap. Abreu followed him into fourth a lap later.

Up front, Larson was gaining on Scelzi, and slid across turn four to take the point on lap eight. He was in lapped traffic a lap later, and by lap 12, had a straightaway lead. Brown and Scelzi see-sawed back and forth in a battle for second that saw three passes for that position until Brown claimed the spot with ten to go.

Abreu captured third from Scelzi and passed Brown in lapped traffic on lap 16. Larson's lead over the three-way battle for second was over seven seconds by lap 19. Scelzi and Brown would return to battle, this time for the third spot, in the late stages.

Larson won convincingly over Abreu, Scelzi, who gained third on the last lap, Brown and Shane Stewart. Kerry Madsen, Cory Eliason, Davey Heskin, Ian Madsen and Josh Schneiderman rounded out the top ten. Larson posted quick time over the 46-car field. Heskin, Brown, Schneiderman, Hunter Schuerenberg and Moeller were heat winners. Scelzi and Jeffrey won the Dashes, Ayrton

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Kyle Larson celebrates in victory lane after winning at Knoxville Raceway, his seventh straight All Star Circuit of Champions victory and 12th of the 2020 season. Larson also won at 34 Raceway and Plymouth Dirt Track this past week. (Paul Arch photo)

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Gennetten won the C main, and Aaron Reutzel claimed the B main.

"It's really cool," said Larson of his record breaking seventh win in a row. It was his sixth career win at Knoxville. "I did read that earlier today, and it added pressure to tonight. Qualifying well is important in every format you run. It was a good solid night You could get

that diamond going in one and two a lot. Even late, I could make time following the top all around. I lost a contact, so I couldn't see as well as I needed to, but my car was just good and I had some lines working for me. I could make runs off of two and then slide them in three and four. The contact made it difficult. I hope I have a spare set in my bathroom bag!"

### Larson Celebrates Birthday at 34 Raceway With 12th All Star Victory of 2020

WEST BURLINGTON, IA - Celebrating his 28th birthday in a big way, Kyle Larson conquered Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 competition yet again, this time during a Friday night visit to 34 Raceway in West Burlington, Iowa. The

victory, Larson's 12th of the season with the traveling All Stars, as well as the 21st of his career during Series competition, was accomplished from the outside of the second row, eventually tracking down race leader and evening pole sitter, Cory Eliason, just before the midpoint of the 30-lap program.

Larson's trek to the front commenced right from the drop of the green. After powering into third on the opening lap, Larson utilized a pair of cautions, a red flag incident on lap four, followed by another slow down on lap seven, to keep the top-two in check, ultimately sneaking around Austin McCarl for second following the lap seven restart. Meanwhile, Cory Eliason was the man in charge, doing his best to run away in clean air.

Although Eliason's pace seemed untouchable, lapped traffic created an instant roadblock for the Visalia, California-native giving Larson the chance to close the gap in a hurry. By lap 12, the lead pair were engulfed in slower cars. They raced nearly nose-to-tail throughout the twelfth circuit before Larson made his winning move the following trip around 34 Raceway. A slingshot move through turns three and four sealed the deal allowing Larson to drive by the Rudeen Racing No. 26.

Periods of even heavier traffic did allow Eliason to keep pace with the leader, but Larson's move to put Zeb Wise a lap down on lap 16 ignited a feeding frenzy for the 2020 USAC Indiana Midget Week and 2020 PA Sprint Speedweek

champion. By the time the final checkers were shown, Larson's advantage stretched to just shy of five seconds. Eliason held on to finish second, followed by Tucker Klaasmeier, Austin McCarl and Gio Scelzi.

### Kyle Larson Pads Win Streak with Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race Victory

PLYMOUTH, WI - For the 11th time in 2020, and for the sixth time in as many tries, Elk Grove, California's Kyle Larson is an Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 main event winner, doing so in convincing fashion at the Plymouth Dirt Track in Plymouth, Wisconsin, on Thursday evening, July 30. Scoring a monstrous \$26,000 payday in the process, Larson's Plymouth victory occurred during the second running of the Rayce Rudeen Foundation Race, eventually topping a stout field of not only traveling All Stars, but also full-time IRA Outlaw Sprint Series contenders, and a handful of regional and national invaders.

Forced to navigate slower traffic for much of his campaign around the Plymouth bullring, Larson was quick to prove he was the class of the field, utilizing the outside-pole position to hunt down pole sitter and race leader, Gio Scelzi, by lap 12, eventually running away to a near-two and a half second advantage by the end of 35 circuits.

After a pair of cautions during the initial start, one of which a red

flag incident involving Austin McCarl, the third try proved to be the charm with KCP Racing's Gio Scelzi earning the jump. The California hotshoe would lead the first six laps unscathed before entering traffic for the first time on lap seven.

The back of the field, mixed with an unforgiving cushion, proved to be a handful for Scelzi, as Larson quickly ran down the familiar No. 18 and was applying pressure by lap ten. Just two circuits later, it was Larson who was in control of the field, using a sleek move through the bottom of turns three and four to drive underneath Scelzi to lead lap 12.

By lap 17, the 'Madman' Kerry Madsen was the new man in charge of the runner-up position, wasting little effort to get by Scelzi before turning his attention to Larson. Despite a desperate effort by the Australia-native, Larson proved to be too much to overcome in traffic, solidifying his place in Plymouth Dirt Track victory lane with a three-wide move to put two lapped cars between himself and Madsen's No. 2M.

"I don't think I could have went many more laps," Larson continued. "I was happy to see the checkers come out."

At one point, Madsen was in striking distance, eradicating all lapped cars between himself and the race leader just beyond the midpoint of the 35-lap contest. Although unable to catch 'Yung Money,' Madsen held on to finish second, followed by Gio Scelzi, Dominic Scelzi and Cory Eliason.

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## Trimble Triumphant in Belleville 305 Nationals Finale

BELLEVILLE, KS - Adam Trimble cashed in to the tune of \$7,000 by winning Sunday afternoon's Third Annual Belleville 305 Sprint Car Nationals 20-lap finale atop the ½-mile Belleville High Banks clay oval.

Trimble wrestled the lead away from Stu Snyder on the sixth round and then survived a green-white-checked restart after the race's lone caution by holding off Snyder and Luke Cranston to post the win.

"We lost a brake rotor last night," the Pueblo, CO, racer explained in victory lane. "I don't think I took a breath for the entire 20 laps."

While Trimble led the feature field to the green flag with Cranston alongside, it was sixth-starter Snyder working the extreme upper portion of the High Banks to race into the lead on the opening round.

As Snyder continued to work the top, Trimble began nibbling at his advantage by working the low side. Trimble pulled alongside after five laps and then took command on the sixth circuit aboard the No. 43 Sprint Car.

Snyder soon moved to the bottom as well before surrendering second to Cranston on the 13th lap. Snyder began to surge in the final handful of laps, reclaiming second on the 17th lap and turning up the heat on Trimble until the race's only caution flew for a Buddy Tubbs flat right rear tire with 19 laps in the books.

Snyder and Cranston kept the pressure on during the green-white-checked run, but Trimble was up for the task. Snyder and Cranston settled for second and third, respectively, with Jason Martin making a lap 13 move into fourth that stuck for the rest of the race.

Trevor Grossenacher rounded out the top five with Jeff Stasa, Friday night preliminary winner Zach Blurton, Jordan Knight, 15th-starter Jake Martens and Jed Werner completing the top ten.

With a revised format in place to accommodate daytime track conditions, J.D. Johnson established the overall quick time of 16.998 seconds in group qualifying with Cranston, Blurton, Grossenbacher and Knight winning the heat races.

Tubbs and Ty Williams topped "B" Main action.

The day came to an early end for both J.D. Johnson and Cody Ledger when the duo collided in turn two while battling the fourth and final transfer position midway through the first heat race. Both went for a tumble with Ledger sailing out of the part over the turn two retaining fence.

Forty-six different drivers took part in the third rendition of the Belleville 305 Sprint Car Nationals.

### **Blurton Wires the Field in Belleville 305 Nationals Preliminary Feature**

BELLEVILLE, KS - Zach Blurton kicked off the Third Annual Belleville 305 Sprint Car Nationals by wiring the field in Friday night's 20-lap preliminary feature to take the \$2,500 winner's share atop the ½-mile Belleville High Banks clay oval.

Blurton gunned into the lead from the third starting position in the opening pair of corners and then paced the field throughout aboard the J&K Trucking No. 11 Maxim Sprint Car.

After charging past front row starters Jed Werner and J.D. Johnson at the outset, the Quinter racer weathered just one caution after two circuits for Ty Williams, who



Adam Trimble celebrates atop his car in victory lane after winning the Third Annual Belleville 305 Sprint Car Nationals Finale Sunday afternoon. (Lonnie Wheatley photo)

suffered race-ending damage after getting a piece of the turns one and two retaining fence.

Blurton sailed on the high side throughout, lapping up to 13th and took the checkered flag with four lapped cars separating himself from runner-up Johnson. It was Blurton's best Belleville 305 Nationals showing since placing sixth in the Saturday portion of the Inaugural event in 2018.

Goddard's Johnson, the current United Rebel Sprint Series points leader, survived a perilous turn two encounter to post runner-up honors with Nebraska's Stu Snyder filling out the podium in third.

Codell's Jed Werner crossed the stripe fourth with Jetmore's Jeremy

Huish rounding out the top five. Jason Martin was sixth with Steven Richardson, 15th-starter Cody Ledger, Jeff Stasa and 20th-starter Matt Covington completing the top ten.

Jordan Knight, Blurton, Richardson, Johnson and Tyler Knight topped heat race action for the 45-car field with Jack Dover, Kyler Johnson, Toby Chapman and Blurton victorious in Qualifying Race action before Tyler Druke and Jake Martens topped the "B" Mains.

Neil Nekolite and Connor Atkinson both flipped in separate heat four incidents. Nekolite returned to action while Atkinson was done for the night.



Zach Blurton celebrates with his family and crew in victory lane at Belleville High Banks for night one of the Third Annual Belleville 305 Sprint Car Nationals. (Lonnie Wheatley photo)

## New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH -

New Hampshire Motor Speedway honored the career and legacy of Jimmie Johnson as he prepares for his final Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 race at "The Magic Mile" as a full-time Cup Series driver on Sunday. NHMS Executive Vice President and General Manager David McGrath presented the veteran driver with a custom-designed

musket and dedicated a new 5K running trail around New Hampshire Motor Speedway named in Johnson's honor.

"Jimmie's impact on our sport, including his three wins here at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, are truly immeasurable," said David McGrath. "As he prepares for his final run at 'The Magic Mile' today, we hope these gifts serve as a sign – both to Jimmie and the many race fans who will enjoy our new 5K course for years to come – of how impactful his career has been both on and off the track."

The commemorative musket represents the type of flintlock firearm that militiamen from all over New England carried during the siege of Boston on April 19, 1775. Handcrafted by Edwin Parry of Black Hart Long Arms out of Eastford, Conn., the musket replicates the English style of the 1770s. Made in New England of American cherry, the musket measures 41 inches in length and features a 20-gauge round barrel, engraved round-faced English lock, brass mounts and a silver commemorative plaque. The musket came with a traditional trifold hat.

In addition, speedway officials unveiled the new Jimmie Johnson 5k Way, a trail dedicated to the three-time New Hampshire Motor Speedway winner and avid runner. The route, which winds throughout the speedway's property, is designed for walkers or joggers to use during race weekends and throughout the year. The 5k start/finish line is decorated with "48" and "JJ" in blue and yellow, a nod to Johnson's participation in the 2019 Boston Marathon.

"I knew that coming to these tracks for a final time, there would be some great opportunities to celebrate, which I was excited about, but with what COVID has thrown at us, it's been a wild and weird year



**Before Sunday's Foxwoods Resort Casino 301, New Hampshire Motor Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager David McGrath presented seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson with a custom Revolutionary War era replica musket on Aug. 2, 2020. McGrath also dedicated a newly-named Jimmie Johnson 5K Way course, which runs throughout the NHMS property as part of a special presentation to mark Johnson's final race as a full-time Cup Series driver at the speedway. Photo Courtesy: (NHMS/Harold Hinson Photography photo)**

for all of us," Johnson said. "This is really special. When I saw what was being proposed, I smiled because of all the time I've spent out here training and getting ready, really enjoying this climate and this beautiful countryside. And there's always a place in the man room for a cool musket. I have a few guns that I've collected from Texas Motor Speedway, and this is the first official musket I have, so I'm excited about that."

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.

### Road America

RICE LAKE, WI - Henry Repeating Arms, title sponsor of the Henry 180 NASCAR Xfinity Series race Aug. 8 at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, is offering free general admission for the first 360 military veterans, frontline healthcare workers and first responders who pre-register with approved credentials through its website, [www.henryusa.com/thankyou](http://www.henryusa.com/thankyou).

Road America encompasses 640 acres, allowing amazing viewing opportunities in a socially-distanced environment.

"Our communities' first responders and frontline healthcare workers have stepped up to the plate to keep us all as safe and healthy as possible amid this COVID-19 pandemic, and we can't thank them enough for it," said Anthony Imperato, president and owner of Henry

Repeating Arms. "These dedicated professionals have earned the opportunity to take some well-deserved time for themselves, and enjoying a race with us at Road America is something we're proud to provide."

Along with military veterans, first responders and frontline healthcare workers, Henry Repeating Arms is inviting more than 100 employees from its manufacturing facilities, the largest of which is just a few hours west of Road America in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. All will have a driver to cheer for during the Henry 180, as Stewart-Haas Racing's Chase Briscoe will pilot the No. 98 Henry Repeating Arms Ford Mustang in the 45-lap race around the spacious 4.048-mile, 14-turn road course.

Briscoe leads the Xfinity Series in wins this season with five, the most recent of which came July 4 on the road course at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was Briscoe's second road-course win in the Xfinity Series, as the 25-year-old racer from Mitchell, Indiana, won his first career race at the Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway Roval in 2018.

The Henry 180 begins at noon EDT on Saturday, Aug. 8 with live coverage on NBCSN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

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### Bristol Dragway

BRISTOL, TN - The Thunder Valley Amphitheatre, presented by Ballad Health, and the band, ALABAMA, have mutually agreed to postpone its "50th Anniversary Tour" scheduled stop in August 2020, to the new date of Saturday, August 14, 2021.

The highly-anticipated concert, which had fans in the Appalachian Highlands region excited to enjoy the iconic Grammy-winning group's signature style of music, is not structured to align with social distancing measures under the CDC's COVID-19 guidelines.

All previously purchased tickets and parking passes will be honored on Saturday, August 14, 2021, and guests are encouraged to keep their original tickets.

Guests who purchased their tickets directly from Ticketmaster and the Thunder Valley Amphitheatre ticket office will received an email in the coming days with other options available to them. Those account holders may email [tickets@bristolmotorspeedway.com](mailto:tickets@bristolmotorspeedway.com) with questions.

Additionally, Bristol Dragway officials also will move the 2020 Bristol Chevy Show and Thunder Valley Mayhem to a 2021 date. The dates for the 2021 Bristol Chevy Show and Thunder Valley Mayhem will be announced in the future.

"Due to the interactive and close nature of concert goers and those who attend the Bristol Chevy Show, with the car show, pit access and

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swap meet, it's unfortunately not feasible to host these events in a safe manner under the current guidelines and protocols," said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager, Bristol Dragway and Thunder Valley Amphitheatre. "The safety of our guests and participants is our top priority and we thank everyone involved for their patience and understanding. We look forward to bringing these popular events back to Thunder Valley in 2021."

For more information, please visit [www.bristolmotorspeedway.com/dragway](http://www.bristolmotorspeedway.com/dragway).

### Daytona Int'l Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - There's a new "turn" of events for NASCAR's historic race weekend on the heralded DAYTONA Road Course, Aug. 14-16.

NASCAR and Daytona International Speedway announced Thursday a new twist to the storied, high-banked tri-oval/infield road course with the addition of a chicane at the exit of the NASCAR turn four that will provide competitors with yet another passing zone. The new chicane now creates a 14-turn, 3.57-mile layout (from the 3.56-mile/12 turn) on the storied DAYTONA Road Course, which, for the first time in history, will play host to NASCAR's three top national series, along with the ARCA Menards Series.

"Daytona International Speedway is known for producing iconic moments in the history of NASCAR, and this will surely join that long list," said track President Chip Wile. "Just when you thought the racing couldn't get any more intense and interesting at the 'World Center of Racing,' it did. The turn four chicane gives the drivers a final shot to make a pass coming to the famed finish line. The fans in the venue are going to be in for a treat on the DAYTONA Road Course - just like the races on the old Daytona beach/road course that were put on by Bill France, Sr. in the 1940s and '50s."

The races will be held on the same road course as the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA, North America's premier race for sports cars. The new chicane, located on the skid pad off turn four, measures nearly 500 feet

from the point of entry to the point of exit off the straightaway racing surface, ranging from 38-48 feet wide throughout.

A limited number of fans will get the opportunity to take in the doubleheader on Sunday (Aug. 16), consisting of the NASCAR Cup Series and NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series. Fans can get tickets, which start at \$49 (both races included) for adults and \$10 for kids 12 years old and younger, by visiting [www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com](http://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com) or calling 1-800-PIT-SHOP.

The finalized schedule for the DAYTONA Road Course, including distances, laps and stage lengths are:

- Fri, Aug. 14 - ARCA Menards Series at 5:00 p.m. ET (MAVTV); 103 miles (29 laps); Stages 15/29
- Sat, Aug. 15 - NASCAR Xfinity Series at 3:00 p.m. ET (NBCSN); 188 miles (52 laps); Stages 15/30/52
- Sun, Aug. 16 - NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Trucks Series at 12 Noon ET (FS1): 159 miles (44 laps); Stages 12/25/44

- Sun, Aug. 16 - NASCAR Cup Series at 3:00 p.m. ET (NBC): 235 miles (65 laps); Stages 15/30/65

The Cup, Xfinity and ARCA events are realigned from originally scheduled races at Watkins Glen International while the Gander Trucks event is realigned from Iowa Speedway.

One driver looking forward to competing on the DAYTONA Road Course is reigning NASCAR Cup Series Champion Kyle Busch. The driver of the No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, who, along with Martin Truex, Jr. leads all active drivers in road course wins with four, competed in his first Rolex 24 At DAYTONA in January.

"I'm looking forward to the DAYTONA Road Course race," said Busch, who was impressive behind the wheel of his AIM Vasser Sullivan Lexus, which finished ninth of 18 entries in the GTD class after several mechanical challenges. "It's something different for us. I obviously have experience there running in the Rolex 24 this year. It's good that I am familiar with the course layout, but those cars I raced back in January are much different than our Cup cars, so the handling and feel will be much different this time around."

NASCAR also announced drivers will be prohibited from running multiple races during the weekend, as well as a NASCAR Cup Series competition change, that will now see a high downforce with 750

horsepower aero/engine package.

"NASCAR and its OEMs ran several simulations to determine the course layout and engine/aero package for the inaugural NASCAR race on the Daytona International Speedway road course," said NASCAR's John Probst, Senior Vice President of Racing Innovation. "Due to the predicted high speeds and loads on the braking system, NASCAR will add a chicane off oval Turn 4 at Daytona and move to a high downforce 750 hp aero/engine package for the NASCAR Cup Series race on Aug. 16. We believe this will combine vehicle performance and safety to provide the best possible road course race for our fans."

The limited number of fans for the doubleheader of action is in accordance with public health officials and local, state and federal authorities on amended safety protocols and procedures that will provide a safe experience for all fans in attendance. Frontstretch seating is available, plus there are options for infield camping guests.

Tickets also remain on sale for the Saturday, Aug. 29 Coke Zero Sugar 400, which will take place under the lights on the 2.5-mile tri-oval. A summertime staple since 1959, the switch of the race from July to August this year makes this the Cup Series Regular Season Finale prior to the start of the 2020 NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs. Tickets also start at \$49 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under. Limited infield camping is also available. Special pricing options are available for the "August Double," featuring both DAYTONA Road Course events (Cup and Gander Trucks) and the Coke Zero Sugar 400.

Fans can stay connected with Daytona International Speedway on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube and Snapchat, and by downloading Daytona International Speedway's mobile app, for the latest Speedway news throughout the season.

### Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - America's Home for Racing will add to its illustrious history with two nights of IMSA action during the Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 NASCAR playoff weekend at Charlotte Motor Speedway. IMSA

WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GT classes will make their ROVAL™ debut Oct. 9 and 10 before the NASCAR Cup

Series Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 returns on Oct. 11, marking the first time the two series have run at the same event since 2014.

"When Speedway Motorsports CEO Marcus Smith first envisioned the ROVAL™, part of that vision included bringing new series to the track in addition to our classic NASCAR Cup Series events," said Greg Walter, executive vice president and general manager of Charlotte Motor Speedway. "We look forward to working in partnership with IMSA to provide a unique perspective to race fans and a one-of-a-kind challenge to the drivers who will be tasked with tackling this technically innovative course."

The inaugural two-day IMSA event will include a 60-minute WeatherTech Championship session for both of the series' GT classes on Friday night and a 100-minute race on Saturday night. Competition will encompass all 17 turns of the technical 2.28-mile course, combining the tight corners of a world-class road course with the high-speed finesse of oval track racing.

"We're grateful to Marcus Smith, Greg Walter and the team at Charlotte Motor Speedway for providing the opportunity to bring the highly competitive IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GT classes to the ROVAL™," said IMSA President John Doonan. "Our teams, drivers and manufacturers will appreciate this chance to acquaint themselves with the unique ROVAL™ circuit, and we expect it will be an entertaining event for race fans."

The GT Le Mans (GTLM) class will headline the race, bringing the world's best GT teams and drivers to the ROVAL. GTLM cars such as the Corvette C8.R, Porsche 911 RSR and BMW M8 are eligible to compete not only in the WeatherTech Championship, but also in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The field is expected to include several Le Mans-winning drivers including Jordan Taylor, Antonio Garcia, Tommy Miltner, Oliver Gavin, Earl Bamber, Laurens Vanthoor and Nick Tandy.

The GT Daytona (GTD) class includes world-class race cars prepared by professional race teams, with each team fielding a mix of professional and amateur drivers.

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Cars from 10 different manufacturers – Acura, Aston Martin, Audi, BMW, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Lexus, McLaren, Mercedes-AMG and Porsche – are eligible to compete, with drivers behind the wheels such as 2011 NASCAR Cup Series rookie-of-the-year Andy Lally and Bill Auberlen who is currently tied with Scott Pruett atop the all-time IMSA wins list.

The Charlotte ROVAL™ IMSA race will be telecast by NBC Sports with specific time and network details to be announced.

Charlotte Motor Speedway and IMSA continue to work with state/local health officials surrounding options for access to the event for fans during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but no determinations have been made at this time.

### Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - With seven rounds of racing in the books, division championships came down to the eighth and final round of Thursday Thunder racing at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

The closest championship battle ended up being in the Outlaws division where three drivers entered the night within 12 points of each other for the title. Kelly Puckett and Donovan Strauss sought to make up as many points as possible in the final event while Bailey North knew finishing 4th or better would clinch her the title.

Strauss led late when a caution stacked the field up for one final restart. Running in that pivotal 4th position, North was forced to restart on the outside, non-preferred line on the two-to-go restart. North was up to the task, getting a good jump on the restart and sliding down into the inside line to maintain her position. Strauss meanwhile slipped wide off turn 2, opening the door for Clay Hocutt to take the lead and Puckett to take 2nd.

At the checkered flag Hocutt scored his first victory of the season as Puckett and Strauss settled for 2nd and 3rd. North, in 4th, secured the championship hardware for the Outlaws division.

"I was just trying to hit my line and make sure I didn't get caught up in any wrecks," North said after the race. "I just had to finish top-4

to get the championship and I'm so thankful!"

In the Semi-Pro division Blaze Crawford was locked in a tight battle with Ashton Whitener for the championship entering the finale, but Crawford left nothing to chance in the race. The Fayetteville driver secured the pole and led every lap en-route to the win and the championship.

Michael Gannon had little room for error in the WJP Investments Young Lions championship hunt, but while his competitors faltered Gannon stayed consistent with a 3rd place finish, good enough to claim the title. Lanie Buice, a recent graduate of the Chargers division, earned her first victory in Young Lions.

It was far from a cruise on finale night for The Associates Group Pro championship leader Caleb Heady. Starting at the rear of the field, Heady climbed into the top-5 before finding trouble in turn 4. Despite that snafu, Heady won the championship thanks to the comfortable lead he built throughout the previous seven rounds of racing. Heady won six of the eight races run this summer; Cale Hall – the only driver besides Heady to win in the Pro division in 2020 – took the final checkered flag of the season.

Two drivers not only won their division's championship, but they also completed perfect seasons Thursday night by winning their eighth race in eight tries. Tristan McKee completed the impressive accomplishment in the Bandits division while Bill Plemons Jr. backed up his 2019 Masters title with a perfect performance in 2020.

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

### New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - After three rousing seasons as the title sponsor of the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301, today Foxwoods Resort Casino and New Hampshire Motor Speedway have reaffirmed their commitment to bringing world-class racing to New England at "The Magic Mile" by announcing their continued partnership through the 2021 race season. Fans will now be able to enjoy the NASCAR thrills of the highly anticipated Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 through summer 2021.

The partnership began in 2017 as a ticket incentive program, but quickly expanded into leading with naming rights for New England's

foremost NASCAR Cup Series - the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301. With this extension, the resort will hold naming rights for the event through at least 2021.

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.

### Daytona Int'l Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Daytona International Speedway and Go Bowling, the consumer-facing brand of the bowling industry promoting its "Go Bowling America" league program, announced today that the historic first NASCAR Cup Series race to be held on the track's world famous road course on Sunday, Aug. 16, will be known as the Go Bowling 235 At The DAYTONA Road Course.

The Go Bowling 235 At The DAYTONA Road Course will be run on the same layout as the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA, North America's premier race for sports cars.

The Go Bowling 235 (65 laps) will headline a full weekend of four racing events, three of which, including the Go Bowling Cup race, are realigned from originally scheduled races at Watkins Glen International. The 2014 Coke Zero Sugar 400 winner, Aric Almirola, will be a favorite in the Go Bowling 235, piloting his No. 10 Go Bowling Stewart-Haas Racing entry.

"The Bowling Proprietor's Association of American (BPAA) and Go Bowling are focused on making sure that we're helping our 3,400-plus members during this incredibly tough time, and we see our sponsorship with DAYTONA to be the perfect way to do that," said Frank DeSocio, executive director of the BPAA.

"Starting with National Bowling Day on August 8, our goal for the month is amplify the message that the majority of bowling centers are open, safe and ready for play all across the country."

Like NASCAR and Daytona International Speedway, the "Go Bowling America" program is focusing on bringing families, young adults and kids alike back to the track and bowling, respectively, in a healthy and safe fashion. Centers around the country have implemented

strict measures to ensure the wellness of its employees and customers that come to bowl. Go Bowling, along with its industry and partners, has introduced detailed safety protocols to the thousands of U.S. bowling centers including social distancing recommendations, use of PPE where required, guidelines for sanitization of balls and shoes, and more. This new "Go Bowling America" league program will also be providing every bowler that joins at participating bowling centers with their very own, brand-new bowling ball to minimize shared contact.

In addition to the Go Bowling 235, which is set for 3 p.m. ET, a limited number of fans will get the opportunity to take in a double-header on that Sunday, as the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series will get the green flag at 12 Noon. To reserve a place in history, fans can get their tickets, which start at \$49 (both races included) for adults and \$10 for kids 12 years old and younger, by visiting [www.daytonainternational-speedway.com](http://www.daytonainternational-speedway.com) or calling 1-800-PIT-SHOP. Frontstretch seating is available as well as infield camping options.

The limited number of fans is in accordance with public health officials and local, state and federal authorities on amended safety protocols and procedures that will provide a safe experience for all fans in attendance.

The ARCA Menards Series kicks off the weekend on Friday, Aug. 14, at 5:00 p.m. ET, while the NASCAR Xfinity Series event is set for Saturday, Aug. 15, at 3:00 p.m. ET. Sunday's Gander Trucks race is realigned from Iowa Speedway that was originally set in June.

NASCAR will also return to DAYTONA at the end of August to the high banks of the 2.5-mile trioval with the Coke Zero Sugar 400 (Aug. 29). It will mark the final regular season race that will determine the 2020 NASCAR Cup Series Playoff driver lineup.

To learn more about the "Go Bowling America" league program, visit [www.gobowling.com](http://www.gobowling.com).



## Caraway Speedway

SOPHIA, NC - Caraway Speedway opened its 55th season on Saturday night, August first. The speedway has been idled due to the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown imposed on most gatherings.

The tracks UCAR kicked off the night with a 20 lap feature. Gregory Williams held off Brandon Collins and closing Tommy

Rain to claim the win. Justin Smith finished fourth followed by Richard James, Donald Clay, Jason Richmond and Alan Higginson.

Action in the Challenger/Limited feature started hot and heavy with three lead changes in the early stages with Dillon Harville, and Mitchell Wright taking turns at the point but settled into the Jason York show after York moved past Wright for the top spot. York settled in at the point while the action from second on back kept the fans allowed in attendance entertained. Harville held off Coy Beard for the runner-up spot at the finish of the 40 lapper. Clint King finished fourth with Mitchel Wright rounding out the top five. Tommy Neal finished sixth followed by Jamie York, Jeremy Clay, Nathan Bess, Wesley Hawkins and Rickey Bruce.

A great three-car fight for the top spot made for a great show in the 602 Modified feature. The early race for the top spot saw Dean Lowder, Cody Norman and Kevin Orlando racing at the front of the field. Lowder led most of the early stages before Orlando slipped by on lap 23 with Josh and Dean Lowder in tow, with Lee Jeffreys, Norman and Rich Hunter close behind. A spin by Tyler Bartoszwicz on lap 33 bunched the field for a two lap shootout for the win. Orlando managed to hold off Josh Lowder and Jeffreys at the finish with Spencer Martin edging by Hunter on the final lap for fifth in the 35 lap feature. Norman got shuffled to sixth at the finish followed by Richard Trotter, Dean Lowder, Jody Fritts and Bartoszwicz.

Veteran A.J. Sanders had to drive through the field to claim the win in the Mini Stock feature. Sanders, Johnny Baker and Chuck Wall raced hard for the win before Sanders prevailed at the finish of the 20 lapper. Luke Smith finished fourth with Todd Barnhardt fifth.

Barry Wilson finished sixth with Partick Miller, Austin Cates, Allen Vance and Wyatt Sapp rounding out the top ten. Brandon Crotts, Andy Spears, Levi Holt, Jeremy Seeley, Chris Smith, Jeff Stewart, Adam Thomas, D.J. Dean, Shane Tuttle, Junior Snow, Blane Curry and Austin Harris completed the 22 car field.

Twelve year-old Riley Neal made his first ever start in the 602 Super Limited Series feature. Neal led much of the feature but had to fight off challenges from Brian Rose on several late race restarts before holding off Brian Rose, Cody Griffin and Cory Rose for the win.

The "New" Caraway Speedway will host "Twin" features for the Challenger/Limited's, Mini Stocks and UCARS on Saturday August 8th.

For more information, check us out on facebook at Caraway Speedway or call 336-302-5848 or 336-972-4362.

## Clinton County Speedway

MILL HALL, PA - Jeffrey Weaver of Lock Haven won his first Race-Saver Sprint Car event in front of his hometown crowd on Friday night at the Clinton County Speedway over Garrett Bard of Wells Tannery. In Pro Stock competition, Tommy Dawson of Wapwallopen won his first race of the season, Sterling Kepner won the Four Cylinders, while Weaver won the 270 Micro Sprints and Bard won the 600 Micro Sprint Feature.

Dakota Schweikart of Linden led the opening laps of the Gary's Motor Mart Laurel Highlands Sprint Car Series 25 lap main event. The event's only caution flag waved on lap number six when Jim Kennedy's car rolled to a stop on the front stretch. On the restart Schweikart lead Weaver, Dylan Proctor, Matt Tebbs, and Bard. On the eighth circuit, Weaver made a pass for the lead. Weaver pulled away from the field and established nearly a straight away advantage. Bard, who started ninth moved into third position on lap number ten. Schweikart and Bard battled for the runner up position as the field began to encounter lapped traffic on lap sixteen. Once Bard passed Schweikart for the runner up spot, he began to close the gap between he and Weaver. Bard did not have enough laps remaining as Weaver claimed the victory by 1.6 seconds over Bard, Proctor, Schweikart and Tebbs. Sixth through tenth were Ken Duke, Fred Arnold, Dale Schweikart, Scott Lutz, and Jared

Zionkowski. Heat race winners were: Reed Thompson, Dale Schweikart and Dakota Schweikart.

Wayne Shaffer of Mount Pleasant Mills and Corey Long of Selinsgrove brought the field of Pro Stocks to the green flag. Long led the first lap with Shaffer making a pass for the lead at the completion of lap number two. Brandon Moser of Millerstown advanced into the runner up position and took the lead from Shaffer on lap number five. Moser, Noah Jensen, Bradley Benton, and Dawson ran several laps side by side in contention to for the top spot. Jensen passed Moser on lap number 8 and Dawson took the lead on the very next circuit. Dawson held off the attempts by Jensen and Moser to claim the victory. Johnny Bouse of Hughesville raced from the tenth spot to finish fourth followed by AJ Stroup, Wayne Shaffer, Marc Bitler, Corey Long and Kevin VanAmburg. Heat races were won by Moser and Benton.

John Roberts and Hunter Zimmerman started on the front row the 270 Micro Sprint feature event. Zimmerman led the opening lap. Last week's feature winner Timmy Bittner advanced from the fifth starting position to take the lead at the completion of lap number two. The red flagged waved on the third lap when Levi Brungard rolled his car on the front stretch. Bittner led Jeffrey Weaver, Wyatt Rotz, Kyle Stahl, and Mason Peters for the restart. Bittner and Weaver raced hard and began to encounter lapped traffic in the closing laps of the race. Weaver made the pass for the win on lap number 13 to claim the victory over Bittner, Peters, Rotz and Bobby Sanso. Sixth through tenth were Kyler Stahl, Denny Reinheimer, Dan Wertman, Ethan Spotts and Mitchell Holden. Qualifying races were won by Zimmerman and Peters.

In the Werner Fuels 600 Micro Sprint Feature event, Jeffrey Weaver led the first three laps. On lap number four Garret Bard, who started third passed Weaver. At the completion of lap number five, Bard led Weaver, Cordy Hauck, Tyson Mowery, and Mason Peters. Bard and Weaver, who had just finished second and first in the Sprint Car feature event, were now competing for the win in the 600s. At the halfway point of the race Bard began to open up a sizeable lead over Weaver. Bard cruised to this 17th career victory at the speedway over Weaver, Mowery Hauck and

Peters. Sixth through tenth were Teats, Sierra Hauck, Travis Keister, Jeff Gyuina, and Timmy Bittner. Heat race winners were Bard and Mowery.

In the Glenn O Hawbaker 4 Cylinder Division, Jimmy Delozier and Tyler Watson led the field to the green flag. Watson jumped into the early lead with Maddox Smith, Sterling Kepner, Blake Snyder, and Michael Boring in the top five. Smith passed Watson for the top spot on the completion of lap number four with the top five all in contention for the win. With three laps to go, Snyder made a pass for the lead and crossed the finish line over Kepner and Watson. Following a post-race inspection of the top five finishers, Snyder and Sam Creveling were found to have a rules violation, giving Sterling Kepner the victory over Watson, Smith, Boring and Michael Luther. Jimmy Delozier, Chris Orwig, Sean Wise, Skyler Witchley and Shawn Shelton completed the top ten. Heat races were won by Smith and Watson.

The Clinton County Speedway returns to racing action with two races this week. A mid-week race to coincide with the Clinton County Fair festival will take place on Wednesday, August 5th featuring the 270s in a five hundred to win feature event. The Pro Stocks, 600s and Four Cylinders will be part of the four division show with general admission being just five dollars. Then on Friday, August 7th the speedway will host the Race-Saver Sprint Cars, Pro Stocks, 270s, 600s and Four Cylinders plus power wheels races for the kids. Gates will open at 5:15PM and Racing will begin at 7:30PM for each event. For more information, visit [www.clintoncountyspeedway.com](http://www.clintoncountyspeedway.com) or visit the speedway on Facebook.

## Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - After speaking with local meteorologist and The Weather Bureau we have decided to cancel our racing activities for Friday July 31 Due to the heavy rain and lightning moving into the area, we have postponed all activities until July 31. We hope everyone has a safe weekend.

The next race is scheduled for Friday, August 7th. Spectator gates will open at 5 p.m. and racing at 8 p.m. Full race day schedule is coming soon. Adult grandstand admission Friday \$12, with kids 12-and-under admitted FREE. Adult tier-parking admission

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\$12 per person (plus a \$12 vehicle parking spot fee), with kids 12-and-under admitted free.

Other Notes:

- Full schedule 2020 out now!
- Masks are required for this event.
- Next Race: August 7th
- This race is a Contingency Connection Racer Rewards event. Contingency

Connection offers nearly \$150,000 in national contingency awards. Visit [contingencyconnection.com](http://contingencyconnection.com) to see a list of over 100 sponsors posting awards for grassroots racers this season.

For more information on Kingsport Speedway, visit our website at [www.kingsportspeedway.com](http://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).

## Lake View Motor Speedway

LAKE VIEW, SC - "The Dirt Deacon" Christian Thomas of Wake Forest, NC made a last lap charge to edge out Chuck Smith in a photo finish to win Saturday night's Blue Ridge Outlaw Late Model race at Lake View Motor Speedway. The win on First Responders Night was the first for Thomas in a Late Model at Lake View and was the first for the Sewell Logging team.

"I got passed and I started looking at the car owner down here and I just don't like it when he's got a disappointed face on and I said 'we're gonna blow it up or I'm gonna win it', and I think we won it," said Thomas afterwards. "It's a huge relief for the whole team, we've wanted to win here for a while in front of the hometown crowd, but it's growing on me and I think we're starting to figure it out here."

Thomas was the fastest qualifier and outran Daniel Tucker and Scott Shirey in the 6-Shooter Dash to start on the pole in the 25-lap main event. Thomas jumped into the lead at the drop of the green flag and was leading when the first caution of the night waved on lap four for a spin by Blake Sanderson.

Thomas continued to lead when another caution flag flew for a spin by Eddie Baggs on the front straightaway to avoid the slower car of Robbie Bailey. Both Bailey and Blue Ridge points leader Cody Tanquary, who failed to start due to mechanical issues, took a hit at the end of the night in the point standings. The caution waved again on lap 12 after contact from Michael Marlowe sent 2018 Blue Ridge Outlaw champion, David Minton, spinning in turn four.

After starting fifth, Chuck Smith had moved up to second and was ready to challenge Thomas for the lead. Thomas bobbled in turn four with 10 laps to go allowing Smith to move by for the lead. Smith had opened up a sizeable lead until the caution slowed the field with four laps to go for the stalled car of Dean Bowen.

Smith continued to lead working the bottom groove, while Thomas started to gain ground on the high side. On the last lap, Thomas sailed to the outside in turn three and powered by Smith to take the win by less than a car length at the checkered flag. Smith's teammate Mark Dysart finished third, followed by Marlowe and Tucker. Rounding out the top 10 were Shirey, Johnny Pridgen, Minton, Bowen, and Bailey.



**Race winner Christian Thomas rounds the turn at Lake View Motor Speedway to take the checkered flag. (LVMS photo)**

Autryville, NC's Case Daniels made a daring move to take the lead on a restart and would go on to win the 602 Modified feature. Pole sitter Josh Fields led early, withstanding a furious challenge from Greg Cain. After a spin by Dennis Brewer and Albert Brayfield in turn four, Fields would lead Cain and Daniels for the lap 7 restart. Daniels moved to the outside of Cain in turn one on the restart, then cut down to the inside

of Fields exiting turn two to take the lead. Daniels led the rest of the way for his second win of the year at Lake View over Cain, Fields, AJ Belanger, and Colton Beasley.

Ron Pope of Erwin, NC jumped to the lead from the pole position over Benji Thompson and would go on to lead every lap for his third Super Street win of 2020. Rounding out the top five were Cameron Norris, IV, Michael Freeman, and Perry Page.

Tom Lovette only led one lap, but he made it count to take his third Crate Racin' USA Street Stock win of the year. Brad Harrelson was the early leader but was bypassed by former track champion, Michael Butler, for the lead on lap 3. Butler led through several cautions, but was caught by Lovette coming to take the white flag. Slight contact between the two in turn one sent Lovette spinning and Butler to the rear of the field for the contact. Lovette was placed back to the front of the field and he was able to hold off Jeffrey Batten and Mike Manes for the win. Chandler Fowler came from the rear to finish fourth and Ed Mason was fifth.

Jerry Johnson, Jr. took the lead at the drop of the green flag from pole sitter Derek Kemper and led flag-to-flag for second SCDRA

Motor Speedway will be the 3rd Annual Sandra Miller Memorial Saturday night, August 8th, featuring a 19-lap dash for the Late Models, paying \$1900 to the winner. 602 Modifieds will also be in action, along with the Super Street, Crate Racin' USA Street Stocks, SCDRA Sport Compacts, and Mod-Lites. Be sure to "Like" Lake View Motor Speedway on Facebook, follow @LakeViewDirt on Twitter to keep up on all that's going on in 2020 or visit [lakeviewmotorspeedway.com](http://lakeviewmotorspeedway.com).

## Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Selinsgrove Speedway will host a truly historic event coming up this Sunday night, August 9 at 7 pm when it hosts the USAC Silver Crown Series in the running of the Bill Holland Classic, 74th Selinsgrove Speedway Anniversary Race, paying \$8,000 to win with a total purse of \$33,000 on the line.

The USAC Silver Crown appearance at the track will be the first ever in the history of both USAC and Selinsgrove Speedway, taking place as another Slivinski Law Offices Super 7 Series event at the track in 2020.

The special race at Selinsgrove Speedway will serve as the kick off the 50th anniversary season for the USAC Silver Crown Series Champ Dirt Cars, albeit abbreviated, running through October.

The United States Auto Club has only ever sanctioned one other event in the history of USAC and the track, which was a regular USAC sprint event scored by local driver Mitch Smith back in 1971.

The August 9 USAC Silver Crown Holland Classic will go 74 laps in distance in honor of Philadelphia's Holland who won the very first race ever conducted at the track back in 1946.

Also on the racing card will be the USAC East wingless 360 sprints, making the event a totally wingless night of sprint car racing at the historic oval.

The USAC East 360s will compete in a 20-lap feature event.

Expected to vie for laurels in the Holland Classic Anniversary Race is five-time and defending Silver Crown champion Kody Swanson of Zionsville, Indiana.

Swanson became the winningest driver in USAC Silver Crown history in 2019 when he surpassed the legendary Jack Hewitt on the all-time Silver Crown win list, pushing past Hewitt's 23 wins to now top the list at 29.

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Sport Compact win of the season. Following Johnson and Kemper at the checkered flag were Jason Brown, Andrew Rabon, and Ronnie Perritt.

Dustin Watkins passed Morghan Johnson on lap 3 and the led the rest of the way for his first Mod-Lie win this season. Rounding out the top five were Johnson, JJ Williams, Andrew Albertson, and Bladen Core.

The next event at Lake View

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Drivers planning on entering the lucrative Selinsgrove event include: 2016 Silver Crown champion "The Bear" Chris Windom, Canton, Illinois; USAC Sprint champion "Macho Man" Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; "Sunshine" Tyler Courtney, Indianapolis, Indiana; CJ Leary, Greenfield, Indiana; and Justin Grant, Lone, California.

More drivers expected to compete include: Kevin Thomas Jr., Cullman, Alabama; Shane Cockrum, Benton, Illinois; "The Throttle" Shane Cottle, Kokomo, Indiana; Kyle Cummins, Princeton, Indiana; Dallas Hewitt, Troy, Ohio; and Matt Westfall, Ludlow Falls, Ohio.

Both Brady Bacon and Kevin Thomas Jr. have indicated their plans to run in both USAC divisions at the Selinsgrove event.

Steve Drevicki of Reading is the current USAC East 360 point leader over Chris Allen Jr.

Drevicki has won twice on the circuit this season while Ryan Watt of Boyertown has also taken one win.

Gates for the historic USAC Selinsgrove Speedway event will open at 4:30 pm on Sunday with advanced general admission ticket holders granted access at 4 pm.

Adult general admission for the big show is \$25 with students ages 12 – 17 priced at \$15. Kids ages 11 and under are always FREE at Selinsgrove Speedway.

Reserved seats for ALL AGES are an additional \$2 and can be purchased by emailing promoter@selinsgrovespeedway.com with contact information.

Pit access is \$40.

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](http://www.selinsgrovespeedway.com) or follow the track on Twitter and Facebook.

## Southern National Motorsports Park

LUCAMA, NC - The finest stars and cars of the tri-state region are set for a great day of racing excitement this coming Saturday August 8, 2020 at Southern National Motorsports Park. 8 features will high-

light the action packed day including twin features for the Late Model Stock division, MASS Street stocks running 50 laps, Challenger Series 50 laps, Coastal/ CEMCA Mini Cups running 20 laps, Flathead Fords running 20 laps and Any Car 15 laps. Saturday morning practice is available plus track rental, Sunoco racing gas, Hoosier Tires are all available for purchase. Pit/ Trackside Pit parking open at 4:30pm with green flag action starting at 6pm. Big thank you to all the fans, drivers, teams and staff during these times for more info follow <http://www.snmpark.com>, facebook and twitter.

The 3W's will be in effect, 6 foot distancing, masks and hand washing as we continue to deal with this covid 19 pandemic, lets sell out trackside parking and look forward to seeing everyone.

Southern National Motorsports Park is your Nascar Advance Auto Parts hometown track located in Lucama, NC.. 8071 Newsome Mill Road just off Hwy. 301, state road 581 and Exit 107 Kenly exit off of I-95. By the grace of God and 600 horsepower, see you at the races.

## South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Brad Campbell was a longtime fixture at South Boston Speedway, a young man with a dream to one day become a spotter for a NASCAR race team. He reached that dream, only to have his dream and his life end when he died Friday after having been involved in an accident the previous weekend while on his way to the airport to travel to Texas Motor Speedway.

Campbell was a spotter for the DGM Racing NASCAR Xfinity Series racing team. The DGM Racing team cars of drivers Josh Williams, Alex Labbe and Dexter Bean carried decals on their cars honoring Campbell for this past Saturday's NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Kansas Speedway. Williams' car had Campbell's name over the driver-side door.

The Ringgold, Virginia native was a constant figure at South Boston Speedway for many years, working with longtime friend Chris Seay when Seay competed in the Pure Stock Division at South Boston Speedway, as well as several others including former South Boston Speedway Limited Sportsman Division Champion Billy Myers of Hurt, Virginia, current South Boston Speedway Limited Sportsman Division competitor Jason Myers, and South Boston, Virginia area resident Colin Garrett.

Campbell was a prime example of an individual from a small town that worked hard in the sport he enjoyed so much, spent years climbing the ladder, and finally got the opportunity to do what he dreamed of doing.

There was much more to Campbell's life than racing. He served with both fire and rescue as an EMT and, according to Seay, worked for an ambulance company in Danville, Virginia. Campbell's desire to help his fellow man was seen when he volunteered to go to New York to serve as an EMT during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. He worked in New York from the last week of March to the first week of May, providing help to the stricken area.

"His was a life that was unfairly cut short," Seay said of Campbell.

The close relationship between Seay and Campbell extended much deeper than racing.

"It is more about what he meant

to my life," explained Seay.

"Growing up neighbors and being relatively close in age, we seemed to be more brothers. We clicked, we were on the same page with life and racing. It was a passion, and it obviously became life.

"I spent more time in the past 20 years with him than I did with my brother," Seay continued.

"Part of that is my brother moved away to go to college and ended up staying. There wasn't a day that went by in the last 20 years that I didn't talk to Brad."

Campbell was Seay's crew chief and spotter during the time Seay competed in the Pure Stock Division at South Boston Speedway.

"Brad had a little different work schedule than I did most times," Seay explained.

"When I was at work he and his younger brother were at the shop. In all honesty, I have to say that if Brad hadn't been there, we proba-

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Longtime South Boston Speedway fixture Brad Campbell keeps an eye on the action from the spotters stand. The Ringgold, Virginia resident passed away Friday after having been involved in an accident the previous weekend while on his way to the airport to travel to Texas Motor Speedway. (CHRIS SEAY photo)

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bly wouldn't have had hardly any success."

Seay said he is glad to have seen his longtime friend reach his goal in life.

"Spotting was a lifelong dream, and he had been working on it for years and years," Seay pointed out.

"It was looking like next year that (spotting) was all he was going to be doing for a living."

A funeral service for Campbell will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m., at Highland Burial Park in Danville, Virginia.

For the latest news and announcements about South Boston Speedway please visit the speedway's website at [www.southbostonspeedway.com](http://www.southbostonspeedway.com) and the speedway's social media outlets.

## South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - South Boston Speedway officials remain optimistic there will be some racing at "America's Hometown Track" in 2020, but due to the lack of remaining weekends in the season and current COVID-19 restrictions no track championships will be awarded this season.

"It is very unfortunate that this will be the first time in the track's 63-year history that no championships will be awarded at the year's end," said South Boston Speedway CEO Nick Igdalsky.

"We still remain optimistic that we will be able to host some races in 2020 if the COVID-19 restrictions are loosened. If we do have an opportunity to race up to December, we will!"

Restrictions contained in the Commonwealth of Virginia's Forward Virginia state re-opening plan have not allowed South Boston Speedway to hold racing events thus far this season. The mandate for speedways in Phase Three of the plan states the total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed 1,000 people.

"We are not able to hold any racing events with the current state limitation of 1,000 total people including both participants and patrons without making huge compromises to put on the event," Igdalsky explained.

"It is our passion to provide exciting and affordable family entertainment for all of our loyal fans in

South Boston, Halifax County and surrounding communities. But, we will only do so when we don't need to charge our fans two times what they usually pay, reduce the number of races each night, cut competitors' purses, or cut any corners that would jeopardize the safety and conveniences of our competitors and fans."

Some of Virginia's short tracks have been hosting racing events while complying with the state mandates.

"We acknowledge that some Virginia tracks have opened, and we are very proud of their efforts and hope our regular competitors support the tracks that are able to make it work right now," said Igdalsky.

Igdalsky pointed out that South Boston Speedway has been operating successfully in Halifax County for over six decades and has become a true shining gem among short tracks across America for many reasons.

"We will not compromise the venue's storied history, reputation, value and the safety of our competitors and fans to hold a scaled-down race night and charge twice the usual price with the current restrictions," Igdalsky stated.

"The main goal is to keep South Boston Speedway open for another 63 years. It hurts to miss most of the 2020 season, but we will do everything possible to ensure future generations also get to make the lifelong memories and friendships that so many have made at SoBo since 1957."

South Boston Speedway will remain open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for any teams interested in testing and for any drivers looking to stay sharp.

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## Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to Weekly Racing action on Friday, July 31. Cory DiMatteo was a first-time winner in the SK Modified® feature, Adam Gray won his first Late Model feature of the 2020 season, Alexander Pearl scored his first SK Light win, Gary Patnode notched his first 2020 Limited Late Model win, and Meghan Fuller took down her first 2020 win in the Street Stock feature.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature, Teddy Hodgdon took the early

lead at the drop of the green flag with Matt Vassar holding off Andrew Molleur for second. Cory DiMatteo made a move to get by Molleur for third on lap-3 and as the field came to the line contact was made that sent Molleur around and collected the cars of Michael Christopher, Jr., Troy Talman, David Arute, Bryan Narducci, Todd Owen, Keith Rocco, and several other cars to bring the caution out with 3 laps complete.

Hodgdon took the lead back under green with DiMatteo moving in to second. Marcello Rufrano was up to third with Matt Vassar in fourth and Mikey Flynn fifth. DiMatteo made a move to the inside of Hodgdon on lap-8 and he took the lead at the line. The top-3 of DiMatteo, Hodgdon, and Rufrano were beginning to pull away slightly from Flynn in fourth and Rocco in fifth as Vassar had slipped back to sixth in line on lap-12.

Rocco took fourth from Flynn on lap-14 while Owen was slowly working his way through traffic back towards the front of the field after being involved in the multi-car melee on lap-3 as he was eighth in line. At the halfway point, DiMatteo and Hodgdon had pulled away from Rufrano in third, who had a gap back to Rocco in fourth and Ronnie Williams in fifth. Flynn was sixth followed by Vassar, Owen, Michael Gervais, Jr., and Matt Gallo.

With 10 laps to go, DiMatteo was still in the lead with Hodgdon right behind him in second. Rocco got around Rufrano to take over third with Williams in fifth. Flynn was sixth followed by Owen, Vassar, Gervais, and Gallo.

Hodgdon was able to get to DiMatteo's bumper but he couldn't find a way to get by as DiMatteo

scored his first career SK Modified® victory. Rocco finished third with Williams and Rufrano rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature, Marc Curtis led the field to the green but it was Duane Provost taking the lead on lap-1. Curtis was second with Tom Fearn in third, John Blake in fourth and Rick Lanagan in fifth. Fearn took second from Curtis on lap-2 and he was on the inside of Provost looking for the lead when the caution flew for Ryan Fearn, who came to a stop against the frontstretch wall.

Fearn streaked into the lead on the restart but R.J. Surdell spun in turn 1 to bring the caution out and put Provost back in the lead for the next restart. Fearn ran side by side with Provost for a lap and a half after the restart before he took the lead on lap-4. Curtis was now side by side with Provost for second with Adam Gray up to fourth and Jordan Hadley was up to fifth. Provost took second on lap-5 and Gray got by Curtis on lap-6 to move into third. Wayne Coury, Jr. was up to fifth as Hadley slid back to sixth in line and he went by Curtis on lap-8 to move into fourth.

Michael Bennett took fifth place from Curtis on lap-10 with Fearn still leading Provost and Gray but the caution came back out with 10 laps complete for Lanagan, who spun in turn 2.

Fearn took the lead back under green with Gray moving into second. Coury took third with Provost sliding back to fourth and Bennett was fifth. Gray made a move to the inside of Fearn on lap-12 and he took the lead on lap-13. Coury followed him by Fearn as did Bennett to move up to second and third and drop Fearn back to fourth in line

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Cory DiMatteo celebrates his first win in the SK Modified series at Stafford Motor Speedway. (SMS photo)

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with Hadley fifth.

With 10 laps to go Gray was still out front with Coury, Bennett, Fearn, Hadley, Paul Arute, Al Saunders, Jim Mavlouganis, John Blake, and Michael Wray all giving chase. Gray led the field to the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the 2020 season. Coury finished second with Bennett, Fearn, and Saunders rounding out

the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature, Todd Douillard charged into the lead on the start around the outside of Norm Sears. Kyle Ellwood took second with Sears third and Andrew Les was nearly 4-wide charging his way into fourth. Derek Debbis quickly worked his way around Les and Sears to move into third on lap-2 with Brian Sullivan following him through the field as he took fourth and dropped Sears back to fifth. Bert Ouellette, Ethan Durocher, and Alina Bryden all spun in turn 4 to bring the caution flag out with 4 laps complete.

Douillard took the lead back under green with Ellwood in second. Ellwood took the lead on lap-5 and as he took the lead in the outside lane Douillard spun in turn 2 to bring the caution back out with 5 laps complete.

Ellwood took the lead on the restart with Debbis and Sullivan side by side for second. Alexander Pearl was up to fourth and George Bessette, Jr. was up to fifth. Two laps after the restart and the top-4 cars were lined up side by side in a high speed pace lap. Debbis came out with the lead on lap-8 with Ellwood in second. Pearl and Sullivan were still side by side for third with Pearl getting clear on lap-9 just before the caution came out for spins on the frontstretch by Cassandra Cole, Amanda West, and Joey Ferrigno.

Debbis took the lead back under green with Ellwood hanging to his outside for a lap before Pearl pulled to his inside and made a side by side battle for second on lap-10. Sullivan was fourth in line with Les right behind him in fifth. Pearl got clear of Ellwood on lap-13 with Debbis still in command of the race.

Debbis looked like he was well on his way to his 2nd consecutive victory but Ferrigno spun on the



**Alexander Pearl visits victory lane at Stafford Motor Speedway after winning the SK Light feature. (SMS photo)**

backstretch with 19 laps complete to bring the caution back out and set up a green white checkered finish.

Debbis bobbled on the restart and fell back to third in line but there was a pileup in turn 1 involving Bessette, West, Robert Bloxson, III, Douillard, and Bob Charland that brought the caution out and put Debbis back on the point for another green white checkered attempt.

Pearl took the lead from Debbis on the restart with Debbis and Sullivan side by side for second. Pearl led the field to the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the 2020 season. Debbis edged out Sullivan at the line for second with Tyler Chapman coming home in fourth and Ellwood was fifth.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature, Gary Patnode shot into the lead at the green flag with Devon Jencik slotting into second place. Jeremy Lavoie was third with Andrew Durand and Alexandra Fearn lined up behind him. Lavoie moved by Jencik to take over second on lap-2 and that move opened the door for Durand to follow him through to third on lap-3 and drop Jencik back to fourth. Fearn followed the lead of Lavoie and Durand and she took fourth from Jencik on lap-4 and Matt Clement took over fifth as Jencik slid back to sixth in line as Patnode continued to lead the race.

Lavoie was applying heavy pressure to Patnode for the lead with Durand right on Lavoie's back bumper as the cars approached the halfway point of the race but Patnode was able to keep his car out front. Durand spun in the middle of turns 3+4 to bring the caution out with 9 laps complete.

Patnode took the lead back under green with Fearn moving into

second. Lavoie fell back to third with Matt Clement fourth. Fearn made a move to the inside of Patnode for the lead coming out of turn 2 with 10 laps complete but she spun and brought the caution flag back out.

Patnode again took the lead on the restart with Clement going by Lavoie to move into second. Durand followed Clement by Lavoie to take third and drop Lavoie back to fourth. Durand continued his charge to the front as he took second from Clement on lap-12 just before the caution came out for Jay Clement, who came to a stop on the backstretch.

Patnode took the lead on the restart with Durand inches behind his back bumper in second. Clement was third in line with Lucas Leone up to fourth and Lavoie fifth. Durand drifted up the track in turn 2 on lap-17 but Clement was not able to take advantage and stayed third in line behind Durand with Patnode still out front.

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

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature, Adrien Paradis took the lead at the green with Nickolas Hovey, Brandon Michael, Larry Barnett, and Al Stone, III making up the top-5. Hovey spun coming out of turn 2 to bring the caution out and Paradis was sent to the rear of the field for contact with Hovey. This put Michael and Barnett on the front row with Stone and Jason Lafayette in the second row for the restart.

Michael and Barnett were side by side for the lead back under green with Stone and Lafayette side by side for third behind them.

Barnett got clear into the lead on lap-4 with Michael and Lafayette now side by side for second with Stone in fourth and Zack Robinson was up to fifth. Adam Huff spun in the middle of turns 1+2 to bring the caution out with 6 laps complete.

Barnett took the lead on the restart with Stone taking second. Lafayette drifted up the track in turn 4 and fell back to 12th in line as Michael was third, Meghan Fuller fourth and Chris Meyer fifth. Robinson was sixth followed by George Yuska, Tess Beyer, Travis Hydar, Paradis, and Hovey. Beyer and Yuska touched with Yuska spinning through the frontstretch infield to bring the caution back out with 10 laps complete.

Barnett took the lead on the restart with Fuller charging her way into second. Meyer was up to third with Robinson and Stone side by side for fourth. Fuller was able to make a move to the inside of Barnett to take over the lead on lap-13. Robinson was now up to fourth behind Barnett and Meyer with Hydar in fifth as Stone slid back to sixth place. Marvin Minkler spun in turn 3 to bring the caution out with 19 laps complete and set up a green white checkered finish.

Bobby Stirk, III and Yuska spun in turn 1 on the restart to bring the caution right back out. Fuller and Barnett ran side by side for a lap before Fuller got clear to the lead coming to the white flag. Meyer moved into second but couldn't get close enough to Fuller as Fuller took down her first win of the 2020 season. Behind Fuller and Meyer there was a multicar incident coming to the checkered flag but it was Stone finishing third, Lafayette fourth, and fifth.

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

## Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway officials have announced that the Twisted Tea Open Modified 80 event scheduled for Saturday, August 1st has been postponed to a future date due to scheduling conflicts in the region. Additionally the events scheduled for August 21 and 22nd have been updated to eliminate scheduling conflicts for Modified teams.

"Due to the NASCAR Modified Tour event scheduled on the same day we have decided to postpone the Twisted Tea Open 80 to a later date," explained Stafford Speed-

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way president Mark Arute. "It's very important to us to provide an excellent on track product for our fans and we felt that due to the scheduling conflict we would not be able to deliver that on Saturday. The Open Modifieds return next Friday, August 7th for a 100-lap event which should have a great field of cars."

All tickets purchased for the Twisted Tea Open 80 will be good for the NAPA Auto Parts Open Modified 100 scheduled for next Friday. If ticket holders are unable to attend the August 7th event they are encouraged to contact the track office.

Stafford Speedway has also adjusted the August 21st and 22nd schedule. The Lincoln Tech Open Modified 80 has been moved to Friday and will be paired with the SK Modifieds® and SK Light Modifieds in a full open wheel event. The Call Before You Dig Pro Late Model 81 will remain on the schedule for Saturday, August 22nd and will be paired with Stafford's Late Model, Limited Late Model, and Street Stock divisions.

"Scheduling in 2020 has been challenging, but we will keep doing our best to get in events and provide a great show for the fans," continued Arute. "As always, a big thank you to our race teams and fans for working with us through all the changes this year. We'll see everyone this Friday."

Stafford Speedway returns to action this Friday with a regular event that includes all 5 of Stafford's weekly divisions. Limited general admission and paddock passes remain available and are now on-sale here: <https://staffordmotorspeedway.com/store/Event-Tickets-c40170015>. Any fans who cannot attend this Friday's event in person can order the live stream for \$20 from [www.staffordspeedway.tv](http://www.staffordspeedway.tv).

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

## Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Danny Dietrich took the lead from Anthony Macri on a lap 18 restart and went on to win his first Williams Grove

Speedway 410 sprint main of the season on Friday night at the Cumberland County oval.

The victory was the 25th of Dietrich's career at the speedway.

In the 25-lap 358 sprint main, Carlisle's Derek Locke sped to victory.

The win was the third generation driver's first ever win at the facility.

Tyler Ross could lead only one lap of the 25-lap 410 sprint feature before second starter Anthony Macri got by for control.

Macri hit lapped traffic on the eighth loop with Ross and third starter Danny Dietrich in tow.

The pair dueled for second briefly before Brent Marks and Brock Zearfoss joined in the battle and as all four pilots raced for second under a blanket, Macri began getting away from the field.

By lap 16, Macri had a straight-away lead over the four-car battle for second as Dietrich went for a pass in turns three and four with Ross holding the spot.

That move by Dietrich only served to intensify the war for second as the foursome really bunched up for the spot as they raced into turn three on the 18th tour.

With Zearfoss in the middle and Marks blasting the bottom, Ross ran the top groove only to see both cars get underneath and edge him too high in the fourth corner, forcing him to come to a stop.

Dietrich then took over second with Marks, Zearfoss and now Freddie Rahmer inside the top five.

Macri had been rolling the cushion to perfection prior to the yellow, making his time while pulling away from the field.

But when action resumed, he dropped off of the cushion line entering the first turn and instead rolled in through the middle before sliding up to catch the cushion.

This gave Dietrich exactly the run that he needed for the win as he worked off of the bottom down the backchute to blast by on the lowside in turns three and four for control.

Macri seemed to struggle after the restart, soon giving up second to Marks with five laps left.

By that time however, Dietrich was off and running to the win, which he got by a margin of 2.616 seconds.

Macri settled for third followed by Zearfoss and Lucas Wolfe.

Sixth through 10th went to Ryan Smith, Freddie Rahmer, Jason Solwold, Chase Dietz and Matt Campbell.

Twin heats went to Ross and

Macri.

"On the restart we went into one and I thought maybe he might slide himself so I just had to nail the bottom," Dietrich said of his strategy against Macri on the final restart.

"We've been racing against some really, really good competition, whether it's the All Stars or the outlaws or just plain Kyle Larson."

The 25-lap 358 sprint main, a Summer Series extra distance event, got off to a rocky start with four attempts at getting the first lap complete before Derek Locke could be scored as the official leader.

Locke would end up leading all 25 laps but not before feeling pressure late in the race as applied by Brett Wanner.

A red for refueling with three laps to go saw Wanner get under and beside Locke for control on the restart and ensuing laps but a wiggle on the second turn cushion with one and one-half laps to go sealed the deal for Locke.

Wanner had also gotten by Locke for the lead on lap 11 only to see Locke come back on him for control in the third turn.

Polesitter Kevin Nouse was sidelined from the event during the second attempted start when Doug Hammaker blasted underneath him for second in the third turn and made contact with his left front wheel, sending him careening upward across the speedway.

Hammaker would later withdraw from the event mid-race.

Dylan Norrish rode home third followed by Jordan Strickler and Scott Fisher.

Sixth through 10th went to Jordan Givler, Brett Strickler, Rich Eichelberger, Chad Criswell and Matt Findley.

Heats went to Locke, Hammaker and Nouse with Findley taking the consolation race.

## Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Williams Grove Speedway will present the Billy Kimmel Memorial for the Lawrence Chevrolet 410 sprint cars along with the Civil War Super Late Model Series coming up this Friday, August 7 at 7:30 pm.

Gates will open at 5:30.

The Billy Kimmel Memorial for 410 sprint cars is run in honor of Billy Kimmel of Mechanicsburg.

At the age of 27, Kimmel was fatally injured in a sprint car racing accident at Williams Grove Speedway in 2007.

The 2020 Kimmel Memorial will be 25 laps in distance, paying \$3,800 to win with \$500 on the line

just to start the feature as the race takes place as a Yellow Breeches 500 event.

There will be NO time trials.

Freddie Rahmer is the defending Kimmel Memorial champion.

The super late models will compete in their first race of the season at the track on Friday as part of the 2020 Civil War Super Late Model Series – North vs South, between Williams Grove and Selinsgrove Speedways as presented by RBS Auto & Trailer Sales and Modern Heritage.

The Civil War Series super late model race will go 25 laps in distance, paying \$2,200 to the winner including a posted bonus.

With two races, at Selinsgrove Speedway, already completed this season, Jeff Rine currently leads the series standings over Andy Haus. Both drivers have scored a victory.

Friday's late model winner will be a guaranteed starter in the August 16 Frank Sagi Tribute race to be held at Hagerstown Speedway.

In 2019, Rick Eckert and Brandon Sheppard scored late model wins at the track with Eckert scoring twice.

Adult general admission is set at \$16 with youth ages 13 – 20 admitted for \$10. Kids ages 12 and under are always admitted for FREE at Williams Grove Speedway.

A second Williams Grove Civil War Series date comes up at the track on August 21 when the World of Outlaws invade. The event will carry appearance points only toward the Civil War Series standings.

Williams Grove Speedway will be in action on Friday, August 14 with a rare three-division program of 410 sprints, 358 sprints and USAC wingless 360 sprints.

Both the 410 and 358 sprints will receive only 50 appearance points upon entering competition on August 14. All point/race penalties will be suspended for this special program that was added to the 2020 schedule within just the last six weeks.

Keep up to date on all the latest speedway news and information by visiting the oval's official website located at [www.williams Grove.com](http://www.williams Grove.com) or by following the track on Twitter and Facebook.

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