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Hamlin Wins at Richmond and the Chase Begins



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The Chase is On!

The 16 drivers who made the final cut for the Chase for the Championship took different routes into the playoffs. Some dominated early in the regular season, some came on strong late. Others merely survived.

All now face the rigors of staying alive through three qualifying rounds of eliminations, with the

final four racing 400 miles at the Homestead-Miami Speedway for the championship.

With 1,000 moving parts and different 40 egos and strategies all racing at the same time, there are no guarantees who will be eliminated during the process, all 16 have provided some clues of what to expect. So here's a projection of what to expect:

The real deals: Martin Truex Jr., Kevin Harvick, Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch.

For the second year in a row, Truex is the best feel-good story in the playoffs. His determination to fight through adversity, including life-threatening cancer with his longtime girlfriend Sherry Pollex, has made him one of the most-popular drivers in the sport.

"By far this is my best shot," he said. "Last year we had a shot. I didn't feel like it was a great one just based on where we were at speed-wise at that point in the season, so this year we've been so fast all year long if we can just keep that up we're going to have a great shot at it."



DON COBLE

Even with one of the worst pit crews, Harvick has been the most-consistent driver throughout the season. Barring any more collapses on pit road, he's a solid candidate for the finals.

"I'm especially excited about the last month that we are coming off of with the performance," he said. "Everything just seems to be clicking at the right time. Just really happy with everybody on our team."

With a victory last Saturday at Richmond and eight consecutive top-nine finishes, Hamlin clearly has the most momentum.

"It's a great team effort here. We've got everything going for us. A total team effort – just everyone at JGR (Joe Gibbs Racing) building these fast, fast cars," he said.

Defending Sprint Cup champion Kyle Busch not only knows how to work through the Chase, he still has one of the best teams.

"I feel like we kind of are right even with where we were last year," he said. "You got to be careful and try to again minimize your bad days and make it forward."

The elite eight: Joey Logano, Kyle Larson, Kurt Busch and Brad Keselowski.

After winning a series-best six races a year ago, Logano's lone victory came three months ago at Michigan.

"Our team is in great shape; I think the batteries are charged," he said. "We will show up relaxed and enjoy it. We have to do our deal and change up what we do."

Larson won his way into the playoffs last month at Michigan. He's had three top-three finishes in a row, but he also has seven finishes this year of 24th or worse.

"There are a lot of those in the

Chase, which is good," he said. "Just like I said, hopefully, we can keep this momentum rolling and keep these good finishes going."

Kurt Busch has been able to use his experience to offset a lack of speed in the past couple months. But to get to the final segment, he will need everything to be clicking.

"Just play it cool," he said. "Let the race come to us. It's a long 10 weeks."

Keselowski has plenty of speed, but he also doesn't have a lot of friends. His chances are more difficult because he's not going to get many breaks from the competition.

"I have stopped worrying about all that stuff," he said. "It all comes down to the same thing: this is a dynamic environment."

So close, yet so far away: Chase Elliott, Matt Kenseth, Austin Dillon and Carl Edwards.

Elliott, the son of 1988 champion Bill Elliott, has a promising future. But asking a rookie to win a championship is too much to ask, especially for one who still hasn't won.

"Getting in is the first very small step of these last 10 races," Elliott said. "We are going to give it our best effort and we are going to fight as hard as we can and give it the best shot we can."

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The Chase players: Top row, left to right - Kyle Busch, Tony Stewart, Kurt Busch, Joey Logano, Carl Edwards, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick and Matt Kenseth. Bottom row, left to right - Brad Keselowski, Chris Buescher, Martin Truex, Jr., Chase Elliott, Kyle Larson, Jimmie Johnson, Austin Dillon and Jamie McMurray pose with the coveted NASCAR Sprint Cup Series trophy at RIR. (Nigel Kinrade/NKP)

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42	LARSON
14	STEWART
41	KU. BUSCH
34	BUESCHER
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3	A. DILLON
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Kenseth is one of the most-puzzling drivers in the Chase. He's got a great race team, and he has the experience to back up his 2003 championship. At the same time, he's has two finishes of 37th or worse in the last four races.

"We know we have the equipment to go out there and win races and race for a championship, so that's probably the part I feel the best about," he said. "It's just the rest of the stuff we just have some little things here or there we probably need to clean up and do better and get the finishes."

Like Elliott, Dillon got his spot in the playoffs on points. He will need to dig a little deeper if he hopes to advance.

"I'm not going to take stress into the Chase," he said. "I'm going to go have fun and try to win, look at it with no pressure situation."

After losing the championship to Tony Stewart in 2011 in a tiebreaker, Edwards believes he's in a better spot this year to finish one point better. To do that, however, he will need to avoid the big swings between good and bad finishes.

"This is the best shot I've ever

had," he said. "We're ready to go to Chicago [for Sunday's race]. It's going to be pretty cool."

Thanks for playing: Chris Buescher, Tony Stewart, Jimmie Johnson and Jamie McMurray.

Buescher won a rain-shortened race at Pocono to qualify for the playoffs, but he had to fight during the past month to remain in the top 30. Just making the cut is the payoff for lower-tiered team.

"I want to make it through the first round and then we will reevaluate from there," he said.

Stewart had an emotional win at Sonoma, but he hasn't been much of factor the rest of the season. His retirement tour probably won't end ceremoniously.

"In 2011 I said I was wasting a spot," he said. "Obviously, I was wrong with that and I obviously don't know what I'm talking about."

It's hard to believe Johnson, a six-time champion, is a longshot. Since he's only got one top-five finish in his last 13 races, it's apparent his team is searching for answers.

"I don't know what the secret sauce is, but I know we need to be consistent and I know we need to be running in the top five, so that is our goal to start," he said.

McMurray found a way to be consistent in the final nine races to sneak in on points.

"I feel good about heading into

the first round and we will evaluate I think Talladega might be in the second round, so there are some unknowns," he said.

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Chasing The Chase

When the checkered flag waved at Richmond International Speedway on Saturday night, the NASCAR Sprint Chase for the Sprint Cup field was set. Sixteen drivers now advance to a ten-race playoff format to determine

who will be the 2016 NASCAR Sprint Cup Champion. What began at Daytona in February now travels to Chicagoland Speedway for the first race of the playoff. And, while the excitement for the sixteen drivers, teams, and sponsors reaches a peak, the media and fans of motorsports certainly have their level of enjoyment too.

One media member has planned a special "tour" to follow the Chase races and report interesting stories as well as the results. Beginning at Chicagoland Speedway next weekend and ending at the Homestead-Miami Speedway in November, Jerry Jordan has an interesting journey of his own.

Jordan, who works with Performance Racing Network (PRN) as well as his own company Kickin' the Tires, will drive to each event. While that is commonplace for each team racing, it's very unusual for a member of the media to drive to each race, given the schedule of the ten races in the Chase.

"The idea is to drive from race-to-race, stopping periodically to meet with NASCAR fans and promote the Chase and my journey," Jordan said. "I'll camp at each track each week and plan to utilize social media platforms on a daily basis to report my progress as well as motorsports news. I've already talked with several major media outlets who will report on my trip and its progress. Staff members at PRN and Sirius Radio have agreed to mention and have us on as guests during the trip."

The first discussion of doing a "Chasing The Chase" trip happened during the Charlotte Motor Speedway Media Tour in January, 2016. The idea started out as a trip to follow the early-season west coast swing of Las Vegas, Phoenix,

and Fontana (CA), and drive across country and to each event. However, the logistics didn't come together in time to make that journey, but the thought of doing just the Chase races at the end of the season developed.



DENNIS PUNCH

"At Bristol last month, I brought up the idea to several of my media buddies about the Chase trip," Jordan continued. "Everyone said, 'Yeah, that sounds cool'. But, no one wanted to commit to going with me. I kind of forced a few of the dot-com guys like Chris Knight at Catchfence.com and Matt Weaver with Autoweek and Racer to commit

to participating."

"So, I did what any unreasonable person determined to prove this could actually happen would do – I bought a 2017 21-foot self-contained RV to pull behind my truck," Jordan added. "I figured if I had any chance of convincing a sponsor to

put a logo on the back of the RV and give financial support to this crazy trip, I needed to have skin in the game. I think after we get going, potential sponsors will take notice and want to join. There have been lots of inquiries and people are talking about our trip, but there still seems to be some doubt we can pull this off."

Jordan mentioned that the one constant during his planning this journey has been NASCAR. They thought that I had a great idea and have supported my plan. He believes that NASCAR has helped him get into the campgrounds at each track as well as assisting with others hurdles. Their blessing has certainly been a plus.

"Aside from Twitter, Periscope, SnapChat, and Facebook, we want to stop along our trip at various locations and have fan events," Jordan stated. "We will post a schedule of our trip and look forward to meeting fans, answering their questions, and potentially having them meet some drivers too. We'll have t-shirts, hats, and even some tickets to give away at many of our stops, so the fans can really enjoy the experience with us."

"At the tracks, I've got commit-

ments from several Camping World Truck and XFINITY Series drivers to stop by our campsite and enjoy meeting with the fans," Jordan mentioned. "Depending on their schedules, several Cup drivers will drop by and visit as well."

Jordan did mention that opportunities exist for a marketing partner or two to join the ride. Basically, he is looking for assistance with covering his expenses. He told me that a company could get a ton of exposure throughout this trip, not only by having their company logo on his RV traveling across the country, but through the social media networks that he will use. Personally, I think Chasing The Chase would be a great social media marketing campaign for various types of companies.

"I'm really excited to begin Chasing The Chase," Jordan concluded. "It's going to be fun as well as challenging. But, I believe that our journey will give our fans a new and inside look at traveling with our sport. The prospects are unlimited, and who knows, with the right marketing partners, I may just do the entire 2017 season on the road."

Best wishes my friend. It's going to be a memorable journey.



Jerry Jordan's "Chase" vehicle will enable him to travel to each of the ten tracks that make up the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Chase for the Championship. (Dennis Punch photo)

Denny Hamlin Wins Regular Season Finale at Richmond

By REID SPENCER

RICHMOND, Va. — Denny Hamlin won a wild race at his home track, and the top four Chase hopefuls entering Saturday night's Federated Auto Parts 400 all held serve at Richmond International Raceway in an event that ended in

overtime after a record 16 cautions.

Jamie McMurray locked up a spot in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup with a seventh-place finish, and Austin Dillon did likewise with a 13th-place run.

Sunoco rookies Chase Elliott and Chris Buescher both weathered some tense moments to qualify for NASCAR's 10-race playoff, the first time two rookies have ever been included in the Chase field—and the first time any rookie has made the Chase since Hamlin accomplished the feat in 2006.

Elliott brought out the third caution of the night after contact with the Turn 1 wall, but he recovered to finish 19th to earn his Chase spot with room to spare.

Buescher, on the other hand, had to make a precautionary green-flag pit stop on Lap 308 of 407 because of a tire that was deflating and lost two laps in the process. But Buescher regained the lead lap during a spate of late cautions and came home 24th, his path to the Chase made easier when David Ragan, his chief rival for 30th place in the Sprint Cup standings, was eliminated in a eight-car accident on Lap 363.

Hamlin took control of the race when his pit crew handed him the lead under caution on Lap 322. Six cautions followed, the last of which sent the race to overtime when Regan Smith slammed the outside wall on Lap 399 of a scheduled 400.

Kyle Larson pitted for fresh tires under the yellow and streaked from 12th to second on the two-lap overtime run, but the driver of the No. 42 Chip Ganassi Racing Chevrolet didn't have time to catch Hamlin's No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, which crossed the finish line with a margin of victory of .609 seconds.

Hamlin, who grew up in nearby Chesterfield, was elated to win the race in front of his home crowd.

"That's what's so special about it," said Hamlin, who started from the pole and led the last 86 laps (189 total) on the way to his third victory of the season, his third at the .75-mile track and the 29th of his career. "You get to do it at home.

"I see all the extra Denny Hamlin shirts and hats and everything, and it just fires me up every time I get here. This was a great car, and hopefully we can use it in the Chase."

Martin Truex Jr. ran third, followed by Brad Keselowski and Kevin Harvick. Kasey Kahne, who needed a victory to advance to the Chase, ran sixth after a hard-fought run to the finish. McMurray, Kurt Busch, Kyle Busch and Joey Logano completed the top 10.

With the exception of Kahne, all top-10 finishers on Saturday will compete in the Chase.

Ryan Newman's hopes of an eleventh-hour Chase miracle ended abruptly on Lap 363 when contact between his No. 31 Chevrolet and Tony Stewart's No. 14 Chevy sent both cars out of control, blocking the track at the entry to Turn 3.

All told, eight cars were in the accident, but no driver was more incensed than Newman, who was racing hard with Stewart for the 10th position in a last-ditch attempt to make the Chase by winning the

race.

"The No. 14 (Stewart) cut across my nose into Turn 1, and I got into him after that, but he'd already chopped into me and messed up my line, and I clipped him a little bit coming off of (Turn) 2," Newman said of Stewart, who was racing at Richmond for the last time in a Sprint Cup car. ...

"And then he just drove across my nose on the back straightaway. We'll keep fighting like we always do. It's just unfortunate not to end the way we wanted to. It's just disappointing that you've got somebody old like that, that should be retired the way he drives. It's just ridiculous."

Not surprisingly, Stewart had a different perspective.

"That was the third time he'd driven into me during the night, and how many times does a guy get a free pass until you've had enough of it?" said the three-time champion.

"He's got to do his part racing for a championship, too, and to race to get in there, and if you're going to run into guys -- I go into (Turn) 1 and he dive bombs in there.

"I'm already coming down, so it's not like I was trying to squeeze him in the infield or something. Ryan and I have been good friends. I don't do that to him. But he hits me in 1, he hits me off of 2, and it's like the third time by that time. There was once early in the race that nobody saw. Three times, that's two more times than I normally let somebody run into me."

And as to Newman's suggestion Stewart should be retired already?

"He'll get his wish in 10 weeks," Stewart said. "He'll get his wish. Maybe next year without us here, he'll get his spot in the Chase that way."

The Lap 363 pileup that ended Newman's Chase hopes—and ended with Dylan Lupton's Toyota on the hood of Newman's car—also locked Buescher into NASCAR's playoff with the elimination of Ragan from the race.

"It was a crazy race," said Buescher, the first driver to represent Front Row Motorsports in the Chase. "I can't believe how many cautions we had. We got involved in one of the accidents, had a tire go down, just a very eventful day. Just so proud to be here."

Elliott was just relieved to shed the stress of an eventful race.

"I just think we have to first off be thankful that we were able to get in tonight after the night we had," Elliott said. "I can't thank my guys for working as hard as they did."

NOTES: With four victories this season, Kyle Busch starts the Chase next Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway as the top seed with 2,012 points, the same total earned by second-seeded Keselowski, also a four-time winner ... With three victories and 2,009 points, Hamlin is the No. 3 seed, followed by Harvick, Carl Edwards, Truex, Matt Kenseth, Jimmie Johnson, Joey Logano, Larson, Stewart, Kurt Busch, Buescher, Elliott, Dillon and McMurray. ... **Truex's No. 78 Toyota failed the laser inspection station after the race. If penalties are warranted, they will be announced before the Chase begins.**



Denny Hamlin, looking out of the confetti, celebrates winning the Federated Auto Parts 400 at his home track in Richmond. (Matt Thacker/NKP photo)

Kyle Busch Returns to Form with Dominating NASCAR XFINITY Win at Richmond

By REID SPENCER

RICHMOND, VA -

With one ferociously fast pit stop, Kyle Busch erased a lackluster qualifying effort and cruised to victory in Friday night's Virginia529 College Sav-

ings 250 at Richmond International Raceway.

A master at getting on and off pit road in minimal time, Busch entered the pits in fourth place under the first caution of the race after a tap from J.J. Yeley sent Justin Marks spinning into the frontstretch grass on Lap 48.

Busch was first off pit road—decisively—and at that point it was game over, thanks for playing, and Busch was well on the way to his sixth NASCAR XFINITY Series victory at Richmond, his eighth in 14 starts this season and the 84th of his career, extending his own gargantuan series record.

"I never would have guessed that," Busch exulted on the team radio before he started his celebratory burnout. "Great pit stop! Awesome!"

Before the second caution flew on Lap 164 of 250, Busch had a lead of 7.312 seconds and had lapped up to eighth place in the running order before a cycle of green-flag stops began.

Busch finished 6.453 seconds ahead of Joe Gibbs Racing teammate and runner-up Erik Jones, who ran the same setup Busch had in his No. 18 Toyota. The victory marked a decisive return to form for the reigning NASCAR Sprint Cup champion, who had crashed out of his two previous XFINITY races.

"I just doubted our car today," said Busch, who led 197 laps and scored a perfect driver rating of 150.0.

"It just wasn't right. We just kind of missed it all through practice. It wasn't good there, and then we qualified, and it was just a handful in qualifying. We didn't qualify very well—seventh. That's not very well for my expectations.

"We worked on it there at the start of the race. We were really out of control and loose, and I got to fourth, I thought that was kind where we were going to be. But my guys had an awesome pit stop, got



With his signature saluting the fans, Kyle Busch waves his checkered flag after winning Friday night at RIR. (Nigel Kinrade/NKP)

me out front, and (crew chief) Chris Gayle made some really smart adjustments to it that first time on pit road.

"After that, it was lights out. It was on a rail from there."

Jones could only admire the skill of his more experienced teammate—when he was close enough to see Busch ahead of him, that is.

"Not much to say," said Jones, whose two laps led during a cycle of green-flag pit stops constituted the only interruption to Busch's charge to the finish. "He had the same setup as us. He's just that good. It's unfortunate. We've run second to him a number of times

this year.

"I wish all those were wins, but we've been getting stronger every time."

Brad Keselowski ran third, followed by XFINITY regulars Elliott Sadler, the series leader, and Justin Allgaier. Ty Dillon, polesitter Austin Dillon, Daniel Suarez, Alex Bowman and Brennan Poole completed the top 10.

Ryan Reed, the last driver to finish on the lead lap, clinched a spot in the inaugural XFINITY Series Chase with an 11th-place run, leaving two berths still open heading to the Sept. 17 cutoff race at Chicagoland Speedway.



With a pit stop giving him the lead, Kyle Busch took that lead and went on to win the Virginia529 College Savings 250 at Richmond International Raceway. (Matt Thacker/NKP photo)

Measmer, Jr. Celebrates First Tour Victory

ROBERSON - VILLE, NC - After coming close several times to securing the checkered flag in the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour, Bobby Measmer Jr. finally celebrated his first victory Sunday at East Carolina Motor Speedway.

Measmer Jr. took the lead on Lap 130 and held off Danny Bohn after a late caution to win weather-delayed the Visit Martin County 150 in his 32 career start.

Bohn passed Jeremy Gerstner for second on the final restart while Gerstner held on to equal his career-best tour finish in third.

Jason Myers and points leader Burt Myers completed the top five.

Measmer qualified sixth and quickly moved into the top five where he would remain for most of the inaugural event at high-banked short track.

Burt Myers won the Coors Light Pole Award and led the first 53 laps before Gerstner, who qualified fourth, took the lead on Lap 54. Myers took the lead on Lap 66 and remained out front until making a pit stop under caution on Lap 87.

Kyle Bonsignore assumed the top spot on a restart after a caution and stayed out front until Lap 109 when Gerstner took the lead a sec-

ond time on Lap 109.

Gerstner led the next 21 laps before Measmer made his pass.

The race was slowed five times by caution for 29 laps.

George Brunnhoelzl, III was sixth with Andy Seuss, Bonsignore, Trey Hutchens III and Robert Baab completed the top 10.

Myers was able to add four points to his points lead over Seuss to now hold a 14-point advantage (344-330) with three races remaining on the 2016 schedule.

The southern tour returns to ac-



Bobby Measmer Jr. celebrates after winning the Visit Martin County 150 Sunday at East Carolina Motor Speedway. (Elgin Traylor/Speed51.com for NASCAR photo)



Noah Gragson made a late race move on Todd Gilliland Sunday to sweep the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West weekend at Utah Motorsports Campus. (Gene Sweeney Jr./NASCAR via Getty Images photo)

tion on Saturday, Sept. 17 at South Boston (Va.) Speedway for the South Boston 150 at 8 p.m.

Gragson Completes K&N Pro West Sweep With Last Lap Pass

TOOLE, UT - Noah Gragson made the big move on Todd Gilliland on the last lap of the UMC 110 presented by Ken Garff Volvo to sweep the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West doubleheader weekend at Utah Motorsports Campus.

It was Gragson's second win in as many days, as the Las Vegas driver won Saturday's race on the 3.048-mile oval. The races marked the first time the series ran a doubleheader on back-to-back days at the same venue, and Gragson made the most of the historic weekend.

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Gragson powered his No. 7 Ford through the field after dropping from third to 12th to avoid an incident mid-way through the race. After charging his way back into the top three, the 17-year-old NASCAR Next driver used his winning strategy from last night – conserving his tires and waiting for the perfect moment to strike.

Gragson's window opened when he was able to get by Ryan Partridge in the turns with seven laps remaining. For the next six laps, he stared down Gilliland's bumper waiting for the opportunity to take the lead. Gragson made the bump-and-run on his fellow NASCAR Next driver on the final lap to grab the checkered flag for the second time.

Gilliland and Partridge finished second and third, respectively, while Gilliland's teammate Riley Herbst and veteran Todd Souza rounded out the top five.

Gragson's weekend sweep moved him third in the standings, where he trails Gilliland by 37 points. Partridge sits just 13 points back of Gilliland with two races remaining.

Blaine Perkins, Will Rodgers, Julia Landauer, Cole Rouse and Stafford Smith completed the top 10.

The Utah doubleheaders will air on NBCSN Saturday, September 17 from 9 and 10 p.m. ET (7 and 9 p.m. MT).

The NASCAR K&N Pro Series West will return to action Saturday, Sept. 24 at Idaho's Meridian Speedway.

Gragson Opens Utah Weekend in Victory Lane

TOOLE, UT - Noah Gragson put a near-miss on a road-course behind him Saturday.

Gragson redeemed himself at Utah Motorsports Campus with a win in the Utah 110 presented by Ken Garff Volvo, the first race of the weekend doubleheader at the 3.048-mile road course.

The Las Vegas, Nevada, driver took the lead from Todd Gilliland with nine laps to go to earn his first NASCAR K&N Pro Series West victory of the season.

The NASCAR Next driver

started the race in fourth in the No. 7 Ford. Gragson spent most of the race behind Ryan Partridge and Gilliland conserving his tires and waiting for the perfect opportunity to strike. His window opened when Partridge cut a tire with 13 laps to go and it continued when Gilliland made a mistake late in the race.

Gragson capitalized on the error to take the lead and cruise to Victory Lane.

It was Gragson's fourth career K&N Pro win.

Gilliland and Gracin Raz finished second and third, respectively, at Utah. Julia Landauer and Riley Herbst rounded out the top five.

Blaine Perkins, Will Rodgers, Tim Spurgeon, Partridge and Cole Rouse completed the top 10.

Gilliland was able to push his lead to 11 over Partridge, who won the Coors Light Pole Award earlier Saturday. Gragson is third in points, 29 behind Partridge and one in front of Raz.

Lapcevich One Step Closer to Title With Win at St. Eustache

ST. EUSTACHE, QUEBEC - Sometimes a driver needs a good car and a good call by his crew chief to win a race.

Cayden Lapcevich got that and more Saturday at Autodrome St. Eustache to win the Lucas Oil 250. The 16-year-old's third win of the season also moved the Grimsby, Ontario, driver one step closer to winning the 2016 NASCAR Pinty's Series championship.

The rookie was the last driver to pit for tires on Lap 213 and that decision by his dad and crew chief Jeff Lapcevich paid off.

The younger Lapcevich restarted seventh and quickly moved up through the field and took the lead on Lap 241.

After contact between Jason Hathaway and Labbe in Turn 3 brought out the caution flag to set up the green-white-checkered finish, Lapcevich held off veteran D.J. Kennington and Mark Dilley to the checkered flag.

With the victory and Andrew Ranger's eighth-place finish, Lapcevich will carry a 41-point lead over Ranger entering the season finale at Ontario's Kawartha Speedway next weekend. Lapcevich can become the youngest series champion in the history of NASCAR series by starting the race at Kawartha.

While Lapcevich ended up celebrating in Victory Lane, it appeared during the second half of the race



Cayden Lapcevich celebrates winning the Lucas Oil 250 Saturday at Quebec's Autodrome St. Eustache for his third NASCAR Pinty's Series victory of the season. (Matthew Manor/NASCAR photo)

either Kennington or Dilley would end long winless droughts and celebrate a win.

Kennington, a two-time series champion who hasn't won since 2013, led a race-high 90 laps and appeared to be the car to beat before the late cautions. Dilley, who last won in 2011, led 24 laps and finished third. Adam Martin fourth and Alex Tagliani rounding out the top five.

Larry Jackson, Gary Klutt, Ranger, Labbe and Jason Hathaway completed the top 10.

Alex Labbe started on the pole after rain washed out qualifying and the field was set per the rulebook. Labbe and Kevin Lacroix traded the lead during the first 57 laps of the race.

Kennington passed Labbe for the lead on Lap 57 and Labbe retook the lead before rain brought out the red flag on Lap 62 for nearly an hour.

Once the race resumed, Labbe led until Dilley passed him for the top spot on Lap 108.

The Lucas Oil 250 will air TSN, Sunday, Sept. 18, at 1 p.m. ET, and also on RDS, Friday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m. ET.

The Kawartha 250 will complete the 2016 season for the NASCAR Pinty's Series on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Solomito's Late Pass At Seekonk Earns Him Fourth Whelen Modified Victory

SEEKONK, MA - When it was go-time, Timmy Solomito didn't hesitate.

The Islip, New York, driver muscled his way past Doug Coby on Lap 114 and then held off the three-time champion as well as championship contender Justin

Bonsignore to win Saturday night's AnytimeRealty.com 150 at Seekonk Speedway.

It was Solomito's fourth NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win of the season.

Solomito started alongside Coby on the Lap 112 restart. After failing to get by on the outside on the first lap, Solomito fell into line behind Coby coming off Turn 4 and then drove low into Turn 1. Solomito's left side tires kicked up dirt and grass and the two banged side nerf bars as Solomito emerged from Turn 2 with the lead.

"It was time to go," said Solomito. "There was 30-something laps to go and you're racing on a tight track. Yea, I got down on the grass there, got a little sideways. But we were able to sneak by him. That's all that mattered. At the end of the day, we were able to do it."

A late caution set up a green-white-checkered finish that pushed the race to 151 laps. Solomito was able to get away on the final restart as Bonsignore edged Coby for second.

Coby won his eighth Coors Light Pole Award of the season earlier in the day and led a race-high 108 laps.

The finish allowed Coby to maintain his 20-point lead over Bonsignore, while Solomito moved four points closer and sits 36 points out with three races remaining.

Matt Hirschman finished fourth at Seekonk, followed by Bobby Santos.

Eric Goodale, Jimmy Blewett, Rowan Pennink, Chase Dowling and Jeff Goodale completed the top 10.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will run in the F.W. Webb 100 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Wilson Tames the Bear, Clinches 2016 SSS Title

MONTGOMERY, AL - Donnie Wilson has dominated races in the past, but said it will be hard to duplicate his strong run in the Alabama 200 at Montgomery Motor Speedway.

Wilson led 183 of the event's 200 laps en route to not only a win in the prestigious Alabama 200, but also the 2016 Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco Championship. With the win, Wilson mathematically locked up the 2016 title and a guaranteed spot in December's 49th Annual Snowball Derby.

"I don't know if I have ever had a car this good and been able to win with it," Wilson said. "Today, the car was flawless. I just ran my pace the first 100 laps, and we didn't really make any changes for the second half. I was expecting the track to change some, but it didn't; so I just drove the heck out of it and we were able to get the win."

Wilson, who has been bitten with bad luck numerous times during his attempts at some of the marquee

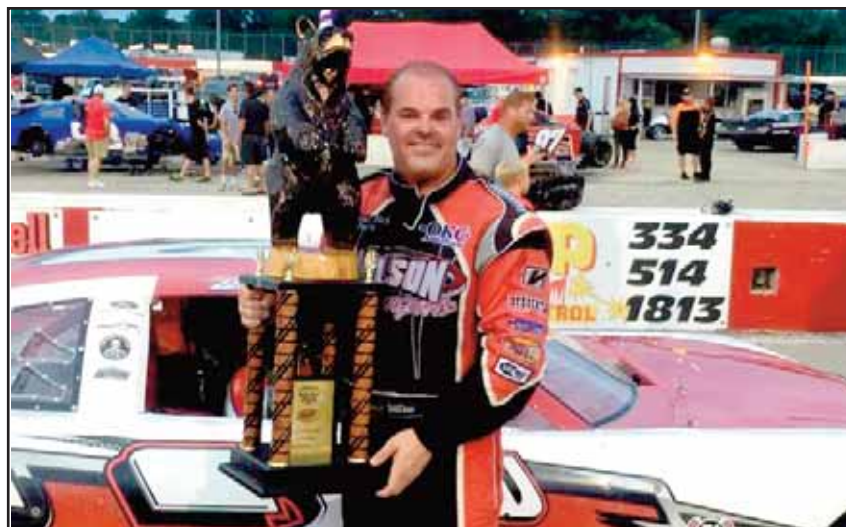
events in short track racing, almost had another dose of it late in the going at Montgomery.

On a lap 165 restart, Wilson made a mental mistake that handed the race lead to Casey Roderick and kicked the No. 2 to fourth.

"That mix up was my bad," Wilson said. "I thought I had the car in third gear, and just didn't. I hate it for Cole (Anderson) because he got messed up some. It was just a little restart issue. Luckily, we were able to make it up."

Following the restart issue, a slew of cautions rained down over the final 45 laps, including a four car pile up on lap 176 that knocked out three of the then-top five cars. Logan Boyett and Augie Grill made contact off turn four, sending Grill's machine in to the outside on the front stretch. Anderson and Derek Scott, Jr, spun to avoid the wreck, with Scott making very hard contact with the inside wall.

Wilson finally wrestled the lead away from Roderick on lap 182, following a furious battle for the lead. Roderick pinned his car to the bottom of the track, while Wilson rolled the high lane, eventually finding



Donnie Wilson hunted down the Black Bear in Alabama for the win at Montgomery Motor Speedway. (Speed51.com/SSS photo)

enough momentum to take the spot.

"Donnie was really strong," Roderick said. "That car was one of the best I have ever seen go around a race track. He carried so much speed through the corner that he was just gone a few laps in to a run."

The Oklahoma City native set sail over the final 18 laps for his first Alabama 200 win. Roderick finished second. Kyle Plott, Chase Purdy and Chandler Smith rounded out the top five.

Wilson, who has been a consistent competitor on the Southern Super Series since the series came

in to existence, said the 2016 title means quite a bit to him personally.

"I finished second in the championship last year," Wilson said. "I've run this series since it started, and I truly love this Late Model tour. It means so much to finally be a champion of the Southern Super Series."

The Southern Super Series finale will be held September 24 at Five Flags Speedway in Pensacola. The event will be broadcast for free on Speed51.com courtesy of the fine folks at PFC Brakes.

For more information on the Southern Super Series, visit www.southernsuperseries.com.

CARS Tour Championship to Be Decided at Southern National November 12th

MOORESVILLE, NC - After a pending forecast forced CARS Tour officials, for the second time this season, to make the call to postpone the action at Southern National Motorsports Park over the Labor Day week-

end the 2016 season will end at the same place it started. The 4/10th mile track in Lucama, NC will decide the 2016 championship battle on Saturday November 12th.

The Sophomore season for the CARS Tour kicked off the year on April 3rd and saw Deac McCaskill and Quin Houff pick up their sole victories so far this year. Since that

time McCaskill has held the Late Model Stock Car points lead, however; Tommy Lemons Jr. is just twelve points back with three events remaining. Houff on the other hand sits third chasing down Brandon Setzer and Super Late Model championship leader and rookie Raphael Lessard. Lessard has a fifteen point lead over second and twenty-four point lead over Houff.

Championship weekend at Southern National will kick off with an optional test day on Friday November 11th followed by race day

on Saturday November 12th.

With cooler temperatures expected that time of year qualifying will roll off at 1:15pm followed by a 3pm green flag on the 250 lap season finale.

For more information on the all new CARS Late Model Stock Tour and the all new CARS Super Late Model Tour visit www.carsracing-tour.com or contact the series directly at 704-662-9212.

You can also follow the tour along on Twitter @CARSTour and stay connected via the tours Facebook page by liking "CARS Tour".

New England 500 At Beech Ridge Up Next For PASS North Competitors

NAPLES, ME - The upcoming New England 500 on September 15-18 at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, will once again bring together some of the best drivers from the Northeast and Canada. The big weekend of racing will feature four days of short track action, culmi-

nating with the Valenti Modified Series next Saturday and the Fall Foliage 200 for the ACT Late Models and Southern Maine Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep 300 for the PASS North Super Late Models next Sunday afternoon. The PASS Modifieds will race on both days.

With just a few events left in the race for the 2016 PASS North Super Late Model championship,

Beech Ridge Motor Speedway could play a very interesting role in the title chase. DJ Shaw comes to Beech Ridge with a 72-point advantage over Johnny Clark. Shaw was the winner at Beech Ridge in the spring, while Clark captured the checkered flag in last year's Southern Maine Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep 300. After nearly winning his third HP Hood Oxford 250 in the last four years, Travis Benjamin, returns to Beech Ridge looking to make up ground in the championship fight and seeking his second straight win at the 1/3 mile speedway.

Another strong field is expected

next weekend. All the action gets under way next Thursday and Friday with support division racing and rotating practice for all competing divisions. On Saturday, rotating practice will begin at 9:30 AM, with heat races beginning at 1 PM, followed by features for the VMS, PASS Modifieds, and Limiteds. Then, on Sunday, gates open at 8 AM, with practice at 10 AM, and features at 1 PM for the PASS North Super Late Models, ACT Late Models, and PASS Modifieds. The complete weekend schedule can be found at ProAll-StarsSeries.com.

Rookie Bell Wins 100th ARCA Race at Salem

SALEM, IN - If anyone questioned Christopher Bell's pit strategy in the beginning, they weren't when it was over, especially after he drove into victory lane Saturday night at Salem Speedway as winner of the 100th ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards race at the legendary southern Indiana short

track.

"My crew chief Jeff McClure won this one tonight," Bell said. "He took on a bold strategy in taking four tires early on when everyone else took two. I was even wondering if we were doing the right thing."

Indeed it was only lap 15 when all the leaders came down pit road for service to take just two tires while Bell took four. As the race played out with the long green flag run that followed, Bell's strategy got him back to the front while most everyone else fell back.

"My guys did their homework. They know this race goes green and that went into their decision making process. This is the 100th ARCA race at Salem. This is really special. Venturini Motorsports works hard to bring really fast Toyota Camry's. You can always count on that," added the driver of the No. 15 JBL Toyota.

The caution finally came with 40 laps to go, but by then there were only four cars left on the lead lap. Bell pitted for outside tires while his Venturini Motorsports teammate Tom Hessert took four. In the end, it didn't matter. Hessert was able to get within five lengths of Bell, but that was as close as he could get.

Bell became the first driver to sweep both Salem races in the same season since Shelby Howard in 2003.

Hessert, in the No. 25 Nortown Automotive Repair Toyota, finished second.

"Our car was really good tonight," Hessert said. "I was probably a little over conservative in the first half of the race. We were one of the best cars on two tires. At the end when we put four on, I thought we'd have a shot at Christopher, but he was the best car all night. He could cut the middle off two better than anyone. Everything happens off turn two here. My Venturini Motorsports team did a great job tonight. We've been really strong over the last half-dozen races...really proud of all my guys."

Bret Holmes finished a career-best third in the No. 23 Holmes II Excavating-Southern States Bank Chevrolet.

"We had a great car," Holmes said. "We started out too loose off the corners but it got better. I've got to get better on older tires...I need to be more consistent. The team's



Rookie Christopher Bell celebrates his sweep of the ARCA races at Salem Speedway this season. This was also the ARCA Racing Series 100th race at Salem. (arcaracing.com photos)

been great...I just gotta get better as a driver. Bright side...this is our best finish. We're consistently better as a team. I'm really proud of them."

Josh Williams finished fourth, the last car on the lead lap. John Wes Townley finished fifth.

Chase Briscoe finished sixth, but it wasn't what he was looking for, considering he led the first 111 laps.

"I'm frustrated...disappointed," Briscoe said. "I really wanted to win this one. I don't know if I was just going too hard or what, but we burned the left rear off on it. It had 160 laps on it. Got a lap down and ran out of time getting it back."

Briscoe, like most everyone else, took two tires early on but fell way back over the long green flag run. Once Briscoe fell from the lead, Bell took control and never

looked back.

As a consolation, Briscoe wrapped up the 2016 Short Track Challenge Championship presented by Protect Plus.

Matt Kurzejewski, Mason Minus, Zane Smith and AJ Fike finished seventh through 10th, respectively.

The next race for the ARCA Racing Series is the SCOTT® 150 at Chicagoland Speedway Thursday night, September 15. The SCOTT® 150 is live on FS1 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern.

The race will follow a busy day of on-track activities beginning with ARCA practice from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. local Central time. Menards Pole Qualifying presented by Ansell is scheduled at 4:10 p.m. ARCAracing.com will provide live timing and scoring and live chat for all on-track activities.

Coughlin Gets Fourth Win of the Season at Winchester

SALEM, IN - ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS points leader Cody Coughlin made a couple of big statements on Monday afternoon, he won the Winchester 100, his second series win on the famous High Banks of Winchester Speedway putting him as one of the favorites to win next month's 45th Annual Winchester 400 and increased his points lead as he seeks his first series Championship with only two events remaining on the 2016 schedule.

Unlike his first win at Winchester in this event in 2014 where he led the entire race, Coughlin had to

work a little harder for this win. Coughlin was the EDCO Welding Fast Qualifier and drew a six for the invert.

Dalton Sargeant took advantage of his pole starting position to take the early lead while Coughlin settled in to fourth place. Sargeant continued to lead with the racing stopped several times in the first 50 laps for cautions. Coughlin would stay in third or fourth place after each restart, saving his car and tires for a late run to the front. A caution on lap 65 saw Coughlin in second and a chance to go for the lead, which he did, powering under Sargeant in turn two to take the lead after some slight contact between the two racers as they raced side by side in turn two. Coughlin would keep that lead even on a lap 87 restart to get the win, his series

leading fourth win of the season.

"I really wasn't thinking about points today, I just wanted to win," remarked Coughlin in victory lane. "I love racing at this track, to win here is always special. I think will have a good car for the 400 next month, that's a win I really want to get."

With the win Coughlin claimed the Team Construction Clean Sweep Award bonus of \$1,200, that award had not been claimed since September of 2015. With his pass for the lead, Coughlin was also awarded the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race Award and he received a Hoosier Racing Tire Performance Award.

Sargeant would finish in second and picked up the Fluidyne High Performance Cool Under Pressure Award and the VanDoorn Racing Development Lap Leader Award. Travis Braden finished in third place. Dalton Armstrong came back from a backstretch spin after

contact from another car to finish in fourth place, he received the Sweet Move of the Race Award for being able to keep his car in one piece after the spin and earned the Seneker Performance Rookie of the Race Award. Three time series Champion Scott Hantz finished in fifth place.

Wes Griffith Jr. came from his 20th starting position to finish in seventh after making several pit stops with his crew making adjustments each time. Griffith picked up several awards including a Hoosier Racing Tire Performance Award and the Hamner Racing Engines Hardcharger Award. Griffith's crew picked up the PitBoxes.com Pit Crew of the Race Award.

The next ARCA/CRA Super Series event will be on Sunday, September 25th with the Wish For Our Heroes Fall Brawl at Lucas Oil Raceway. More information on all the CRA series is available at www.cra-racing.com.

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Lance Dewease Earns Record Fifth Tuscarora 50 Win at Port Royal Speedway in Dominating Fashion

PORT ROYAL, PA. - For an unprecedented fifth time, Lance Dewease is a Tuscarora 50 champion at the Port Royal Speedway in Port Royal, Pennsylvania. The Central Pennsylvania veteran, who now owns 100 career victories at the Port Royal "Speed Palace," as well as 31 career victories against the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions, earned more than \$12,000 for his record setting main event win, crossing under the final checkers nearly eight seconds ahead of Stevie Smith and Dale Blaney. Dewease took command officially on lap 12 and never looked back, utilizing the bottom groove of the Port Royal Speedway half-mile for the majority of his laps led.

"This feels great. It's an honor to do it for these guys," Dewease said on the Port Royal Speedway victory lane stage. "I think I may have won this race with five different car owners, too, so that makes it pretty special. I wanted this one so bad all year for these guys. We've been really good everywhere we've went. We had a really good race car last night, but had some mechanical problems that were nobody's fault. I'm having a lot of fun driving for this race team. We are all really enjoying this limited schedule. We savor every one of these things."

With a redraw setting the first five starting rows of the 50-lap, Tuscarora 50 feature finale, it was Greg Hodnett and T.J. Stutts setting the tone on the initial start. Hodnett jumped to the early advantage, leading Dale Blaney, T.J. Stutts, and Sheldon Haudenschild at the completion of lap one. Hodnett quickly opened up at the front of the field, extending his lead to a near-two second advantage by lap 10.

In the meantime, Lance Dewease, pilot of the Don Kreitz-owned/Sharman Builders/No. 69K, started to pick his way through the field. The Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, native drove forward from eighth on the grid, securing the third position by lap 10, second position by lap 11, and the top spot by lap 12, but not without help from Greg Hodnett. Hodnett, who was still controlling the point position during Dewease's charge, slowed to a stop on lap 12, the result of mechanical woes. Dewease took advantage of Hodnett's misfortune and quickly extended himself from his fellow front runners, chased to the lap 25 break by Stevie Smith, Dale Blaney, and Sheldon Haudenschild.

"That first 25 laps, I didn't run that hard," Dewease explained. "I knew we could go pretty soft on tires because I'm not that hard on tires. We came in during that red and my guys said my tires were still really good. So, I knew I could get

going then. I just wanted to get inside the top-four before the break. I just found a line and was able to reel those guys in. You have to be there in the end in this deal. That's what it's all about."

The second segment of the Tuscarora 50 main event ignited with Lance Dewease returning to his place at the front of the field, followed by Stevie Smith and Dale Blaney. It would not take long for Dewease to once again open up his advantage, stretching to nearly four seconds by lap 30.

While Dewease dominated, a battle for second, third, and fourth would ensue involving Stevie Smith, Dale Blaney, and Cap Henry. Smith soon established himself in the runner-up position, followed by a lap-by-lap battle between Dale Blaney and Cap Henry. Despite all of their attempts to catch the familiar No.69K of Lance Dewease, nothing proved to be beneficial. Dewease ultimately scored the five-digit payday, followed by Stevie Smith and Dale Blaney to complete the podium.

"There are probably only a few of us here that have experience racing on the same set of tires for all 50 laps," Lance Dewease said. "There is a little bit of a nact to it and a little bit of a patience to it. I'm happy to get it done for these guys."

The Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of

Champions will close out the month of September with a visit to the World's Greatest Dirt Track. The Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio, will showcase Arctic Cat All Star competition on Saturday evening, September 24, during night two of the 35th Annual Four Crown Nationals. "America's Series" will join all three national divisions of the United States Auto Club (USAC), Midget, Sprint, and Champ, during their visit to Eldora Speedway, the first time Eldora Speedway has hosted four divisions during the Saturday night portion of the Four Crown Nationals since 2007.

Those seeking additional information regarding the 35th Annual Four Crown Nationals program at The Big E should visit Eldora Speedway live on the Web at www.eldoraspeedway.com/event/35th-annual-four-crown-nationals/

Stevie Smith Take Night Before The Tuscarora 50 Win

PORT ROYAL, PA - For the first time in 2016 and for the fourth time in his career, the "Black Bandit" Stevie Smith is a main event winner against the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions at Port Royal Speedway, this time scoring the Night Before The Tuscarora 50 victory to officially kick-off Tuscarora

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Lance Dewease celebrates his record setting 5th career Tuscarora 50 win in victory lane at Port Royal Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

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weekend at the "Speed Palace." Smith, who started third on the feature grid, took command for the first time on lap 12, eventually holding back Greg Hodnett and Lucas Wolfe by nearly 2.5 seconds to score the \$5,000 top prize. It was Smith's 17th career victory with the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions, equaling his father's total on the

all-time Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions win list.

"I am really happy to be out here tonight," Stevie Smith said in victory lane. "I've always really enjoyed racing at Port Royal and I like winning at Port Royal. Although, I have to be truthful, I like winning at any track. It seems like it gets harder and harder to win every year. This track is putting on a great show for us here this weekend. I can't thank everyone enough. They are the real reason why we are out here."

Pole sitter Greg Hodnett took command during the initial Night



Stevie Smith celebrates his first win of the season with the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions in victory lane at Port Royal Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

Before The Tuscarora 50 main event start, leading Brock Zearfoss and Stevie Smith by the flag stand for the first time. Despite Hodnett's ability to quickly extend his advantage at the front of the field, reaching a near-two second lead by lap 5, it was Lance Dewease who was creating the most noise.

Within two circuits, sixth starting Lance Dewease was already put-

ting pressure on Stevie Smith, Brock Zearfoss, and Greg Hodnett, ultimately stealing third from Smith at the completion of lap two, and second from Zearfoss on lap three. The Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, native locked himself down on the bottom of the speedway, erasing Hodnett's near-two second lead by lap eight, eventually driving under the familiar No. 27 on lap nine dur-

ing a battle in traffic.

Unfortunately for the pilot of the Don Kreitz-owned/No. 69K, the dominance would soon come to an end, unexpectedly pulling to a stop on the backstretch on lap 11. This would allow Greg Hodnett to inherit the lead once again, followed by Stevie Smith and now Dale Blaney.

Greg Hodnett's campaign at the front of the field would only last a single circuit, eventually overtaken by Stevie Smith with a textbook slide job between turns three and four on lap 12. That move would prove to be the winning move with Stevie Smith surviving the remaining 18 circuits of the 30 lap main event to earn his place on the coveted Port Royal Speedway victory lane stage, crossing under the final checkers nearly 2.5 seconds ahead of Greg Hodnett and Lucas Wolfe, who worked his way back to a podium finish by lap 13.

"We were just so tight at the beginning. It took us half of the race to really get going," Stevie Smith explained. "Lance (Dewease) was really good tonight. I'm not sure how we would have ended up if he wouldn't have broke. I just had to go where the car told me to go and where I thought the car was right. It hasn't been right a lot this year, but it paid off tonight."

Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series

Lucas Oil Late Model Knoxville Nationals THIS Weekend

WAYCROSS, GA - The nation's top dirt late model drivers are en route to Knoxville, IA to tackle one of the most highly anticipated events of the season. The 13th Annual Lucas Oil Late Model Knoxville Nationals - Presented by Casey's General Store will take place at

Knoxville Raceway Thursday-Saturday, September 15th-17th.

The activities on Thursday and Friday, September 15th-16th will feature a complete program of: Hot Laps, Miller Welders Time Trials, Heat Races, D, C, B-Mains, and a 25-lap, \$7,000-to-win main event. Drivers will earn points in each of the two preliminary nights that will determine the line-ups for Saturday night's finale. Saturday night's program will include: Hot Laps, D-Main, C-Main, B-Main, and the 100-lap, \$40,000-to-win Knoxville Nationals main event.

Numerous off-track activities will take place surrounding this 3-day event. The exposition opens at 1:00pm each day with exhibits on the Midway behind the main grandstand. The Hall of Fame Auction will take place at the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum, behind turn two on Saturday at 12:00pm (NOON). A driver meet and greet session will be held on Saturday at 3:00pm in the Dyer-Hudson Hall, off the Midway. Last year, the event ran for over two hours, as hundreds of fans lined up to meet, talk, and get pictures and autographs from the drivers. Fans are encouraged to bring their favorite apparel and photos for the drivers to autograph!

This 1/2-mile speed-plant is located within the Marion County Fairgrounds in the heart of Knoxville, IA, just a short drive from Des Moines. Knoxville Raceway has provided some of the best racing in the country for over 60 years. A grandstand seating capacity of over 24,000, suites, paved pit area,

Jumbo Tron screen, huge vendor area, camping and numerous other amenities make Knoxville Raceway a must-see for both races and fans alike.

For tickets and more information on the 12th Annual Lucas Oil Late Model Knoxville Nationals, visit:

www.knoxvillraceway.com.

Fans can watch LIVE video coverage of Thursday and Friday night's preliminary events at DirtOnDirt.com. The LIVE coverage of this mega event will include continuous on track action for the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series.

Driver Dies From Injuries Sustained in Crash at Eldora Speedway

ROSSBURG, OH - Dirt Late Model racer Shane Unger died Saturday night at Mercer County Community Hospital in Coldwater, Ohio, where he was transported following a multi-car crash at Eldora Speedway.

Unger, of Rossburg, Ohio, was 35 years old.

During a late restart in the second heat race at the World 100, Unger was involved in a multi-car crash in Turn 3 of the half-mile oval. Emergency crews quickly attended to Unger and placed him in an ambulance to transport him to the hospi-

tal.

The Unger family has conveyed their appreciation of the prayers and support expressed by the racing community and requests their privacy be respected at this time.

Additional information will be made available when appropriate at www.EldoraSpeedway.com.



Herrera Masters ASCS Red River At Texas Motor Speedway Dirt Track

FT. WORTH, TX - The U.S. National Dirt Track Championship at the Texas Motor Speedway added a new name to the list of winners as New Mexico's Johnny Herrera led green to checkered for his first triumph of the season with the American Bank of Oklahoma

ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products.

Season win No. 5, as well as his fifth overall with the ASCS Red River Region, Herrera won the drag race into the first turns over Wayne Johnson to grab the early advantage. With Johnson in tow, the pair was joined quickly by fifth starting John Carney II.

Rolling to second on the opening round, Carney set sights on the lead with Herrera able to hold off the charge of the Lubbock Wrecker Service No. 11x.

Finding slower traffic, the Mesilla Valley Transportation No. 45x made quick work of back markers, putting several car lengths between he and Carney as Danny Jennings, from sixth, began closing in.

Taking over the runner-up spot on Lap 17, Jennings slowly closed in, and would have his shot as the caution flew with five laps to run, however, on the restart, a damaged nose wing would finally bite Jennings as the front end flew on the restart, allowing Herrera to roll away to victory.

Despite the damage to the leading wing, Jennings was able to hold on to second.

Riding fourth the majority of the A-Feature, Blake Hahn worked corner after corner to get around John Carney II with the slide job finally paying off coming to the checkered flag for third. Carney would roll by fourth with Brandon Hanks rolling the cushion to fifth.

Wayne Johnson grabbed sixth with Raven Culp bringing his No. 3 machine from 14th to seventh. Mickey Walker, Brandon Long, and Kade Morton made up the top-ten.

The American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products will see action again on October 8 at the Timberline Speedway in Corley, Texas. Only three nights remain on the 2016 season.

For continued updates on the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

Bryant Wins ASCS Gulf South Finale; Tankersley Crowned 2016 Champion

BEAUMONT, TX - The final showdown of the 2016 season brought the Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region presented by Southern Trailer Works to the Golden Triangle Raceway Park with Tommy Bryant picking up the win while Channin Tankersley walked away with the 2016 Championship.

Earning the pole in Saturday's championship feature, Bryant was quick to the point as the checkered flag fell with Scottie McDonald crossing second. Coming from 12th, Channin Tankersley earned the final podium step.

Jacob Lucas and Ray Allen Kulhanek rounded out the top-five. From ninth, Michael McNeil was sixth with Randy Allen, Cassidy Lejeune, Brandie Jass, and Zane Lawrence making up the top-ten.

The Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region presented by Southern Trailer Works would like to thank the tracks, teams, and especially the fans who helped make the 15th year of touring a success. See you all in 2017.



Johnny Herrera raced his way to victory lane at Texas Motor Speedway with the ASCS Red River Region. (TMS Staff/ASCs photo)

For continued updates on the Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region presented by Southern Trailer Works, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

Chester Charges To Lealand McSpadden Classic Victory

QUEEN CREEK, AZ - The inaugural Lealand McSpadden Classic had nearly everything you could ask for as Arizona's Billy Chester III found his way to the top of the podium for the second time in his career with the Carlyle Tools ASCS Southwest Region at the Arizona Speedway on Saturday night.

Gridding the field eighth, Chester advanced towards the front with haste; moving to the runner-up spot on Lap 9. Giving chase

to Josh Shipley, who was in his first ASCS Winged appearance in the Verville owned No. 01jr, a slight spin would advance Chester to the lead with five laps to run.

Earning the night's \$2,000 top prize, Chester was followed to the line by Bob Ream, Jr. who closed to within 25 point of Rick Ziehl in the season's championship battle as Rick was unable to start in Saturday's A-Feature.

The bronze position went to Colton Hardy who rocketed to the front from 15th. Alex Pettas and Jesse Baker made up the top-five.

Matt Rossi walked away with a sixth place showing with Lance Norick seventh. From 13th, Jeff Slinkard came up to eighth with James Aragon and Casey Buckman completing the top-ten.

Arizona Speedway bound once again, the Carlyle Tools ASCS Southwest Region returns to the Queen Creek oval on September 24.

For continued updates on the Carlyle Tools ASCS Southwest Region, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

D.J. Brink Grabs Top Honors in ASCS Frontier Big Sky Nationals At Gallatin

BELGRADE, MT - The season's final appearance at the Gallatin Speedway for the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region kicked off the Big Sky Super Nationals, and it was South Dakota's D.J. Brink who parked the SMAC Racing No. 75 in Victory Lane for the first time in 2016.

With the evening's racing action also dedicated to Harvey
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Billy Chester III raced his way to victory lane for the inaugural Lealand McSpadden Classic at Arizona Speedway for the ASCS Southwest Region. (Ron Gilson/ASCs photo)

Rico Abreu Wins a Wild Gold Cup Race of Champions Finale at Silver Dollar Speedway

CHICO, CA - For the sixth time in seven years the Gold Cup Race of Champions trophy is staying in the Golden State after Rutherford, California's Rico Abreu dominated much of the feature on Saturday, before holding off a late charge from Daryn Pittman to score his first career win in the 63rd running of the prestigious event.

A wild and intense 40-lap Gold Cup finale was presented to fans on Saturday night in Chico. The victory marked Abreu's fifth career World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series triumph aboard the Abreu Vineyards No. 24 machine. It was his second win of the season to go along with his victory at the Ironman 55 in Pevely during the month of August.

"This is pretty awesome and a special feeling to win the Gold Cup," Abreu commented with a big smile after the race. "Hats off to my guys for all their hard work and for giving me a great car tonight. The track changed a lot over the course of the race and the cautions definitely fell our way. Daryn [Pittman] was fast and gave me a good run there at the end. Moving up top on those later restarts helped us win this race. I'm glad to be back home racing in California and excited we could park it tonight in Chico."

The main event started out with pole sitter and dash winner Paul McMahan of Nashville, Tennessee jumping into the lead of the race. Abreu showed his muscle early on however, by moving into second on lap-two and then claimed the top-spot on a lap five restart. Pittman battled his way forward at the same time to overtake McMahan for the runner up position on lap 12, before setting his sights on the leader. The track had widened out nicely for the main event and featured multi-groove racing throughout the field.

Pittman would challenge Abreu for the lead on lap 17, prior to a caution waving, which took the leaders out of traffic.

A number of stoppages plagued the flow of the feature, but through it all Abreu kept his composure out front. Towards the end of the race Pittman did find new life though

and made a few bids at the lead, only to have the yellow flag wave on three separate occasions. Abreu wisely moved up to run the high-line on the final two restarts, giving him the chance to pull out to a large enough lead, ultimately coming out on top by just under half a second for the victory.

Dating back to 2010, he becomes the fourth different driver from California to win the Gold Cup Race of Champions.

Pittman crossed the stripe in second to cap a solid night for the Kasey Kahne Racing No. 9 team. The 2006 Gold Cup winner came close to adding a second victory at the event. The finish also moved him to third in the World of Outlaws standings and he now sits just three-points out of second.

"We kept making gains on those restarts, but the cautions just didn't fall my way tonight. Rico [Abreu] did a great job on the restarts though throughout the race so I have to congratulate him on the win. My guys gave me a great car tonight, and I gave it my all in the feature, but just came up a little short. We've been working hard all year, and I'm just trying to keep up with these kids out here. Huge thanks to everyone with KKR for allowing me to drive this car."

Auburn, California's Andy Forsberg had a tremendous run in the main event to round out the podium at the helm of the A&A Stepping Stone No. 92 mount. The former Silver Dollar Speedway track champ pressured Pittman at one point for second, before claiming third at the finish. It marked his second career podium result at the Gold Cup.

"This is almost unreal to be up here on the podium again at the Gold Cup Race of Champions," Forsberg said. "To do this with the World of Outlaws is a big deal. I can't thank my car owners enough for letting me come out and have fun with these guys. Thanks also to the fans that came out and supported this event."

Bixby, Oklahoma's Shane Stewart earned the KSE Hard Charger Award with a fine run from 16th to fourth in the feature, while Washington driver Austen Wheatley recorded his best career World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Se-



Rico Abreu dominated the Gold Cup Finale at Silver Dollar Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

ries finish in fifth. The top-10 was rounded out by Watertown, Connecticut's David Gravel; Wooster, Ohio's Jac Haudenschild; St. Mary's NSW, Australia's Kerry

Madsen; Hanover, Pennsylvania's Logan Schuchart and Hanford, California's DJ Netto.

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Ostermiller, who passed away over the Labor Day Weekend, Brink now has a pair of ASCS triumphs to his credit. Victory atop the clay of the Gallatin Speedway is his first in ASCS competition at the Montana oval.

Scattering soil from the fourth starting spot, Brink's march to the front was followed by Phil Dietz in the Peterson Racing No. 23n from seventh with series point's leader, Skylar Gee, bringing his No. 99 across the strip third. Joe Perry from ninth crossed forth with Jeremy McCune charging from 13th to complete the top-five.

Shad Peterson advanced six spots to sixth with Bryan Brown seventh. Cody Masse was eighth with Shane Moore from 18th to ninth. Ben Holmberg rounded out the top-ten.

The Brodix ASCS Frontier Region returns to action for the final two nights of the 2016 season on September 23 and 24 at the Atomic Motor Raceway in Blackfoot, Idaho. For continued update son the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region, log onto <http://www.ascsracing.com>.

Terry Gray Crosses First At Crossville With ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints

CROSSVILLE, TN - For the fifth time, Tennessee's Terry Gray found

the top of the podium with the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints, topping action at the Crossville Speedway in Crossville, Tenn.

Charging from third, Gray was stalked to the line by Michael Miller, who missed the top spot by 0.356 seconds. The top two were on a breakaway as Shane Morgan snagged the final podium step; trailing by over two seconds at the finish.

Andy McElhannon grabbed fourth with Kyle Amerson making up the top-five. Shawn Murray, Ryan Moore, Tristan Lee, Joey Schmidt, and Tony Agin made up the top-ten.

ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints Rained Out at Duck River

LEWISBURG, TN - Racing action at Duck River Speedway with the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints has been called off on account of rain. The most recent fall to Mother Nature is the fifth time in 2016 the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints have not been able to compete.

The next event on the lineup is the finale of the 2016 season with action returning to the Southern Raceway in Milton, Fla. on October 1, 2016.

The ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints is powered by Lucas Oil, Brodix, Schoenfeld, Hoosier Tire, and Team Lucas.

More information on the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints can be found online at www.ascsracing.com. Fans can also follow the series on Facebook.

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the feature occurred on lap 35 when McMahan got upside down in turn one after contact from another competitor. He emerged from the car alert, but complaining of neck pain. McMahan was then transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

Paradise, California's Kyle Hirst won the night's Last Chance Showdown, with British Columbia

driver Robbie Price bringing home the win in the C-main. Four 10-lap heat races were held during the night and claimed by Rico Abreu, Brad Sweet, Paul McMahan and Austen Wheatley. Sweet's night would come to a premature end when he lost a motor while battling in the top-five during the feature. Abreu started out the night by setting fast time with a blistering lap of 11.150 around the quarter-mile.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series will return to action this coming Wednesday night at the El Paso County Raceway in Calhan, Colorado.

Shane Stewart Kicks Off Gold Cup Race of Champions in Victory Lane

CHICO, CA - Putting a recent string of bad luck behind him Bixby, Oklahoma's Shane Stewart proceeded to score an emphatic victory on opening night of the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series sanctioned Gold Cup Race of Champions at Silver Dollar Speedway on Friday.

Stewart has shown immense speed during the Western Swing, and it paid off with his sixth victory of the 2016 season aboard the Larson Marks Racing No. 2 machine. It was also the second straight season he opened the Gold Cup Race of Champions in victory lane.

"This has always been one of those events that I've wanted to win, so hopefully we can come back tomorrow and do the same," Stewart commented following the race. "We've had some tough luck, but have gained a lot of speed lately, which has given me a lot of confidence. These races are so hard to win with the competition that it's always a big deal when you can do it. My guys have worked really hard so I can't thank them

enough. We got through traffic pretty well in the main event, and the cautions fell our way. We'll now try and do it again tomorrow."

Stewart took the lead from Brownsburg, Indiana's Joey Saldana on lap 11 in traffic and led the remaining distance without worries, except for one slight moment with a couple laps left when he got over the back stretch. It allowed Saldana to close, but Stewart was able to hang on and take the checkered flag by 0.680 seconds.

Saldana himself was locked in a closely fought battle with Wooster, Ohio's Jac Haudenschild. The two former Gold Cup champions ran closely together the final half of the race, which ended with Saldana claiming second at the stripe.

Saldana had taken the lead at the waving of the green flag over pole sitter Mason Moore of Princeton, California. "My guys worked really hard tonight and it's nice to be back up here on the front stretch," said the driver of the Roth Motorsports No. 83 mount.

"Having a shot to win is all you can ask for and we were right there tonight. Shane [Stewart] did a good job in traffic and he had some really nice restarts. We'll come back tomorrow and try to get one spot better."

Haudenschild came home in third to continue what has been a solid week driving for California car owner Paul Silva. He hounded Saldana's rear bumper for a number of laps, but couldn't quite find a way by.

"Paul Silva gave me a great car again, so I want to give him a huge thanks. It's nice to be back at the Gold Cup. I've always loved coming here to Chico over the years. It would mean a lot if we can get another one tomorrow."

Owasso, Oklahoma's Daryn Pittman claimed a fourth place finish for the second race in a row, with Fargo North, Dakota's Donny Schatz rounding out the top-five. The remainder of the top-10 was completed by Grass Valley, California's Brad Sweet; Fremont, California's Shane Golobic; St. Mary's NSW, Australia's Kerry Madsen; Eunice, Louisiana's Jason Johnson and Watertown, Connecticut's David Gravel.

One red flag period occurred during the feature when a multi-car pileup was seen in turn three on lap 12. Rutherford, California's Rico Abreu and Nashville, Tennessee's Paul McMahan both got upside down during the melee, but were okay. Also involved were Jacob Allen, Logan Schuchart, Kyle Hirst

and Jason Johnson.

As noted, Mason Moore won the Craftsman Club® Dash, while Hanford, California's DJ Netto captured the C-main and Clarksburg, California's Justyn Cox claimed the Last Chance Showdown. Four 10-lap heat races were held during the night, with victories going to Joey Saldana, Mason Moore, Jac Haudenschild and Shane Stewart.

With 38 cars signing in for opening night of the Gold Cup, split qualifying was used. Daryn Pittman set fast time in the opening group, while Rico Abreu set fast time in group two. Abreu's lap of 11.652 was the overall quick time for the night.

Schatz Picks Up Win 21 During a Non-Stop Affair at Willamette

LEBANON, OR - After taking the lead early on, Fargo, North Dakota's Donny Schatz proceeded to dominate the final half of the feature on Wednesday night at Willamette Speedway to score his World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series leading 21st victory of the season.

With the win Schatz has now captured five of the seven World of Outlaws events held since the Knoxville Nationals aboard his No. 15 machine. The triumph came during a non-stop 30-lap affair that was completed in just over seven minutes.

"What a great job by this whole Tony Stewart Racing team once again so I can't say enough about them," Schatz commented. "I felt like I wasted a little time in traffic early, but then started getting through it really well. I know that if you stumble at any moment the guys we race with are so good that they will pounce on you. It's always special to come back to Oregon also, since I won my first World of Outlaws race in this state back in 1998. It was definitely a demanding track, and going 30-laps non-stop is never easy to do. I know that I can definitely use a drink about right now."

Schatz started on the outside of the front row, but lost the early lead at the waving of the green flag to pole sitter Brad Sweet. The Grass Valley, California driver rolled the bottom side, while Schatz utilized the high-line to sweep around for the lead on lap four. Once entering traffic Sweet stayed close and made a bid for the

lead on lap 11. Schatz was able to hang on though and stretched his lead from there on out, leading much of the time by a full straight-away.

The battle for second turned out to be an entertaining one between Sweet and Shane Stewart in traffic.

Stewart sliced his way past Sweet at the halfway point of the 30-lap contest, only to have him return the favor for the spot four-laps later. The duo continued to race closely together while battling through the slower cars, until Stewart took back the runner up position that he would never relinquish on lap 22. The second place result was a great rebound for Stewart and his Larson Marks Racing team after tough luck has plagued them in recent weeks.

Sweet's bid at a clean sweep for the night came up just short, with him crossing the stripe in third at the helm of the No. 49 mount. He began the evening by setting a new Willamette Speedway track record in qualifying, before winning his heat race and the dash. It marked Sweet's second straight podium finish in World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series competition.

Daryn Pittman gave second & third a strong run in traffic, before settling for a fourth place finish at the checkered. The former Outlaw champ looked solid in the feature aboard the Kasey Kahne Racing No. 9 Sprinter. After winning the last two events Watertown, Connecticut's David Gravel brought home a fifth place finish on Wednesday behind the wheel of the CJB Motorsports No. 5.

The remainder of the top-10 was completed by Bartlett, Tennessee's Jason Sides; Eunice, Louisiana's Jason Johnson; Fresno, California's Dominic Scelzi; Brownsburg, Indiana's Joey Saldana and Hanover, Pennsylvania's Logan Schuchart.

As noted, Sweet captured the dash and the opening heat race, while Daryn Pittman claimed the other heat race held. Paul McMahan won the night's 10-lap qualifying race. Sweet's new Willamette Speedway track record of 11.513 to open the night was also his series-leading 12th fast time of the season.



Texas

Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - While bobble-head giveaways of star athletes may be commonplace at other professional sports facilities, the promotion is a rarity at motor-sports venues.

So it is fitting that in honor of three-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion Tony Stewart's final season, Texas Motor Speedway will distribute a limited-edition bobble-

head of the racing star to the first 30,000 fans attending the AAA Texas 500 on Sunday, Nov. 6.

The bobblehead, presented by State Waterheaters and created by Colleyville's TAT Company, features Stewart's likeness with his trademark facial scruff and familiar Mobil 1 firesuit as he hoists a checkered flag inside Texas Motor Speedway. The bobblehead is part of "Tony Stewart's Last Ride at Texas Motor Speedway" weekend, where the speedway and Stewart fans will salute him as he makes his final NASCAR Sprint Cup start at Texas Motor Speedway.

The bobbleheads will be distributed in Texas Motor Speedway's Fan Zone beginning at 8 a.m. CT on race day. Fans must show their individual AAA Texas 500 race ticket in order to receive a bobblehead. The promotion will limit one bobblehead per individual.

Stewart has a successful history at Texas Motor Speedway dating to the venue's opening in 1997. While known for his success in NASCAR, Stewart was the speedway's inaugural Verizon IndyCar Series pole-sitter for the True Value 500k in 1997. He also is the only driver to win a pole in both the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and Verizon IndyCar Series at Texas Motor Speedway.

In 36 career starts at Texas Motor Speedway (27 Sprint Cup, six XFINITY and three INDYCAR), he has two victories, four poles and has led 1,176 laps. Stewart also holds the speedway's Sprint Cup Series pole record with a lap speed of 200.111 miles per hour coming in qualifying for the 2014 AAA Texas 500.

Stewart has also been a major contributor to Speedway Children's Charities-Texas Chapter through his work as host of the Tony Stewart "Smoke Show" Fantasy Camp. The "Smoke Show" has raised



Texas Motor Speedway will be giving away a limited edition bobble-head of Tony Stewart to the first 30,000 fans on Sunday Nov. 6th. (TMS photos)

more than \$1.5 million since Speedway Children's Charities debuted the event in 2009. The "Smoke Show" continues to be Speedway Children's Charities largest grossing, single-day event of the year.

The AAA Texas 500 (1 p.m. CT, TV: NBC, Radio: PRN, SiriusXM, 95.9 The Ranch locally) is the second of three races in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Round of 8 that will determine which four drivers will vie for the series championship in the Nov. 20 season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

The AAA Texas 500 also is part of a NASCAR tripleheader weekend at Texas Motor Speedway that also features the Camping World Truck Series Longhorn 350 on Friday, Nov. 4, and the XFINITY Series O'Reilly Auto Parts Challenge on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Tickets for the AAA Texas 500 start as low as \$49 for adults and \$25 for kids 12 and under. To purchase tickets or for additional information, please contact the Texas Motor Speedway ticket office at (817) 215-8500 or visit www.texas-motorspeedway.com.

Chicagoland Speedway

NEW YORK, NY - Nickelodeon today announced that it has partnered with NASCAR and International Speedway Corporation to launch Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles fan merchandise for the Chicagoland Speedway NASCAR race weekend. Nickelodeon is the entitlement sponsor of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series™ race on Sunday, Sept. 18, dubbed the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 400.

The track will feature a weekend of action, activities and fun for the entire family with the iconic Heroes in a Half Shell.

The merchandise for the

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle 400 event, which "kicks off" the 2016 Chase for the NASCAR

Sprint Cup™, will feature fun, bright colors and the race logo. A range of T-shirts and hats will be available for fans of all ages, including youth, toddler and adult sizes, highlighted by the Turtles signature fluorescent green.

Additional items featuring the four famous Turtles include lanyards, magnets, can coolers and even a bib for the youngest "Dudes" and Turtle fans. The fan apparel and novelty items showcasing "Turtle Power" will be available at the Fanatics Trackside Superstore and on the NASCAR.com Superstore.

Nickelodeon has previously announced partnerships with several race teams that will carry special Turtle-themed paint schemes over the course of the weekend.

- Danica Patrick, No. 10 April O'Neil/Nature's Bakery Chevrolet in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
- Regan Smith, No. 7 Nikko RC/TMNT Raphael Chevrolet in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
- Michael McDowell, No. 95 Thrivent Financial/TMNT Donatello Chevrolet in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
- Landon Cassill, No. 38 Bebo Ford in the Sprint Cup Series
- Daniel Suárez, No. 6 ARRIS/TMNT Michelangelo Toyota Camry in the NASCAR XFINITY Series
- Darrell Wallace, No. 6 Shredder Ford Mustang in the NASCAR XFINITY Series

This Sept. 15-18 marks the sixth consecutive year that Chicagoland Speedway will kick off the Chase for the

NASCAR Sprint Cup. The Nickelodeon partnership will include sponsorship of the 2017 kick off race, as well.

During the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 400 race weekend, attendees will be able to enjoy fun family activities in the Nickelodeon Kids Zone, located in Champion's Park. The area will feature appearances from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles costumed characters, a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles photo station and more.

Nickelodeon has a long-standing relationship with NASCAR, teaming up with the motorsports giant on several programming and racing events.

Currently in its fourth season, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles is seen in over 170 countries and territories and translated in 50+ languages. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles follows four mutant turtles—Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello and Michelangelo—trained in the art of ninjutsu by their mutant rat sensei, Master Splinter, who teaches the turtles to battle evil from the New York City sewers. Executive produced by Ciro Nili and Brandon Auman, the series is created at Nickelodeon Animation Studios in Burbank, Calif.

Chicagoland Speedway is a 1.5-mile, paved oval race track located in Joliet, Ill. The track has hosted racing events of the major U.S. racing series, and currently conducts races in all three NASCAR national series, including the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, the NASCAR XFINITY Series, and the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Along with Route 66 Raceway, a multimillion-dollar complex that includes a ¼ mile stadium-style drag strip and a ½ mile dirt oval track, Chicagoland Speedway is wholly-owned by International Speedway Corporation (ISC), a major promoter of motorsports activities. ISC owns and/or operates 13 of the nation's major racing venues, including Daytona International Speedway.

For more information on Chicagoland Speedway, visit ChicagolandSpeedway.com.



Antioch Speedway

MORGANTON, NC - Joey Barker #16 from Valdese won the Heintz performance Renegade V8 race. Brian Carswell #13a got the jump at the drop of the green with Barker in Hot Pursuit, Carswell lead the first 14 laps but dropped from the event with engine problems coming to the white flag, Barker who had been running second took

the checkered flag for the win. David Minton #90 Pass Freddy Freddy #W2 with four laps remaining to finish second Freddy third, Andrew Durham #15 fourth and Bryan Goforth #11 rounded out the top five.

John McElrath #63 from Marion led every lap on his way to Victory and the TJ's Motorsports Warehouse PS V8/Thunder Bombers race. Tim Wilson #3 passed Mike Brown #11 with 4 laps remaining to finish second Brad Laws #63L also managed to get by Brown to finish third, Brown fourth and Leeann Salman #4s fifth.

Trent Chatham #9 from Taylorsville won a very competitive A&A AutoMoive Super Stock 4 event. Trent Chatham and brother Trevor Chatham ran first and second until Trent slid high in turn 2 allowing Trevor to take the lead. Trent retook the lead coming off turn four for the for the checkered flag Trevor finish second, Tommy Zachary #4m third, Steve Annas #7 overcame a mid-race spin to finish fourth and Phillip Benfield #60 fifth.

Scott Jones #4 from Cherryville led flag to flag winning the RPM Graphics Pure Stock 4 race. Jason Potter #59 finished a close second, Patrick Annas #6 overcame an early spin to finish third, Kevin Deal #9 fourth and Riley Dunford #18d finish fifth.

Shawn Hayes #51 from Lenoir led every lap on his way to Victory in the Tire Maxx extreme FWD's race. Blake Walker #828 finish second, Kevin Roberts #3 third, Randy Olson #2 fourth and Timmy Wilson #777 rounded out the top five.

Mason Pugh #22 made it look easy winning the East Burke Towing Young Guns race. Chesnee Chatham #9 finish second, Jacob Tarin #2 third and Brandon Eury #11 fourth.

Billy Wilson #10 from Granite Falls won the Heintz Performance



Joey Baker is surrounded by friends and family after winning the Heintz Performance Renegade V8 race at Antioch Speedway Saturday night. (Antioch Speedway photo)

crateUSA Modz event Kenny Wilson #26 second.

Lebanon I-44 Speedway

LEBANON, MO - Two-time O'Reilly Auto Parts Pro Late Model Champion Mike Slone of Rolla charged from his tenth starting spot and took the lead from Terry Limberopoulos on the thirteenth lap in taking his second straight NASCAR Whelen All American Series Pro Late Model feature in the 30 lap event presented by United Insurors.

The start of the fast paced feature saw Limberopoulos take the lead from pole setter Mandy Chick with Brennon Willard following while the crowd had an eye on Slone and 2014 NASCAR Missouri State Champion Kaleb Allison starting side by side in row five. Limberopoulos, attempting to become the tenth different winner of the season was maintaining a five car advantage during the early stages with a tight battle behind for second place. By lap four, Slone had moved into the top five with Allison on his bumper. The race continued with a quick pace as Limberopoulos kept Chick at bay while Willard, point leader Brian Brown, Slone, Allison and Joe Ross were swapping spots. On the ninth lap, Slone shot from fifth to third by first picking off Brown and then Willard the following lap leaving Allison to battle with both. Slone shot around Chick on the twelfth circuit and quickly closed in on leader Limberopoulos. A spirited battle between the duo ended when Slone made the pass as Willard had moved into third with Brown, Chick, Allison and Ross fighting for the fourth position. The

only caution would wave on lap nineteen as Brown spun on the backstretch while running door to door with Willard for the position. On the restart, Slone pulled some distance as Willard and Allison were putting pressure on Limberopoulos for second place. Willard made the pass on the twenty first lap as Allison followed. A door to door battle between the duo lasted three laps before Allison grabbed the runner-up spot, but that great battle allowed Slone to check out grabbing his second straight feature and some momentum going into this week's Salute to 75. Allison, Willard, early leader Limberopoulos and Chick completed the top five. Limberopoulos and Brown captured the heat race wins.

In a wild feature for the NASCAR Ground Pounding Modifieds, current point leader and defending champion Tim Swearengin would be declared the winner after Mike Slone's PHM machine failed to pass post-race tech. The wild starts would see Rodrick Icenhower, Brian Lewis and Jimmy Poindexter have their nights end before one lap was completed. Once action got started, Chris Johnson would take the opening lead before Swearengin and Slone moved by. A spirited battle for three laps between the duo ended with Slone taking the lead. Swearengin would be awarded his ninth win of the season with Terry Taylor, Chris Johnson, Chris Kerperien and Richard Lewis completing the top five. Slone and Swearengin grabbed the heat race wins.

Defending Hoosier Tire Street Stock Champion Jordan Nisbett

took the lead on lap nine from Steve Shaw and held back consistent challenges from Michael Juergensen and point leader Justin Allen in taking his ninth win of the season. Shaw jumped to the early lead with Juergensen and Les Mallard following early in the twenty lap caution free feature. Out front Shaw never held over a two car advantage as a tight four car battle for the lead had developed. On lap four, Juergensen took the lead only to see Shaw take it back the following lap. Nisbett had charged into second place on lap six and was trying to keep Juergensen at bay while closing in on Shaw, all of this while Allen was charging from the back of the pack. After a side by side race, Nisbett made what would work out to be the winning pass but couldn't relax as he was just a fender ahead in the four car battle. Juergensen moved into second on the fourteenth lap as Allen was still charging through moving into second place on lap eighteen and was on Nisbett's bumper as laps ran out. The top five hit the checkered flag as Nisbett, Allen, Juergensen, early leader Shaw and Robert Douglas. Heat wins were captured by Shaw and Nisbett.

Current NASCAR Coca-Cola Charger point leader Ronnie Taylor took advantage of a lap three caution for debris to pull a three wide pass around James Ellis and Justin Gantt to take his sixth feature win of the season. Nick Schmidt took the opening lead as Ellis and Gantt put on heavy pressure with Gantt leading lap two. Contact between cars left debris on the track slowing the pace. Taylor, who started ninth

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in the sixteen car field made the most of the caution and got a great restart pulling his car to the front. With Taylor pulling away, the race for second place was very tight between James and Jerry Ellis, Gantt and a pack of at least seven others. On lap nine of the feature, point's runner-up Jerry Ellis moved forward to secure the runner-up spot followed by James Ellis, Gantt and sixteenth place starter Ben White with fourteen of the sixteen starters on the lead lap. Heat wins went to Gantt, James Ellis and Billy Taylor.

Sportsman feature action saw Phil Harris hold back current point leader Jimmy Fohn in a door to door battle to take his second straight win. Fohn grabbed the opening lead through lap five when Harris nosed to the front. On lap eight, Fohn pulled even with Harris and a door to door battle lasted until the checkered flew. Jimmy Fohn took the heat race win.

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Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSTVILLE, PA - Jeff Strunk, "the Bechtelsville Bullet," had been having a rather mediocre season, at least by his usually high standards, at Grandview Speedway behind the wheel of the Glenn Hyneman owned No. 126 Modified. Saturday night the ten-time NASCAR track point champion rectified the 2016 campaign by pulling off his biggest win of the year the Freedom 76-Lap Modified Classic event for a hefty payday of \$25,000 plus. He racked up a sizeable amount in lap money, the \$100 half-way leader money from Area Auto Racing News and the Dan's Deli 1/2-way hoogie award.

Strunk didn't have an easy time in claiming his sixth win in the event, his last being in 2013, as he first dueled with Ryan Watt, who he lost the lead to earlier and then had to thwart off the challenges of second-place finisher and defending race winner Craig VonDohren.

Following the five qualifying heats won by Dan Bouc, Jared Umbenhauer, Bobby Varin, Rick Laubach, also the winner of the \$1,000 Cash Dash, and David VanHorn plus the Schaeffer Motorsports Minuteman 20 captured by Kyle Borror the 32-car starting field was set for the main event – the 46th Annual Freedom 76.

Through the luck of the draw Jeff Strunk pulled the number one seed and he wasted no time maintaining the lead on the initial green from starter Ray Kemp. Thrashing for positions behind him were Watt, Ray Swinehart, Brian Krummel and Mike Kellner.

Duane Howard, the race winner in 2011, brought out the first caution on the fifth lap when he slowed on the homestretch. After a quick pit stop he rejoined the action. Strunk

maintained first on the restart and within a matter of laps he had a comfortable margin built up over the rest of the competition.

Lapped traffic allowed Watt to reel Strunk in and gain some ground.

Finally on lap 20, Billy Pauch slowed in turn one after contact with the homestretch wall while running eighth bringing him to an abrupt halt and the yellow was out. This time Watt, who started third, outgunned Strunk to become the new leader.

By this time the order behind Watt consisted of Strunk, 12th-place starter Von Dohren, Swinehart and last week's feature winner Doug Manmiller, who started eighth.

The field regrouped when Kellner, in the top ten, brought out the 34th lap caution when he slowed his pace in turn four.

When action went green again with Watt on the high lane and Strunk hugging the inside, the pair battled side-by-side for several laps with neither one lifting.

Strunk was back in front at the conclusion of the 37th lap.

Don Norris Jr. slowed in the second turn for the yellow shortly after Strunk regained control and that brought out a mandatory fuel stop.

After the seven-minute stop, Strunk was still first, but now Manmiller and VonDohren were second and third as Watt got shuffled to fourth and Rick Laubach fifth.

VonDohren was back in the runner-up spot on the 43rd lap and set his sights on Strunk.

Ryan Godown brought out the final caution on the 49th lap after contact with the homestretch wall brought him to a stop in turn two. Once again the restart saw Strunk stick with the inside path and VonDohren running his familiar high lane. The two swapped paint on occasion, but not enough to change the status. Waiting in the wings for a miscue in hopes of advancement were Laubach, Manmiller and Watt.

Lapped cars came into the picture again on the 66th lap and Laubach began gaining ground on the front two.

Strunk kept everyone behind him and went

on to claim his third win of the season at the 1/3-mile oval followed by VonDohren, Laubach, Manmiller and Watt. Rounding out the top ten were Swinehart, Krummel, Umbenhauer, Kyle Weiss and Varin.

The \$500 Hard Charger award sponsored by Guntherracing.com and all his sponsors topped by Square One Markets went to Howard as he started 32nd and finished 11th. Krummel, the seventh place finisher received the T.P.Trailers rookie of the race award while tenth place finisher Bobby Varin received the T.P.Trailers non-regular competitor award.

In the 20-lap Schaeffer Motorsports Minuteman 20, the last chance to qualify, Borror and Dom Buffalino battled back and forth for the lead lap after lap, but it was Borror that emerged the victor trailed by Buffalino, Godown, Kevin Hirthler and Howard putting them in the final starting spots for the Freedom 76.

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSTVILLE, PA - Rising young racing talent Brandon Grosso hung on for an exciting Sportsman victory, Friday night at Grandview Speedway, while Eddie Strada blew the doors off the competition to take home the dominating win in the TSRS 305 Sprint Car main event, as part of the third annual Night Before the Freedom 76'er events at the high-banked third-mile dirt track in Bechtelsville, PA. For both it was their first career victory at the track.

With his win Friday night, Grosso now has 16 victories in 2016 at five different tracks, as he enjoys a tremendous campaign.

With the displaying of the green in the annual Sportsman 38'er, pole sitter B.J. Joly vaulted out immediately into the lead over Mike Koffel. On Lap 2, Brad Arnold, who started third, moved into second spot and Grosso, who picked fifth to start in the prerace draw, was fourth. After three circuits it was Joly in front of Arnold and Grosso as the top three.

Exiting Turn 4 on the high outside on Lap 5 it was Arnold going around Joly to become the

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new race leader. Two tours later Grosso advanced into the runner-up role.

A caution on Lap 12 regrouped the field after Todd Huffman spun in Turn 4 all alone.

Green again and it was Grosso surging ahead off Turn 2 running on the high outside, dropping Arnold to second, with Grandview 2016 Sportsman track Champion Jordan

Henn, who started in twelfth, now up to third. Craig Whitmoyer of Hamburg, PA was running a solid fourth. Another yellow after 15-laps for a spinning Brad Roberts slowed things.

"I had to chase down that 830 car (Arnold) for a while to get out in front," explained Grosso, 16, of Montgomery, N.J. "The track was great, though. You could run up on top or low down on the bottom and it produced great racing all-around tonight."

The Lap 16 restart showed Grosso again out in front over Henn of Kutztown, PA and Whitmoyer, with Arnold now falling back into fourth-place. By Lap 21, Grosso started to stretch out his advantage, as he got into lapped traffic. The lapped traffic actually allowed Henn to start to close in again by Lap 30.

With two to go, Grosso was caught up in heavy traffic, with Henn and Whitmoyer right on his tailpipe.

The final go-round had a thrilling three-car battle to the checkered, with Whitmoyer ducking underneath Henn to steal second. Whitmoyer actually inched in front of Grosso at one point, but Grosso won the race to the flagstand over Whitmoyer, Henn, Arnold and Jim Housworth.

"I didn't know which way to go those final 5-laps," revealed Grosso, a third generation racer. "The lapped cars seemed to be all over there at the end and it made us really have to work hard to win this one tonight. I got stuck, there, for a while behind the lapped cars and it sure made it exciting at the end."

Grosso took home \$1,500 for his triumph and earned the Dan's Deli Halfway Hoagie award as the race leader at the crossed flags.

Heat winners included Grosso, Roberts, Mike Lisowski and Huff-

man. The consolation races were won by Ryan Lilick and Brian Papiez.

The 25-lap TSRS 305 Sprint Cars feature showed Joe Kay jumping out in front from the pole over Scott Frack and Bryant Davis. A red on Lap 3 stopped the event after Chris Allen rolled it over in Turn 4.

With the restart it was Kay again on top over Frack and Scott Lutz, with Davis now fourth. On Lap 5 Davis advanced into third. By Lap 8 Davis was on the move taking second spot and on Lap 10 Davis roared by Kay to become the new race leader.

Strada started from eighth spot and was also advancing into third-place with 10 circuits in the books. Lap 11 saw Strada, a third generation racer, climb to second, as he slipped by Kay and on Lap 12 it was Strada using the high outside lane to race around Davis and become the new leader, as the yellow was waved for Davis spinning out all alone in Turn 4.

"I saw I had a shot going for the lead, there, and the car just stuck on the top," explained Strada, 19, of Lake Ariel, PA. "First I thought that 15 car (Davis) was going to slide up and pull a slide job on me, but I hit the gas and the car just got away. Later, once I came around under yellow, I saw he was up near the wall and he had just spun out." With the new green Strada was off to the races, as he quickly advanced to a full straight-away lead by Lap 16. Three tours later Strada was a full straight-away plus out in front and by Lap 22 he had a full half-lap advantage over the competition. Strada easily won his first career TSRS 305 Sprint Car main over Lutz, Mike Haggenbottom, Tim Tanner Jr. and Tommy Carberry.

Heat races were won by Allen, Haggenbottom and Strada. No consolation was needed.

"Once I got out in front I thought I'd just hit the gas and run the hell out of it," commented Strada. "I had a shot at racing another race tonight and winning a championship, but I thought coming to run at Grandview Speedway and winning here would mean a lot more."

Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - With storms raging across the southeast and short tracks having to cancel due to inclement weather, the skies were beautiful and the sun shined brightly on Hickory Motor Speedway as we were ready to remember one of our own, a truly great

racing legend with the 40th Annual Bobby Isaac Memorial presented by Paramount Auto Group.

Leading off the night's action would be the Street Stocks in their 30 lap feature. Points leader Kevin Townsend would forego his white #9 and return to his trusty old black #10 and set fast time to grab the pole position with Cody DeMarmels in the #18 to his outside. Townsend would take the lead at the start with DeMarmels and the #03 of Kevin Eby close in tow as the three are in a close points battle for the 2016 HMS Street Stock track championship. Townsend would prove too tough on this night and pull away for the victory. DeMarmels would take 2nd with Eby snatching 3rd. Mark Whitten in the #77 and Trey Buff in the #69 would round out the top 5.

Next up would be the Limited Late Models and their 50 lap battle. Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 would pace the field in qualifying to grab the top starting position with Evan Swilling in the #18 to his outside. Pelfrey and Swilling would dive into turn one side by side and race hard

down the backstretch but by the time they came off of turn four Pelfrey had pulled ahead for the position. Monty Cox in the #21 would stick his nose into the action and would stay close in the third spot. The event would go green until a late race caution with less than 10 laps to go would bunch the field for one last restart. On the restart, Pelfrey would choose to start on the outside of Swilling and when the flag dropped it would be the wise choice with Pelfrey racing back to the lead. Pelfrey would drive on to grab the win and the custom built oak trophy made for commemorating the 40th Annual Bobby Isaac Memorial. Hickory Motor Speedway points leader Swilling would hold on for 2nd place and allow Pelfrey to cut only 2 points off his lead. The battle for 3rd was close as Ryan Vasconcellos in the #10 would move to the inside of Cox at the checkered flag but come up a fender short as Cox would hold on for 3rd. Vasconcellos would take 4th and Chase Cabre would have another good run finishing 5th.

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R. D. Smith hoists the huge trophy and is the winner of the 40th Annual Bobby Isaac Memorial presented by Paramount Auto Group for the Bojangles Late Models at Hickory Motor Speedway. (Sherri Stearns photo)

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Headlining the night would be the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bo-jangles Late Models as they would roll off for the 40th Annual Bobby Isaac Memorial presented by Paramount Auto Group in their 100 lap feature. Fifteen year old Christian Eckes would pilot his JR Motorsports #1 to the pole position with the fast lap in qualifying with less than a tenth of a second separating the top 10 cars. Points leader Dexter Canipe in the #5 would start on the outside of row one with Austin McDaniel in the #12 and Justin Carroll in the #57 making up the second row. Eckes and Canipe would race side by side for several laps trying to sort out the top spot. Canipe would finally use the high line to his advantage and take early lead. McDaniel would also look under Eckes and eventually get by for the second spot. The race would go caution free for the first third of the event but a caution would then bunch the field. A new contender, R.D. Smith in the #16, had thrown his hat into the ring with a strong run from tenth to fourth and looked to have a strong effort for the long haul. The green flag would see Canipe and McDaniel battle for the top spot as Smith would work his way around Eckes for 3rd. Canipe would once again grab the point as McDaniel would settle in for second with Smith hot on his heels. Smith would look to the inside and make the pass on McDaniel for the second spot and set his sights on the leader, Canipe. After catching up with Canipe, Smith would once again use the low line to make his move for the lead. The front pair would race side by side for several laps before Smith would finally move to the top spot. A late race caution and subsequent red flag for track cleanup would bring the action to a halt for a moment. When the green flag dropped Canipe would use the high line to once again move ahead but that lead would be short lived as Smith would get back by for the top spot. Smith would hold on and grab the win and his share of the beautiful custom made by Hickory Motor Speedway solid oak commemorative trophies. Canipe would hold on for 2nd but not until a great side by side battle with 3rd place finisher

McDaniel over the closing laps. Eckes would pressure for second and third over the closing laps but would settle for 4th. Justin Carroll in the #57 would have a great run finishing 5th out of the 22 car field.

Closing out the night would be the season finale for the Catawba Realty & Insurance Classic Sportsmen Racing Association and their 25 lap feature. Points leader Eddie Gilbert in the #95 would bring the field to the green flag after setting the fast lap in qualifying. Gilbert would set a torrid pace in the caution free event and drive on to the victory and also take the 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway Catawba Realty & Insurance CSRA Track Championship. Dennis Hinkle in the #4 would hold off Bill Webb in the #16 as the pair would come across 2nd and 3rd. Bill Powell in the Bobby Isaac inspired #71 and Rob Lewis in the #90 would round out the top 5.

Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action with a First Responders Appreciation Night that recognized Fire, Police, EMS, and all First Responder personnel. Taking down weekly feature wins on the night were Rowan Pennink in the SK Modified® feature, Tom Butler in the Late Model feature, Daniel Wesson in the SK Light feature, Bryan Narducci in the Limited Late Model Feature, Zack Robinson in the DARE Stock feature, and Noah Korner in the Legend Cars feature.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Michael Gervais, Jr. took the lead at the green with Stephen Kopcik in second. Woody Pitkat and Cam McDermott were side by side for third with Todd Owen and Matt Galko side by side for fifth place.

Pitkat was on the charge as he took second from Kopcik on lap-7 and then a multi car crash occurred in turn 2 involving Nick Salva, Jeff Baral, Ted Christopher, and Mike Christopher, Jr. to bring the caution out.

Gervais took the lead back under green with Kopcik, Pitkat, McDermott, and Owen behind him. Eric Berndt dropped off the pace on lap-11 and he immediately came to pit road. Rowan Pennink took fifth from Owen on lap-14 while Keith Rocco was starting to charge as he took seventh place from Ronnie Williams on lap-15 and he was looking to take sixth from Owen on lap-17. Pennink was also continuing to march to the

front as he moved into fourth and was all over Pitkat's back bumper for third. Pennink took third from Pitkat on lap-20 and he moved by Kopcik to take second place on lap-22. Tommy Membrino, Jr. spun on the backstretch to bring the caution out with 24 laps complete.

It took Pennink only one lap after the restart to overtake Gervais for the race lead. Kopcik was also able to get around Gervais to move into second before Nick Salva's car appeared to lose an engine as a flash flame poured from the engine compartment on the backstretch to bring the caution out with 29 laps complete.

Pennink took the lead on the restart with Gervais and Kopcik side by side for second. Pitkat and Rocco were side by side for fourth with Williams and Owen side by side for sixth. Kopcik took second with Pitkat and Kopcik now side by side for third when Tom Bolles spun in turn 4 to bring the caution back out with 32 laps complete.

Pennink took the lead with Gervais in second. Gervais got sideways in turn 4, which allowed Pitkat to move into second with Owen in fourth and Rocco fifth behind Gervais. Gervais' bobble also allowed Pennink to pull away from second as Gervais was now side by side with Pitkat with 4 laps to go. Gervais took second with Rocco moving into third as Pitkat fell back to fourth.

Pennink took down his sixth win of the season with Gervais, Rocco, Pitkat, and Owen rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, it was a mad scramble when the green flag came out as Joel Monahan stuck his nose in a 3-wide bid for the lead with Tom Butler coming out of turn 2 with the lead. Monahan was second with Josh Wood slicing his way through traffic to take third. Glen Reen was fourth in line with Tom Fearn quickly working his way into fifth.

At the halfway point Butler was still in command with Monahan, Wood, Reen, and Fearn lined up behind him. With 10 laps to go, the top-4 of Butler, Monahan, Wood, and Reen were lined up in a 4-car train with Fearn leading a second train of cars consisting of himself, Michael Wray, and Wayne Coury, Jr.

The top-4 were still in line with 5 laps to go but behind them the action was wild as Coury first got by both Fearn and Wray to move into fifth before Wray went into fifth with Coury sixth and Fearn in seventh. Fearn got by Coury to move into

sixth on lap-28 while Butler was still leading Monahan, Wood, and Reen.

Reen got around Wood for third on the final lap but Monahan couldn't catch Butler as Butler won his first race of the season. Wood finished fourth with Wray rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light Modified feature event, Ted Cain took the early lead with Wesley Prucker and Jay Goff right behind him. Daniel Wesson was fourth with Tony Membrino, Jr. in fifth when the caution came out with 1 lap complete as Joey Ferrigno spun in turn 2 and collected the cars of David Arute and Vinny Anglace.

Cain took the lead on the restart but Prucker quickly went around to take over the lead with Wesson following him by as Cain fell back to third in the running order. Goff was fourth with Membrino applying heavy pressure from fifth place. Membrino was on the charge as he moved up to third by lap-10 with Prucker still leading Wesson. Joe Graf, Jr. was fourth with Cain in fifth place.

With 5 laps to go, the top-4 of Wesson, Prucker, Membrino and Graf were in a 4 car train fighting for the lead. Wesson was able to fend off several heavy challenges from Prucker to take his fourth win of the 2016 season. Prucker finished second with Membrino, Graf, and Cain rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature event, Matt Clement took the early lead with Jeremy Lavoie and Bryan Narducci behind him. The caution came out with 5 laps complete for a spin in turn 1 by David Tefft and Doug Phelps.

Back under green Clement took the lead with Narducci getting right on his bumper as he and Lavoie were side by side for second. Narducci took second on lap-7 and both Cliff Saunders and Al Saunders got past as Lavoie fell back to fifth. Duane Provost got around Lavoie for fifth on lap-8 while Cliff Saunders briefly took second from Narducci on lap-9 before Narducci came back strong and retook the spot. Cliff and Al Saunders were now side by side for third as Clement was still out front at the halfway point of the race.

Narducci made a strong move in turn 2 to get by Clement and take over the race lead. The order began to shuffle on lap-15 as Al Saunders moved into second with Provost and Cliff Saunders following him through as Clement fell back to fifth. The caution came out

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with 15 laps complete for a spin in turn 1 by R.J. Surdell.

Narducci streaked into the lead on the restart and immediately pulled away from Provost, who had moved up to second. Al Saunders was third with Cliff Saunders fourth and Lavoie was fifth. With 2 laps to go, Al Saunders got around Provost to move up to second in turn 1 while Narducci was still pulling away. Narducci led the field to the checkered flag for his second win of the 2016 season. Al Saunders finished second with Provost, Cliff Saunders, and Lavoie rounding out the top-5.

In the 15-lap DARE Stock feature event, Zack Robinson took the lead at the green with Dan Dembek and Johnny Walker side by side for second. Michael Hopkins was fourth with Alexandra Fearn working the high line against Trace Beyer in a fight for fifth. Robinson was starting to pull away from the Dembek/Walker combination as they were still side by side for four laps before Dembek took second with Walker behind him in third. Hopkins was still fourth and Alexandra Fearn was still dueling with Beyer for fifth.

Robinson was still out front with 4 laps to go with Dembek, Walker, and Hopkins lined up behind him. Tyler Trott was now fifth with Alexandra Fearn sixth, Brandon Michael seventh, and Beyer in eighth. Beyer did a half spin in turn 1 on the final lap but it was all Robinson as he took down his second feature win of the 2016 season. Dembek finished second with Walker, Hopkins, and Trott rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Legend Cars feature, Noah Korner streaked into the lead at the drop of the green with Teddy Hodgdon following him through. Glenn Korner settled into third with Steve Chapman and Andrew Quealy behind him.

Hodgdon got a good run coming out of turn 4 on lap-4 and he took the lead from Korner at the line by a nose as they completed lap-5. Hodgdon got clear of Korner on lap-6 as Champan was applying heavy pressure to Glenn Korner for third place.

Noah Korner went back into the lead with a pass in turn 4 on lap-10 and Hodgdon fell back several car lengths in second. Korner stretched out his lead over Hodgdon even further as they lapped Quealy. Noah Korner led Hodgdon to the checkered flag for his fifth win of the 2016 season. Chapman finished third with Glenn Korner and Quealy rounding out the top-5.

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Rockford Speedway

On a perfect Fall-like evening at Rockford Speedway, five NASCAR championships were decided as part of Whelen Engineering's 'Night of Champions' Saturday night. With a great crowd looking on, some of the season's most dramatic racing unfolded. When the final check-

ered flag flew, three new Rockford Speedway track champions were crowned, while two drivers were fortunate enough to add additional track championships to their collection.

STANLEY STEEMER NASCAR LATE MODELS

25-year old Michael Bilderback became one of the youngest Track Champions in the history of Rockford Speedway, claiming his first Rockford Speedway championship in dominant fashion. The South Beloit resident outdistanced his competition by an impressive 104 points, while winning four Late Model features and setting fast time on ten different occasions. Along with all of that, Bilderback lowered the NASCAR Late Model track record to a 13.516 on May 28.

Despite a rough end to 2016, former track champion 'Driver X' Jon Reynolds Jr still was able to finish the season second in the championship standings. Reynolds, a three-time feature winner during 2016, also set fast time on three separate occasions. Last year's track champion, Jake Gille, ended his season third in points while collecting two feature wins, including an unforgettable win on Opening Night. Adam Peschek ended the season with five top-five finishes in the final six races while also collecting his first-ever Rockford Speedway feature win in that stretch. That run was enough to push Peschek to fourth in the final standings while also giving the Oconomowoc Wisconsin driver the 2016 NASCAR Illinois State Rookie of the Year title. 'Insane Wayne' Freimund collected two feature wins during 2016 and ended the season fifth in Late Model points.

Despite not racing the last two events of 2016, Kelly Evink was awarded the Rockford Speedway Late Model Rookie of the Year. Evink finished the season seventh in Late Model point standings.

BARGAIN HUNTER SPORTSMAN

For the third straight year and the sixth time in his career, Brett McCoy is a Rockford Speedway track champion. McCoy, who took control of the points at mid-season, cruised to a 35 point victory in the race for the Sportsman title. McCoy was consistent as ever in his championship campaign, with two wins while never qualifying worse than third on any race night. Chris Jones not only captured the Rookie of the Year crown in the Sportsman class, but also finished his first season in the class with a runner up in points. Jones capped off his impressive Freshman effort with his third feature win of the year, one of three drivers to win three features during 2016. The other two drivers to capture three wins, Howie Ware and Chad Smith, finished the year third and fourth in points respectively. Smith collected more fast times than anyone else in the division throughout the year, taking top honors in qualifying six times. Cody Houseweart rounded out the top five in point standings, making it two

rookies in the top five of Sportsman points.

MILLER LITE AMERICAN SHORT TRACKERS

The most dramatic point chase one "Night of Champions" took place in the Miller Lite American Short Tracker class. The two-man race for gold between Nick Cina Jr and Zach Rodriguez began with Cina leading the points by just four heading into "Night of Champions." To add more drama, both drivers experienced mechanical issues throughout the night. Cina was plagued by carburetor issues, while transmission issues in Rodriguez's car forced him into the seat of Bobby Frisch's machine. Rodriguez made the most of his borrowed ride, setting fast time to start the night and cutting the deficit to three points by feature time. With Cina's car sputtering, Rodriguez aggressively pursued every position, taking the point lead from Cina on-track with under ten laps to go. As Rodriguez pushed for second place with five laps to go, he made contact with Leo Bujak and ended up taking both cars to the wall and sent his machine airborne. Repairs were made, but Rodriguez's chances for a second straight championship were gone.

Cina ended the race with a top-three finish despite an ill car and it was enough to give him a nine-point win in the championship chase. The championship was the second for Cina, who also took the top honors in the division in 2013. Rodriguez accepted second place in final points despite winning five features during the season, more than any driver in any division at Rockford Speedway. Aaron Rude came home in third place in Short Tracker points, picking up two wins in his 'fabulous Ford Pinto.'

Keith Pierce ended his season in fine fashion, winning his first Short Tracker feature since July 4, 2012 on "Night of Champions." The win also put Pierce fourth in points. Despite the incident with Rodriguez late in the race, Bujak came home fifth in points while also claiming his first Short Tracker feature win back in June.

Woodstock's Kyle Voss finished the season seventh in points and was named the American Short Tracker Rookie of the Year.