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**Keselowski
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Darlington
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Sweep**

It's All Down to Indy for Final Two Playoff Berths

Brad Keselowski wasn't in any danger of missing the upcoming playoffs, but his victory Sunday night at the Darlington Raceway will send him into the postseason with some much-needed speed and momentum.

Others are still searching for a spark, either to make the final cut or survive once four rounds of eliminations start. And they only have 400 miles at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to find it before the playoffs start.

Fourteen of the 16 playoff berths now are filled. Keselowski already had his spot with his place in the point standings. Denny Hamlin and Aric Almirola both did the same Sunday by finishing 10th and 14th, respectively.

Jimmie Johnson and Alex Bowman currently have the final two playoff spots by virtue of points, but Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Paul Menard, Daniel Suarez and Ryan Newman have outside chances. Of course, any of them can automatically seal their deal with a victory Sunday at the Brickyard.

For Keselowski, the win couldn't have come at a better time. It was his first victory of the season, and along with Penske Racing teammate Joey Logano's second-place finish, it sent a signal the race to the championship will involve more than Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr.

"Couldn't come at a better time, right before the playoffs," Keselowski's crew chief, Paul Wolfe, said. "Never hurts. Gets everyone's confidence up to know that we can do this and get back to Victory Lane. It's been a tough year for us. We don't have a lot of wins, but everyone continues to work, and I think those results showed tonight."

Logano agreed.

"Sure, they should be scared. We're coming for them," he said. "They're still really strong teams. But the fact that we can keep up and race them and pass them, that felt good. That's been about a year since I passed one of those cars. So that feels really good the last couple races. I didn't know I could

do that anymore. It felt good."

Johnson, a seven-time champion, hasn't shown any consistent speed. If he manages to sneak through, he certainly faces quick elimination if his team can't turn things around.

"Yeah, I mean it sucks," Johnson said. "I don't want to be in this position. We have been around this spot for a while. We have seen it coming. We just need to transfer and honestly, I think our cars are capable of running in the top five. If we can just start minimizing mistakes, my own included, we will be much better off and have a shot."



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Johnson has been through the playoff rigors before, but most of his championship seasons were blowouts. But he still feels he and crew chief Chad Knaus have the experience to make the cut.

"Yeah, there is no need to flip out now," he said. "We have had a pretty rough year to this point. We have been working hard, unfortunately just haven't had the results. We will keep working hard. There is no quit in myself or this team."

Johnson has at least one race victory in the last 16 seasons and there are just 11 dates remaining on the schedule. But he's more concerned with finding speed in the final three months than a personal record.

Hamlin has a 12-year streak



Seven time Cup Champion Jimmie Johnson is still looking for a way to get into the playoffs and into another championship. It all depends on Indy. (SARAH CRABILL/GETTY IMAGES photo)

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working, and unlike Johnson, he's very aware he's running out of time to make it 13.

"It's important. I think that there's only a handful of drivers that have won over 10 years straight," Hamlin said. "I still believe that we will win a race before the season is over, if not multiple. It's got to start this weekend. The countdown is on. In 2013 we waited until the last race of the year to win. A little bit of an asterisk because I was hurt most of

that year, but still it's a streak for certain that is important to me."

Harvick, Kyle Busch, Truex, Kurt Busch, Austin Dillon, Logano, Chase Elliott, Erik Jones and Clint Bowyer all join Keselowski as regular season winners heading into the playoffs. Ryan Blaney, Kyle Larson, Hamlin and Almirola all are in on points.

Although Harvick, Kyle Busch and Truex have dominated by combining to win 17 of 25 races, Truex feels his team may be headed in the wrong direction.

A pit road penalty Sunday relegated him to an 11th-place finish. After a stretch of 10 top-five finishes in 12 races, Truex hasn't finished any better than 11th in his last three starts.

"It's really disappointing to have a car that good to be up front and have that many troubles on pit road," Truex said. "It's pretty disappointing. We have to clean it up. Playoffs are coming. We do that in the playoffs and we'll be out in the second round."

At least Truex is in the playoffs with a history of fast cars. As far as momentum, that can be easily reawakened with a victory.

Others face a more-complicated mission to find speed, consistency and momentum ahead of the playoffs. And they only have 400 miles to find it.

Flawless Execution on Pit Road Propels Brad Keselowski to Darlington Win

DARLINGTON, SC - By a matter of inches, Brad Keselowski won the race off pit road under the final caution in Sunday night's Bojangles' Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway.

That narrow margin was all the driver of the No. 2 Team Penske Ford needed to secure a stunning victory in one of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series' marquee races.

On the flip side, Keselowski's first victory of the season left Kyle Larson bitterly disappointed. Larson led 284 of the 367 laps in addition to winning the first and second stages of the race. But the work of Keselowski's pit crew proved decisive.

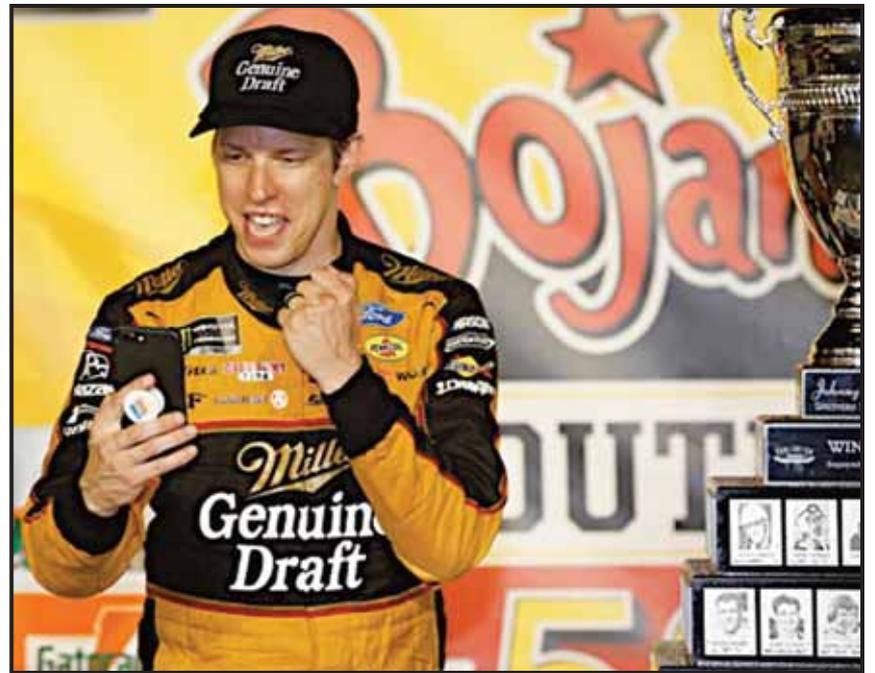
Keselowski controlled the final restart on Lap 348 and pulled away, as Larson faded to third and had to fend off a determined charge by Kevin Harvick to hold that position. It was Joey Logano who passed Larson for second on Lap 352, giving team Team Penske a 1-2 finish and the organization its first win at Darlington since 1975.

"The 42 (Larson) was really strong," said Keselowski, who picked up his first victory at the 1.366-mile track and the 25th of his career in a No. 2 Ford sporting a throwback paint scheme reminiscent of the Miller Genuine Draft machine Rusty Wallace drove during his tenure at Team Penske. "I felt like whoever came off pit road first at the end was going to win the race.

"My team nailed the last pit stop... We stayed in position the whole race with great strategy to keep us from falling back. We didn't have the long-run speed we wanted, but the short runs were great, and we were there when it counted."

Keselowski, who also won Saturday's NASCAR Xfinity Series event, came off pit road on Lap 345 three-wide with Larson and Logano, less than a foot ahead of Larson.

"It's always important to come out the leader off pit road to be the control car on the restart," Larson said. "I felt like, if I had been in clean air, I would have been all right. I was just loose that last run and allowed Joey to get by.



Brad Keselowski shares the excitement of Darlington's victory lane on his cell phone. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

"I knew the only weakness we would have throughout the race was a short run, and that's what it kind of came down to... It stings, for sure. I want to win every race, but I want to win the Southern 500 really bad. It would have been cool to do that, but at the same time, to bring a (dominant) car to the race track like we did this weekend is something to be proud of and a big confidence booster."

Erik Jones ran fifth behind Harvick. Chase Elliott, Kyle Busch, pole winner Denny Hamlin, Jamie McMurray and Kurt Busch completed the top 10. Kyle Busch retained the series lead by 39 points over Harvick.

Jeffrey Earnhardt spun in Turns 1 and 2 to cause the sixth caution on Lap 344, and that was the yellow that gave Keselowski the opportunity to grab the victory. The only serious incident of the race occurred on Lap 312 when Clint Bowyer plowed into Ryan Newman near the apex of Turns 3 and 4.

Newman was trying to get to pit road, and neither Bowyer nor his spotter saw a signal to that effect.

"I hit the 31 (Newman) really hard," Bowyer said. "I guess he was pitting or something, and it's a product of this place... I didn't see him wave, but like I said, when you come off (Turn) 2 and you pass 37 lapped cars and you get your bearings and everything else—maybe he waved, maybe he didn't—I didn't see it."

The Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolets of Jimmie Johnson and William Byron retired from the race with engine issues. Johnson finished 39th with what he believed was an oil pump problem, but that came after the No. 48 Chevrolet suffered a loose wheel, and after Johnson was penalized for a subsequent commitment line violation.

Accordingly, there's a mathematical possibility the seven-time champion could miss the Playoffs when the field is set next Sunday at Indianapolis.

"I don't want to be in this position," Johnson said. "We have been around this spot (14th in the standings) for a while. We've seen it coming. We just need to transfer, and, honestly, I think our cars are capable of running in the top five.

"If we can just start minimizing mistakes, my own included, we'll be much better off and have a shot."



Race winner Brad Keselowski (2) battles teammate Joey Logano (2) for position as the laps wind down in the Southern 500. (JARED TILTON/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Opportunistic Brad Keselowski Gets First Win at Darlington

DARLINGTON, SC - Brad Keselowski took the lead in Saturday's Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 at Darlington Raceway when the two cars in front of him tangled off Turn 2.

That was all the driver of the No. 22 Team Penske Ford needed to collect his first NASCAR Xfinity Series victory at the Track Too Tough to Tame.

From a restart on Lap 91, Keselowski chased pole winner and race leader Ross Chastain, who won the first and second stages in his maiden run in the No. 42 Chip Ganassi Racing Chevrolet. On Lap 104, Keselowski pulled ahead in Turn 3 but brushed the outside wall as Chastain regained the top spot with a crossover move to the inside.

Keselowski's bobble allowed Harvick to pass for second, but on Lap 111, Harvick and Chastain collided off Turn 2 and handed the top spot to Keselowski, who held it the rest of the way.

With his third victory in five starts this season and the 39th of his career, Keselowski knocked a significant item off his bucket list. Darlington and Sonoma had been the only two active NASCAR tracks where Keselowski had raced without a national touring series win.

"I really wanted to run this race

for that reason," said Keselowski, who beat runner-up Cole Custer to the finish line by .738 seconds. "I just haven't been that great here at the (Monster Energy NASCAR) Cup level, and I'm trying to get better.

"This is such a huge confidence boost."

Had Chastain and Harvick not wrecked together, the ending might have been quite different.

"I could keep up with Ross, but I couldn't pass him—he was so fast," Keselowski said. "Tried to make the move and brushed the wall, and he got back by me, and then they had the wreck off of (Turn) 2, and I was able to take advantage of the opportunity."

Up until Lap 111, Chastain had a dream race going in his first trip in an Xfinity car capable of battling for the lead. Harvick made a move to Chastain's inside through Turns 1 and 2. Unwilling to give up the top spot, Chastain stayed in the gas within inches of the right side of Harvick's No. 98 Ford.

Harvick's car drifted up into Chastain's No. 42 Chevrolet, which bounced off the outside wall at the exit from Turn 2. Chastain then clipped the rear of Harvick's Ford and sent it spinning. Harvick expressed his displeasure by parking in Chastain's pit stall before exiting the race.

"I tried to stay as low as I could, and he just rode on my door," Harvick explained later. "That's just a



Brad Keselowski is all smiles as he finally wins his way into Darlington Raceway's victory lane. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

really inexperienced racer and a really bad move there and got the air and got on beside me and just kept going up the race track. I couldn't do anything with the wheel.

"So you've got a really inexperienced guy in a really fast car and made a really bad move, and then wrecked me down the back straightaway and hooked me to the right. That's probably the reason that he'll never get to drive many of them again."

Chastain hadn't seen a replay of the incident when he gave his assessment after finishing the race in 25th, two laps down.

"I got to race with these guys, and I feel like I was holding my own with 'em," Chastain said. "I was really happy to be out there racing

with 'em... I was just trying to race. I'll have to see the film, and if I made a mistake, it's on me. I was the leader there, and I was just trying to race."

Tyler Reddick, Denny Hamlin and Elliott Sadler completed the top five. Justin Allgaier finished seventh and retained the series lead by 16 points over Sadler in second and 17 over Custer in third. Christopher Bell fell out early after spinning in Turn 3 and colliding with Daniel Hemric's Chevrolet and dropped to fourth in the standings.

With two races left before the cutoff for the Xfinity Playoffs, Matt Tift (eighth Saturday), Brandon Jones (12th) and Ryan Truex (13th) locked themselves into Playoff berths on points.



Ross Chastain (42) tries to stay ahead of Brad Keselowski (22) during the last laps of Saturday's Sports Clips Haircuts VFW 200 at Darlington Raceway, but Chastain's day ended with a collision with Kevin Harvick. (SARAH CRABILL/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Matt Hirschman Breaks Dry Spell With Victory at Oswego

OSWEGO, NY - Ten years later, Matt Hirschman can still get the job done.

The Northampton, Pennsylvania, driver rolled into NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Victory Lane for the first time since October of 2008 on Saturday night at Oswego Speedway.

Hirschman took the lead from Justin Bonsignore on lap 120 and survived three attempts at NASCAR overtime in order to seal his third career Whelen Modified Tour victory. The win was his first at the 0.625-mile New York oval and first driving for PeeDee Motorsports.

"It's been a long time for me, but for this PeeDee Motorsports team, it hasn't been, it's been a short amount of time," Hirschman said. "We've been knocking on the door for two years together to get a win, and it finally came together tonight. No better place for it to come than right here at Oswego. I always have said this was my favorite track. I love coming here."

Hirschman started from the pole position after scoring the top spot for the second straight season in

group qualifying and paced the first 94 laps of the race with rising star Chase Dowling on his tail. When the caution flew on lap 92, Hirschman led the lead lap cars down pit road and took fresh Hoosier rubber, but got stuck behind another car leaving the pit area and lost several positions.

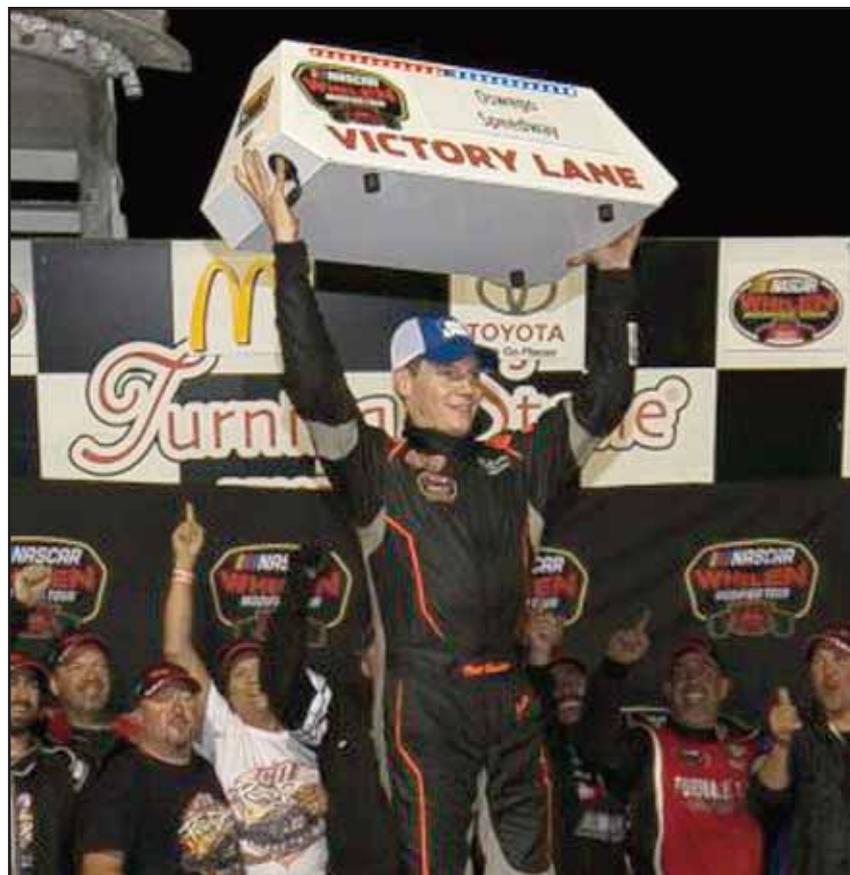
Dowling and Bonsignore were among those to beat him back on the track.

The charge back through the field began immediately, and subsequently ended with Hirschman passing for the top spot with just 30 laps to go in the scheduled distance. He had to survive multiple cautions, and three green-white-checked finishes before he could celebrate. He led a race-high 139 laps.

Bonsignore, who lined up to the outside of Hirschman for each of the three NASCAR overtime restarts, crossed the line 0.588-seconds back.

Even though the Holtsville, New York, native wanted to win his third straight Whelen Modified Tour race, the points leader was able to survive an array of late cautions to score another podium finish for Kenneth Massa Motorsports.

Five-time and defending series champion Doug Coby finished



Matt Hirschman returned to NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Victory Lane for the first time since 2008 on Saturday night. (Jeff Zelevansky/Getty Images for NASCAR photo)

third, while Woody Pitkat, who led 13 laps, finished fourth. Eric Goodale rounded out the top five.

Matt Swanson was sixth, followed by Patrick Emerling, Timmy Solomito, Blake Barney and Tommy Catalano.

Bonsignore extended his points lead to 75 points over Chase Dowling, while Timmy Solomito is third, 103 points back with four races re-

maining on the championship points schedule.

The Toyota Mod Classic 150 presented by McDonald's will air on NBCSN on Thursday, September 6, at 6 p.m.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will move across New York to Riverhead Raceway for the next event on the schedule on Saturday, September 8.

NASCAR Set to Launch NASCAR Fantasy Live 2018 Playoffs Edition

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Just in time for the 2018 NASCAR Playoffs™, NASCAR® has unveiled a new playoffs edition of its popular fantasy game, NASCAR Fantasy Live™, and players can register today at NASCAR.com/fantasy.

The NASCAR Fantasy Live 2018 Playoffs Game will launch with the first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series™ race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Sept. 16 and will also be accessible via the NASCAR Mobile app.

While similar in format to the regular-season version, starting rosters will go from five drivers to

four, and two of the four drivers must be NASCAR Playoffs-eligible. Players will still be able to use their "garage" pick by swapping in-race for a driver of similar playoff eligibility prior to the beginning of each race's final stage.

Players must maintain an even balance of two playoff and two non-playoff eligible drivers in their lineup anytime they make a garage swap. Individual drivers can be used an unlimited number of times throughout the NASCAR Playoffs.

Players can begin building lineups at NASCAR.com/fantasy once the official entry list for Las Vegas is posted. Current NASCAR Fantasy Live players will be able to maintain their entries for the NASCAR Playoffs game and all regular season scoring will be reset to zero.

"The NASCAR Playoffs are the most exciting and pressure-packed time of the NASCAR racing season, and the new fantasy game is designed to match the intensity each week of the postseason," said Tim Clark, vice president, NASCAR Digital Media.

"We look forward to seeing how players adjust their strategies and driver lineups – both leading up to and during each of the 10 NASCAR Playoffs races."

Much like the regular season game, game scoring will once again follow NASCAR official scoring and reward points based on race results and driver finishing position for all three stages. Bonus picks will also remain for the Busch pole winner, stage winners, race winner and winning manufacturer.

Before the NASCAR Playoffs begin in Las Vegas, each player will be asked to pick who they think will win the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Championship™. Correct picks will be rewarded with 60 additional bonus

points. The NASCAR Fantasy Live Playoffs game will run throughout the 10-week Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs and culminate with the Ford EcoBoost 400® at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Nov. 18.

The overall points leader after the final NASCAR Playoffs race will be crowned NASCAR Fantasy Live 2018 Playoffs champion and win \$5,000. Ten weekly prizes of \$250 NASCAR Superstore credits will also be awarded to randomly selected weekly NASCAR Fantasy Live 2018 Playoff Game league winners.

"This year, we made it a goal to have all of our fantasy products reflect modern-day NASCAR as closely as possible," said Clark. "Delivering a game designed specifically for playoffs racing was a big step in bringing that vision to life."

For more information on NASCAR Fantasy Live, please visit NASCAR.com/fantasy.

Seavey Scores Career First ARCA Win at DuQuoin

Logan Seavey (No. 20 Craftsman Toyota) took the lead on lap 66 and withstood four late-race restarts to claim his first career ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards victory in Monday's General Tire Grabber 100 at DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. Seavey's win was the 50th for the Venturini Motorsports

team dating back to team owner Bill Venturini's first series win at Flat Rock Speedway in 1984.

Seavey, the current USAC P1 Insurance National Midget Series point leader, started fourth but was 12th after two laps, the tough DuQuoin outside groove not doing him any favors on the initial start. Seavey methodically used his dirt track experience to his advantage, quickly working his way back into the five by lap 11.

Under pit stops at lap 47, Seavey dropped back to eighth but immediately jumped back into the top five on the restart. By lap 60 he was third, and by lap 66 he took over the lead, a lead he would never relinquish.

"To get number 50 for them is really cool," Seavey said. "Another

win on dirt is really cool. They won at Springfield too. We had the best car here and I have the best team. Pit stops are key here. Pit road is more conventional. We beat the 28 on pit road. We needed him to get jumbled up in traffic and he did."

Sheldon Creed (No. 28 United Rentals Toyota) dominated the opening half of the race, leading 44 of the first 46 laps before losing the lead under the first round of pit stops. Creed, the current ARCA Racing Series championship points leader, would eventually drop into the back half of the top ten before spinning on lap 97. He would finish tenth.

Will Kimmel (No. 69 FASS Diesel Fuel Systems Ford) had a career-best second place finish, despite jumping the final restart.

"I might have gone a little early," Kimmel said with a laugh post race. "They came over the radio and told me to give the spot back and I did. They never said anything else so we ran hard to the finish. Second place is huge for Kimmel Racing."

Riley Herbst (No. 18 NOS Energy/ORCA Coolers Toyota) was third, Springfield winner Christian Eckes (No. 15 JBL Audio Toyota) was fourth, and Zane Smith (No. 41 LaPaz Margarita Mix/ICON Vehicle Dynamics Toyota) rounded out the top five. Smith clinched the CGS



Logan Seavey celebrates in victory lane after scoring his first career ARCA Racing Series win. Seavey fought off late race restarts for the win at DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. (arcaracing.com photo)

Imaging 4 Crown title with his fifth-place result.

"I owe it all to my team," an exhausted Smith said following the race. "It felt like we were on pit road all day long. We had some sort of overheating problem, just like Springfield. We couldn't get it figured out but we made it. We had a great time at Talldega and Pocono, it was pretty cool at Madison and we struggled here but it all worked out."

There were ten cautions for 48 laps. One of the cautions, the seventh of the afternoon on lap 67, involved Travis Braden (No. 27 MatrixCare/Consonus Healthcare

Ford). Braden had led from lap 49 to lap 65, and was looking for his first career victory. He was examined and released, finishing 15th.

The ten cautions kept the average speed to just 66.33 miles per hour. The time of the race was one hour, 30 minutes, 27 seconds.

Creed retains his unofficial point lead by 190 points over Smith heading into Friday night's Shore Lunch 200 at Lucas Oil Raceway. MAVTV will have live coverage starting at 9 pm ET on Friday; ARCARacing.com will have live timing, scoring, track updates, and scanner audio throughout the day for registered users.

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Van Meter Gets World Stock Car CRA Late Model Sportsman Victory at Winchester

SALEM, IN - Veteran Indianapolis, Indiana racer Eddie Van Meter made the most of his first start with the Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman Powered by JEGS in 2018, to get the victory in Sunday's Labor Day Weekend World Stock Car Festival at Winchester Speedway. It was Van Meter's first victory with the series since winning this same event in 2016.

"This car is my favorite to drive," remarked Van Meter in victory lane. "It's always fast, especially here at Winchester. I like these Sportsman races, there a lot of fun. Got to race a little with my son, that's always special. Got to thank everyone on my team for all their hard work, my wife and my sponsors, without all them I couldn't do this!"

Eddie's son Billy grabbed the early lead from his pole starting position with J.P. Crabtree on his tail. Billy Van Meter kept his lead until Eddie made the pass in the backstretch on lap 21 to grab the lead. The track went red on lap 27 when Tanner Jack's engine went up in smoke leading to an extensive clean up.

The delay didn't bother Eddie Van Meter, he grabbed the lead on the next restart and lead the rest of the way to grab the win by almost a second. Van Meter picked up the Racer Parts Wholesale Sweet Move of the Race Award for his pass of his son to grab the lead on lap 21.

Tony Brutti finished in second, the highest of the drivers competing in the series Chase for the Championship. Billy Hutson, another Chase driver, finished in third and picked up the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race Award, he was right behind Jack when he blew, Hutson was able to keep control of his car in the oil and avoid any contact with Jack.

Brandon Varney finished in fourth after starting 11th, which earned him the Spillers Towing Hardcharger Award. Varney was the third highest finishing Chase driver. Billy Van Meter finished in fifth after going to the tail after pitting with a tire issue.

Eddie Van Meter was the Allstar Performance Fast Qualifier. Brutti and Zachary Tinkle won the ten lap heat races on Sunday evening. Tinkle's victory was his first ever in a Late Model and his first CRA win.

The next Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman event will be the second Chase for the Championship event at Anderson Speedway on Saturday, September 15th. For more information on all the CRA series go to www.cra-racing.com.

McElfresh Wins CRA Street Stock Five Crown Series Championship

SALEM, IN - Elwood, Indiana's Jacob McElfresh has won the 2018 Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks Five Crown Series Championship after Saturday's Five Crown Championship event at Mt. Lawn Speedway was cancelled because of weather. This was the first season of the Five Crown Series, Chuck Barnes Jr. was the 2017 Four Crown Series Champion, Brett Hudson was the Triple Crown Series Champion in 2016, while Jason Atkinson won the Triple Crown Series Championship in 2014 and 2015.

The first Five Crown event was April 21st, at Shadybowl Speedway where Hudson got the win. The second was at Anderson Speedway on June 16th where Josh Poore got the win. The third event was canceled because of weather at Kentucky Motor Speedway on July 22nd. The fourth event was at Winchester Speedway on August 5th where James Kirby III got the win. Teams were awarded show up points for both Five Crown events that were cancelled.

McElfresh used consistent top five finishes in the three Five Crown events that were raced to win the Championship. McElfresh started off with a second place finish to Hudson at Shadybowl. He finished fifth in the Anderson Five Crown race and then got another second place finish to James Kirby III in the Winchester Speedway event.

For his Five Crown Championship McElfresh will receive \$1000 payoff and a trophy, as well as a specially designed buckle from

Crumrine Buckle Manufacturing. Each of the Five Crown event winners will also receive a specially designed buckle from Crumrine Buckle Manufacturing.

Winchester winner Kirby III finished second the Five Crown points and picked up a \$600 bonus, he was 18 points behind McElfresh. Brian Hopkins finished in third place and picked up a \$400 bonus, he was two points behind Kirby III. Nathan Greene finished in fourth place, he was 24 points behind Hopkins. Hudson finished in fifth place, he was six points behind Greene.

The next Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks event will be on Monday, September 3rd at Winchester Speedway, with the Labor Day Weekend World Stock Car Festival. That event will be the first of the series four events with the Chase for the Championship.

CRA Announces More Disqualifications from Recent Tires Testing with Forensic Lab

SALEM, IN - Champion Racing Association Powered by JEGS officials announced today that five drivers have been disqualified from two different events on August 18th after multiple forensic laboratory tests determined the teams had used illegally-altered tires during their respective events. The lab used by CRA for testing is the same lab used by the top racing organizations in the country, including NASCAR and the World of Outlaws

CRA officials took samples from top finishers at the event, sealed the samples, signed by the teams and delivered to the independent laboratory for detailed analysis.

The samples taken from the cars driven by Tommy Cook (first place), Terry Fisher Jr. (second place) and Tony Dager (fast qualifier) at the Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman event at Baer Field Motorsports Park were found to not conform to the Hoosier submitted benchmark and were analyzed in duplicate to confirm the original scan result, which is laboratory protocol. The duplicate results matched the original results, thus confirming the tire samples from their cars did not meet the Hoosier submitted benchmark.

The same processes mentioned above were used at the Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stock race at Anderson Speedway. The samples from Andrew Teepe (first place) and Jake McElfresh (second place) were found to not conform to the Hoosier supplied benchmark. The tire sample taken from third place finisher of Danny Adams was found to conform to the Hoosier submitted benchmark, and thus passed testing.

As a result of these findings, each team found with non-conforming tires has been disqualified from their respective finishing position and will be placed in last position in the event, receive a fine equal to half their purse and placed on probation for one calendar year. The change in the final order for the event will result in affected teams receiving additional purse and points following their next event.

With the announced disqualifications, Hunter Jack has been declared the winner of the August 18th Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman event and Danny Adams the winner of the August 18th Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks event. It is both drivers first ever CRA wins.



Donny Schatz Scores 18th Victory of 2018 at Grays Harbor

ELMA, WA - Donny Schatz continued his recent dominance at Grays Harbor Raceway, leading all 30 laps en route to his 18th World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Victory of the 2018 season and fourth in his last five starts at Grays Harbor. Daryn

Pittman threw everything he had at Schatz but settled for second with David Gravel surging late to complete the podium.

Schatz won the Sears Craftsman Dash, earning the pole for the 30-lap affair around the high-banked 3/8th oval alongside Sheldon Haudenschild, who was making just his second start at the Elma, WA facility. Schatz and Sheldon put on a show battling for the lead throughout the first five laps, exchanging slide jobs, trading lines and using the entire racing surface.

The caution came out with five laps complete for Brent Marks, who hit the infield tire and busted his front axle, ending his night. Although Haudenschild led momentarily on two occasions, Schatz officially led all of the first five laps and maintained the lead on the double-file restart.

Schatz elected the bottom, putting Haudenschild on the cushion. Haudenschild ventured out wide and tried to get a run on the restart but subsequently left the door open for Logan Schuchart, who restarted fourth, to cut to the middle and halt Haudenschild's momentum causing him to fall back to fifth as Schuchart, Daryn Pittman and Brad Sweet passed the young Wooster, OH native by the backstretch.

As Sheldon tried to recover, Sweet, Pittman and Schuchart waged war for the second spot, allowing Schatz to pull away. Pittman established himself in the position by Lap 7 and set his eyes on Schatz.

With a long Green Flag run, Schatz was able to showcase his premier ability to navigate lapped traffic. Schatz was strong on both the cushion and down low hugging the berm, allowing him to move through traffic at a quick pace. Pittman was equally strong though, closing the gap on the nine-time Series Champion ever so slightly

each lap.

The caution flew with eight laps remaining for Andy Caruana, who fell off the pace down the backstretch.

The ensuing double-file restart saw Pittman go for gold into turn one and attempt to slide Schatz. Pittman couldn't clear the Tony Stewart Racing No.15 and left the bottom open off turn two for Sweet to get a run. Pittman fended off his fellow Kasey Kahne Racing teammate to secure the second spot, but the laps were winding down to reel in Schatz.

As Pittman tried to chase down Schatz, Logan Schuchart and Brad Sweet had a hellacious battle going for third, with Schuchart sliding in front for good with four to go.

As the leaders were coming to the White Flag, Caruana slowed drastically on the frontstretch, forcing both Schuchart and Sweet to take evasive action. Both Schuchart and Sweet did 360's in the infield and kept going while Caruana brought out the Yellow. Sweet and Schuchart both had wing panel damage and unfortunately for Schuchart, he also had a flat left rear that would force him to the pits, relinquishing third. The caution was for Caruana and Sweet never came to a stop, so he was given his spot back, with noticeable wing damage.

With less than five to go in the Feature, the restart was single-file giving Pittman one last chance to steal the win from Schatz. Schatz entered turn one high and Pittman followed him, leaving the bottom open for David Gravel, who surged from fourth across the bottom. Pittman checked up anticipating a

full slider from Gravel, allowing Schatz to secure the victory for the fourth time in the last five Outlaw visits to Grays Harbor.

"The track was really good, you had to move around to get through traffic. I actually wish we would have stayed in lapped traffic more, that's when it gets really fun," Schatz said in Victory Lane. "I don't know any driver that wants cautions," Schatz added about the Green-White-Checkered finish. "I was hoping we could stay in lapped traffic because my car was good all over the race track and that I can attribute to my guys."

Pittman, who won Saturday at Skagit, settled for second and kept it simple. "He's tough to beat. I was hoping he would get slowed up behind the 96 and I would be able to get a run, but then it took me longer to get by him than I would have liked," Pittman said about the lapped traffic before thanking his crew and car owner Kasey Kahne for the opportunity.

David Gravel was pleased with third, but wish he had 10 more laps to work with. "The track was really fast, hopefully we can get some momentum and build on this. I have two new crew guys - Tyler and Andy - so I thank them and Barry for their hard work," Gravel said in good spirits.

Sheldon Haudenschild charged late to fourth with Brad Sweet fading to fifth with his damaged car. Greg Wilson picked up KSE Hard Charger honors coming from 17th to ninth. Logan Schuchart set a New Track Record in Qualifying with a lap of 11.699 and was poised for a podium finish before getting into the lapped car of Caruana.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series continues its 40th Anniversary Season with the Series lone visit to Oregon on Wednesday, September 5 when The Greatest Show on Dirt stops at

Willamette Speedway in Lebanon. Tickets are still available for the event here. If you can't make it to the track, watch all the action LIVE on DIRTVision.com.

Daryn Pittman Goes Flag-to-Flag at Skagit for 7th Win of 2018

ALGER, WA - Daryn Pittman led all 40 laps to score his 7th World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series victory of the season on the second night of the Outlaw Energy Showdown at Skagit Speedway. Donny Schatz and Brad Sweet exchanged the runner-up position multiple times in the closing stages with Schatz grabbing the position and Sweet settling for third.

Pittman won the Sears Craftsman Dash to earn the pole of the 40-lap Feature, alongside Schatz. Pittman controlled the initial start and led the opening lap as Schatz and Logan Schuchart jockeyed for the runner-up position before a Red Flag halted action. A handful of slowed cars littered the racing surface, resulting in Dominic Scelzi getting upside down. Scelzi was alert and talking to the safety crew but was transported to the local hospital with a hip injury.

Friday night's winner Sheldon Haudenschild spun to a stop on Lap 3, ending his top-ten run and bunching the field back together. The next 10 laps allowed the leaders to delve into lapped traffic. With the preferred racing line up on the cushion, Pittman was able to methodically work his way through traffic efficiently with calculated slide jobs.

Buddy Kofoid's good run came to an end on Lap 13, when he stopped in turn one. On the ensuing restart, Brad Sweet went to work on Schuchart, as the duo exchanged slide jobs for third. Schuchart resisted, but Sweet was able to wrestle the position away for good on Lap 15 and began to close in on Pittman and Schatz.

As lapped traffic picked up, Pittman was forced to slow his pace around the cushion, allowing Schatz and Sweet to knock on the door. The best racing action of the night came on Lap 27 through 30 as Pittman remained committed to the top, Schatz found some traction on the bottom and Sweet was looking for a way around both of them. The trio were within inches for the better part of those laps, exciting the large Skagit Speedway crowd.

Donny Schatz bobbled on the tricky cushion off of turn two on Lap
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Daryn Pittman led flag-to-flag at Skagit Speedway for his seventh win of the 2018 season. (Paul Arch photo)

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31, allowing Sweet to steal the runner-up position and, more importantly, allow Pittman to extend his advantage. Sweet began to close in on his Kasey Kahne Racing teammate, potentially setting up another nail-biting finish. Although, unlike last night, this time the battle was for second, as Schatz and Sweet waged war in lapped traffic, ultimately allowing Daryn Pittman to pull further away and pocket the \$12,000 payday at Skagit Speedway for the second consecutive year.

“My guys did a good job. Glad to get the Adams family a win, Justin lost his Grandfather the other day and he’s been doing a great job for us this year, so this one was for him,” Pittman said sincerely in the Victory Lane. “It’s great to get another win, you cherish every one of this because you never know when your next one is going to come,” Pittman, who collected his 79th career Outlaw win, added humbly.

“I am so grateful to have my family here and that they can travel with me. I’m far from my home but there’s obviously a lot of Kasey Kahne fans here in Washington, so I’m glad to get this win for him,” Pittman said to a large cheer from the crowd.

When asked about his game plan starting on the front row, Pittman was honest. “My plan was if the 15 got under me, I better get my butt in gear,” the Owasso, OK native said with a smile.

Schatz got back by Sweet coming to the White Flag and held on for second.

Brad Sweet came home third and talked about the three-car battle for the lead.

“It was a good battle, I was trying to give it all I’ve got, I thought we had a really good car. It’s a little disappointing to give that spot back to Donny on the last lap, but still a good run for this team and to end the weekend on the podium is nothing to be ashamed of,” Sweet said in good spirits.

Logan Schuchart was strong all evening and finished fourth, with Ian Madsen completing the top-five in his second-ever weekend at Skagit Speedway.

Brent Marks earned a career-best Skagit finish in sixth with Shane Stewart finishing seventh.

Washington’s own Trey Starks finished eighth. David Gravel earned KSE Hard Charger honors coming from 16th to ninth while Kraig Kinser completed the top ten.

Sheldon Haudenschild Wins Thriller on Night One at Skagit on His 25th Birthday

ALGER, WA - Sheldon Haudenschild celebrated his 25th birthday in style, sliding Shane Stewart for the lead coming to the White Flag on Night One of the Outlaw Energy Showdown at Skagit Speedway to win his 5th World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Feature of 2018. Stewart did everything in his power to get back by Haudenschild but settled for second in the thrilling finish. Rico Abreu completed the podium in his first Outlaw start at Skagit.

California fan favorite Rico Abreu won the Sears Craftsman Dash, earning the pole for the 30-Lap Feature alongside Shane Stewart. Abreu got the jump on the initial start to lead the opening lap before action was halted for a backwards Jacob Allen, who spun to avoid a logjam of cars with one lap complete.

Abreu chose the bottom on the ensuing double-file restart and led the field down the backstretch but Shane Stewart, a two-time Outlaw winner at Skagit, got a massive run on the cushion off of turn four to lead Lap 2. As Abreu searched around the race track, Sheldon Haudenschild snuck by into second on Lap 4 and began closing in on

Stewart.

Stewart and Haudenschild gave the Skagit Speedway fans a glimpse of what was to come on Lap 7 as Sheldon got underneath Stewart to lead down the backstretch, only to have Stewart blast back around to lead the lap at the line by a hair.

The intense action halted on Lap 10 when Keoni Texeira spun to a stop. On the opposite end of the track, Jason Solwold’s eventful evening continued as he stopped with a flat right front tire. Solwold would return, but Texeira would not.

The ensuing double-file restart saw contact in the back of the pack and Austen Wheatley end up in the infield with damage that would end his evening. Following that, the decision was made to conduct single-file restarts the rest of the evening.

Lap 13 saw Solwold’s night go from bad to worse as his No.18S went end-over-end down the backstretch into turn three after incidental contact with Jacob Allen. Solwold walked away from his mangled car under his own power.

The remaining 17 laps went Green-to-Checkered and they did not disappoint. Haudenschild hawked the veteran Stewart through heavy lapped traffic, keeping the crowd on the edge of their seat as the drivers navigated a tacky racing surface.

Haudenschild looked to be within striking distance multiple times, but remained patient until the perfect opportunity, which came on Lap 28. Stewart bobbed ever-so-slightly on the treacherous cushion off of turn four, opening a

narrow window for Haudenschild to pounce and the young Wooster, OH native did just that.

Haudenschild threw his NOS Energy Sponsored, Stenhouse Jr.-Marshall racing No.17 hard into the corner and inched in front of Stewart at the edge of turn four. Stewart and Haudenschild made slight contact after the slide job but both drivers kept going under the White Flag.

Stewart tried one last ditch effort to get the lead back coming to the checkered, but to no avail as he would finish .311 behind Haudenschild in an exciting Feature.

“I knew I was running out of time and had to make something happen. I don’t think my slider was dirty, you kind of had to stop his momentum to pull it off. I know he bumped by back bumper, but on a small track like this, I think you’re going to have some wheel-banging and the track tonight was beautiful,” Haudenschild said in Victory Lane.

Shane Stewart despite the tough finish remained in good spirits, “That’s how these races go, you can’t stub your toe, can’t slow down at all or you’re going to get passed.”

Rico Abreu, who has been following the Outlaws back to his home state of California since Knoxville, came home third in his first Outlaw start at Skagit.

Joey Saldana was strong all night and finished fourth with Brad Sweet completing the top five. Ian Madsen, in his first look at Skagit Speedway, earned KSE Hard Charger honors coming forward 10 positions to 12th.

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Brandon Overton Scores Marquee Victory

M I D D L E - BOURNE, WV - Brandon Overton won the richest one-day prize in dirt late model racing history, capturing the 50th Annual General Tire Hillbilly Hundred at Tyler County Speedway on Sunday night.

The 27-year-old took the lead from home-state favorite, Jared Hawkins on lap 70 and led the rest of the way to the \$50,000 payday. Hawkins managed to hold off Mason Zeigler for second. Zeigler came home in third with Jimmy Owens and Gregg Satterlee completing the top five drivers.

Overton received congratulations from his crew after a hard-earned victory as he entered Lucas Oil Victory Lane. "I can't quite shaking. We just had the worst two nights of racing I think I have ever had. Last week at Mansfield we didn't even make the race. It's just a miserable feeling. We ran some regional races and did pretty good and we thought we were going to come up here and show everybody what we are made of. We got beat down pretty quick. There are just different parts of the country where you need to race different. Last night we were about to get lapped and to come back tonight and win, this is great."

"I am glad to have the support of everybody behind me. I am thankful for Billy Franklin for giving me this opportunity. Billy hasn't said one thing. We have run terrible the last two nights and hasn't said nothing. That's why I love to drive for him. I would rather be on the upside than the downside with this deal. I didn't know what was going to happen after the Dream, but it couldn't have ended up any better than it has," Overton added.

Hawkins, who had the capacity crowd rooting for him, nearly pulled off the win. "Early on in the race I was just feeling out the car and where I could run it best. I just tried to maintain a good pace and take care of my stuff. I was just trying to be there at the end. I guess I needed to move up on him [Overton]. He just got up on the wheel and got it done. I love racing with these Lucas Oil guys. It's a lot of fun to do that. Thanks to all of the fans for coming out and thanks to

Tim Logan for giving me a shot at driving his car."

Zeigler, who currently leads the Rookie of the Year chase, came home in third. "I didn't do well in qualifying and it put us behind. I think if we would have started up front we would have been even better. It is what it is. I am happy for those two guys who ran up front. Congratulations to Brandon on the win. It was good to see the top three being Rocket Chassis. Brandon was really good. I think we could have run second. I got up on Jared [Hawkins], but that was about it."

Completing the top ten finishers were Tyler Erb, Jonathan Davenport, Scott Bloomquist, Don O'Neal, and Dennis Erb Jr.

Sheppard Sails to Portsmouth Score

PORTSMOUTH, OH - Brandon Sheppard capitalized on his success in recent years at Portsmouth Raceway Park, winning the Bob Miller Memorial presented by Pepsi on Saturday night.

Sheppard took the lead from Kyle Bronson on a lap-12 restart when Bronson jumped the cushion in turn number two. Sheppard then went unchallenged the rest of the way to take the win. Josh Richards held off Jonathan Davenport for the runner-up spot. Gregg Satterlee came from the 21st starting spot to finish fourth. Bobby Pierce rounded out the top-five.

Sheppard's win was his fourth Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory of the season. "This car is awesome every time we come here. I don't know what it is about this place. I can't thank my crew enough, Mark, Danny, Joel, and Austin; they have worked their tails off on this car. To get to come race night in and night out with those guys is great because I know it's not going to fall apart and we can run up front. I couldn't do it without them," said Sheppard.

"Thanks to all the fans for coming out tonight. I want to thank my family for all of their support. Thanks to Lucas Oil for giving us big paying races to run. Hopefully we can get another win tomorrow at Tyler County. I really didn't know what line to run early in the race. I was moving around from high to low a little bit to figure it out."

Richards was pleased with his second podium finish of the weekend. "That was a tough deal in turn



Brandon Overton is all smiles in victory lane after winning the 50th Annual General Tire Hillbilly Hundred at Tyler County Speedway. (lucasdirt.com photo)

two with that wreck with Scott [Bloomquist] getting collected in. It was pretty sketchy to get through, but we did. We had a good race with JD for several laps. Great job to Brandon and his team. We had a great car again tonight."

Davenport continues to lead the series points standings after taking the third spot at the finish line. "I could never get a good start. I had a run on Josh there once. I really couldn't see good enough and I couldn't get to the cushion soon enough. We could get a good run off the corner, but we did have a good points night. We finally ran half-way decent here. I really like the facility and how the race track is laid out. I have just never been really good here. Hopefully we learned a lot tonight to get ready for the \$100,000 race here in October."

The remainder of the top-ten finishers were: Mason Zeigler, Dennis Erb Jr., Earl Pearson Jr., Tim McCreddie, and Steve Casebolt.

Carrier Cashes in at Ponderosa

JUNCTION CITY, KY - Kentucky native Eddie Carrier Jr. took the lead from Earl Pearson Jr. on lap 28 and went on to win the rain-shortened John Bradshaw Memorial at Ponderosa Speedway. The win marks his tenth career Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory.

Carrier was born and raised just 20 miles from Ponderosa Speedway. His father, Eddie Carrier Sr. won a track championship and a multitude of feature events at the 3/8-mile bullring.

Carrier led the first seven laps of the race until Pearson took over the point. Carrier rallied back, using the outside line to take control again on lap 28. When a caution for debris flew after 30 laps were scored, rain began to fall. After several laps

under caution with rain continuing to fall, the race was called official. Trailing Carrier and Pearson across the line were Josh Richards, Jonathan Davenport, and Jared Hawkins.

The 47-year-old Carrier became the seventeenth different winner in LOLMDS competition in 2018. "I don't think I could have run 20 more laps like that up top. Thank you for the rain. I have a left rear flat, so I am glad it's over. I have been coming here since I was kid, watching my dad and Russ Petro battle it out every Friday Night. There were a lot of great drivers that ran here like Big Daddy Paul Feistritzer, Finn Watson, and several more. It's always special to win here."

"All of my friends and family are here. To come in here and outrun these Lucas Oil guys, I don't care if I have got 3,000 laps here when these guys come in here they are all business. They know what they are doing and that's why they get paid to do it. We are a small team. We try to always do the best we can every time out. I think when Earl got on the bottom there it kind of dirtied the top of the track for me. I was going thru a tear-off about every lap."

Pearson coming off a career-win in the Dirt Million at Mansfield last weekend finished second.

Richards also complemented the track crew for a well-prepared surface. "We will take third. I knew on that last restart that the rain was coming. I probably should have taken the top on Eddie. I know Earl and I both gambled on tires tonight. I thought I had a shot before that last caution, I was running Earl and Eddie down. I had a really good car, but Eddie and those guys deserved it. It was good to see him win."

Sammy Swindell Sweeps The Lake Ozark 360 Nationals

ELDON, MO - Leading every lap in Saturday's 41 lap Feature Event, Sammy Swindell completed the weekend sweep of the Lake Ozark Speedway 360 Nationals presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com.

Collecting a cool \$10,000 for his 20th career victory with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com, Swindell again raced across the finish line with a near half-track advantage in the A.G. Rains owned No. 3s.

"The track was a bit different tonight. We just made a couple small changes from what we didn't like the other night and the car was actually better than it was last night," stated the wily veteran.

"Once I got to lapped cars, it was a little bit tough. They were running pretty hard and running two and three deep when we'd catch them but this thing would go anywhere I wanted to go so I could go where they weren't. I was just trying to save the car and save the tires as long as I could, and when we got to 10 go, I just let it eat."

Beating out Kyle Bellm on the opening lap with Derek Hagar following to second, the caution lights blinked on with two laps complete as Tyler Utz rolled to a stop just off the edge of the track entering turn three. Pulling the No. 9jr on the restart, Sammy's progress was slowed again with 17 laps to run as Paul Nienhiser snagged the berm, in turn, four, snapping his No. 9x around.

Restarting with a gaggle of lapped cars in the mix, Hagar picked off half the slower crowd before the caution flew again on Lap 31 for Kyle Bellm.

With four lapped cars running between Swindell and Hagar, the battle was working through the field as Brian Brown began rallying through the lineup with Seth Bergman in tow. Also having to contend with the myriad of lapped traffic, Brown had the wing in the truck as he closed on Hagar with less than five laps to go.

Both still not able to make up any ground on Swindell, the CP-Carrillo No. 3s collected his fifth Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com victory of the season. Derek Hagar held on for runner-up honors with Brian Brown rolling to third from eighth.

Seth Bergman in fourth made up more ground in the chase for the championship with the Corridor Electric No. 23 now only 16 points away from the lead. The top-five wrapped up with Jonathan Cornell.

Nearly getting tipped on the opening lap, Sam Hafertepe, Jr fell back to nearly 15th before rallying back to sixth in the Hills racing No. 15h. Travis Rilat in seventh was followed by Tyler Thomas with Wayne Johnson and Jamie Ball completing the top-ten.

Putting up extra money for the Hard Charger, Johnny Herrera advanced eight positions and for that, collected \$500 from Searsboro Telephone, Co. plus another \$125 from Schure Built Suspension.

Heat Races numbered six with wins going to Wayne Johnson, Seth Bergman, Tim Crawley, Scott Bogucki, Jamie Ball, and Johnny Herrera. Qualifiers were topped by Matt Covington, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., and Brian Brown. A trio of B-Features were topped by Blake Hahn, Tim Crawley, and Sean McClelland.

Another five-figure payday awaits the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com in the "Show Me State" as the Jesse Hockett/Daniel McMillin Memorial is set for September 20, 21, and 22 at Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, Mo. Tickets for the three-night affair are on sale at <http://www.lucasoilspeedway.com>.

For other news, notes, and information on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the Regional Tours that make up the nearly 150 races across the ASCS Nation in 2018, log onto www.ascsracing.com, follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter (@LucasOilASCS).

Swindell Dominates Lake Ozark 360 Nationals Opener

ELDON, MO - Sammy Swindell is still winning; dominating by a half-track to open the Lake Ozark



Sammy Swindell celebrates his 360 Nationals win in victory lane at Lake Ozark Speedway. (Steve Eichelberger photo)

Speedway 360 Nationals presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com on Saturday night.

Racing with Tyler Thomas on the start, the No. 3s gained the advantage off the second turn, but a miscue through the third and fourth turns saw Swindell shuffled to third as Tyler Thomas and Sam Hafertepe, Jr. made their way by.

"My car was really good in the Qualifier, and we were able to pull away quite a bit in just a couple laps. We made a couple changes for the Feature, and we were probably a little too tight to start. I ran the top and one and two and it was really good so I ran the top of three and four and it wasn't so that let Sam [Hafertepe] get by, but I could tell we had them covered and it was just a matter of time," commented Swindell on his seventh overall win of the season.

"I think these ASCS races, our average is like a second or third. That's hard to beat, and you know we've had some breaks on some of this stuff, but we've been getting our car working better all year too so we'll just work to stay ahead of everybody else."

Red after the completion of the first lap for Taylor Walton, the driver of the No. 0 was unharmed as the field resumed racing. Dashing around the No. 91t on the restart, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. took command with Swindell quickly following into second on the third lap.

Chasing the No. 15h as the back of the field came into play, Hafertepe's night ended abruptly as the Hills Racing entry rolled to a stop atop the first turn with a fueling

issue working Lap 7.

Reverting to Lap 6, Swindell took over as the lead and quickly ran away from the race for second. Leaving Tyler Thomas by a half straightaway, the driver of the No. 91t had his hands full in the closing laps as Derek Hagar and Kyle Bellm set sights on the Oklahoma shoe.

Taking over the runner-up spot on Lap 21, Derek Hagar made up very little ground on Swindell before the checkered flag flew. Following the No. 9jr, Kyle Bellm ended his night third with Tyler Thomas holding onto the final transfer into Saturday's \$10,000 to win A-Feature. Rolling up from 10th, Washington's Seth Bergman completed the top-five. With the DNF by Hafertepe, the point's battle is back under a blanket with Bergman closing the gap to 24 points with Blake Hahn lurking in third with a 59-point gap to make up.

Earning the night's CP-Carrillo Hard Charger Award, Sean McClelland never vacated the low line in the D&E Supply No. 22s, advancing 14 positions to finish sixth. Randy Martin in seventh was followed by Wayne Johnson, Johnny Herrera, and Paul Nienhiser to round out the top-ten.

American Sprint Car Series Statement Regarding Electric City Speedway

TULSA, OK - In response to a press release issued by Electric City Speedway, the American Sprint Car Series will not seek to mend any ties with the Montana (Continued Next Page)

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oval.

"We had a meeting with all three Montana tracks before the season started, and everyone was good. Everyone was on the same page, but from the first time our Frontier Region showed up at Electric City Speedway this season, track ownership and people associated with the track have sought to undermine and circumvent the rules of

the American Sprint Car Series, including the Brodix Spec Cylinder Head, Hoosier Tire, and lineup procedures," stated ASCS Founder, Emmett Hahn.

"Our rules are the same for everyone, no matter who you are, and I can say without a doubt, in 27 years of working with owners and promoters all over the country, I have never had as much trouble or headache as what I've had with Electric City Speedway," added Hahn.

"What's worse, is Dan Mann was given the opportunity to speak with our National Director, and when asked to state his issues, he didn't give any and instead hung up. In fact, he could have called our office at any time and chose not to do so. We are more than willing to work with any track to make the show better and address any legitimate issues. We're in the business of promoting and growing the sport of Sprint Car racing and continue to do so without Electric City Speedway."

The American Sprint Car Series would like to thank the promoters who work to make the sport of Sprint Car racing better with every night of racing and looks forward to continuing to grow the sport across the United States and beyond.

The 2019 season for the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region is already in the works with new tracks coming on board, as well as bigger and better events for teams and fans to attend.

J.T. Imperial Runs To ASCS Southwest Win at Show Low Speedway Park

SHOW LOW, AZ - For the third time in his career, J.T. Imperial was first to the checkered flag with the ASCS Southwest Region with his win coming Sunday night at Show



J.T. Imperial celebrates with his family in victory lane at Show Low Speedway Park. (David Wamhoff photo)

Low Speedway Park.

Racing to the lead from the right of the front row, Imperial held off Colton Hardy who advanced five positions for the runner-up spot. New Mexico's Jesse Baker grabbed the final podium step with Lorne Wofford and Alex Pettas making up the top-five.

Rick Ziehl crossed sixth with Casey Buckman seventh. Making up five spots from 13th, Mason Keefer was eighth with Steve Cushman and Jarrett Martin making up the top-ten.

Up next for the ASCS Southwest Region is Arizona Speedway on Saturday, September 15.

Hardy Wins With ASCS Southwest at Show Low Speedway Park

SHOW LOW, AZ - Colton Hardy returned to Victory Lane with the ASCS Southwest Region on Saturday night as the series kicked off a two night run at Show Low Speedway Park.

Collecting his ninth career win with the ASCS Southwest Region, Hardy's performance was cut five laps short as a power outage gripped the track with five laps to run when the track went under red for the No. 57x of Jesse Stonecipher.

J.T. Imperial moved up to finish second with Rick Ziehl in third. Lorne Wofford made up four spots to finish eighth with Billy Chester making the top-five. Wes Wofford from 11th crossed sixth, followed by Josh Shipley, Casey Buckman, Alex Pettas, and Jesse Baker to make up the top ten.

Martin Sweeps ASCS Gulf South at South Texas Speedway

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - One win deserves another as Caleb Martin, fresh off his first career win with the Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region on Saturday night, backed it up by sweeping the weekend at South Texas Speedway.

Pocketing \$3,000 for the Sunday triumph, the win was made sweeter with an additional \$1,000 for the sweep courtesy of Rose Truck Sales in Corpus Christi for a weekend total of \$6,000.

Slated to start sixth, Martin got a break as two false starts advanced the No. 51 to the front of the field.

Taking full advantage, Caleb led flag-to-flag despite a caution on the white flag lap for Cody Stacy that planted the No. 2x of Tucker Doughty on his back bumper.

Having to settle for second, Doughty was able to hold off Channin Tankersley on the final restart. Koty Adams crossed fourth with Chris Sweeny moving up four spots to fifth. Michael McNeil, Dustin Gates, Cody Tankersley, Bruce Crockett, and Mike Vaculik made up the top-ten.

The Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region resumes action on Saturday, September 15 at Golden Triangle Raceway Park in Beaumont, Texas.

Caleb Martin Tops ASCS Gulf South at South Texas Speedway

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX - Collecting \$2,000 at South Texas Speedway, Caleb Martin added his name the winner's list Saturday night with the Griffith Truck and Equipment ASCS Gulf South Region.

The first time Martin has topped the ASCS Gulf South Region, the driver of the No. 51 is the 63rd driver to do so.

Winning from the pole, the Angleton, Texas racer beat out current series point's leader, Channin Tankersley for the win. Tucker Doughty crossed third with Michael McNeil and Dustin Gates making up the top-five.

Chris Sweeney, Cody Stacy, Bruce Crockett, Cody Tankersley, and Mike Vaculik fill out the top ten.



Caleb Martin swept the ASCS Gulf South action at South Texas Speedway. (Manvel Motorsports photo)

Tim Shaffer Earns Pete Jacobs Memorial Title Worth \$10,000 at Wayne County Speedway

ORRVILLE, OH - An emotional victory for Demyan-Rudzik Racing crew chief, Cody Jacobs, the 'Steel City Outlaw' Tim Shaffer picked up right where he left off two days prior and earned his second Arctic Cat

All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 victory in three starts, this time earning the annual Pete Jacobs Memorial title at Wayne County Speedway worth \$10,000.

Dominating the feature field once taking command for the first time on lap 18 of 35, the Aliquippa, Pa., native earned his 64th-career All Star Circuit of Champions victory from the outside of row four, battling his way into the top three as early as lap eight, eventually crossing under the final checkers ahead of the 'Kunkletown Kid' Ryan Smith and rising star, Gio Scelzi. The win was Shaffer's third of the 2018 season during All Star competition.

"Man, what an awesome race," an excited Tim Shaffer said in Wayne County Speedway victory lane. "This place has always been kinda tough for me, but today being Cody's [Jacobs] birthday, and this race honoring his great-grandfather, I really wanted to win it. This car was just awesome and I really drove the wheels off of it."

"We were really close last year and ran second," Cody Jacobs added, crew chief for the Demyan-Rudzik entry. "Like I said earlier tonight, this race isn't just about the \$10,000. I'm really happy to get it for my family. We're having a great year and we have some great people behind us. Everyone seems to be really working together and they are giving us great equipment. I believe I'm working with one of the best in the world and as long as I am able to do my job, I think we'll always be OK."

Tim Shaffer's path to victory lane was impressive. Although the first five laps were relatively quiet for the former All Star champion, Shaffer's first big move of the evening occurred just after a lap six restart, actually picking up a pair of positions on lap eight that propelled Shaffer from fifth to third around

Aaron Reutzel and Cap Henry.

Race leader and pole-sitter Ryan Smith, who survived an early duel with Aaron Reutzel for the top spot on lap three, escaped to a near-three second lead after the lap six caution. Although he seemed invincible out front, lapped traffic, which came into play for the first time with 12 laps in the books, proved to be Smith's demise, allowing Gio Scelzi, who forced his way to second after the lap six caution, and Shaffer to close the gap in a hurry.

By lap 16, Scelzi, aboard the Indy Race Parts No. 71, was right on the tail tank of Smith with Shaffer in tow. Before caution flags could appear for the second time on lap 17, Shaffer had already worked his way around Scelzi to clinch the runner-up spot, thus setting up a restart with the 'Steel City Outlaw' right in Smith's rearview mirror.

When green flag action returned, Shaffer was able to keep pace with Smith for the entire circuit, eventually setting up his winning move on lap 18. Using the turn two cushion, Shaffer got a great run down the backstretch and forced his way underneath Smith at the entrance of turn three. The move stuck, soon beating Smith in a drag race back to the flagstand to complete the 18th circuit.

Although the main event was halted on three more occasions for cautions on laps 20, 21, and 25, two of which for stoppages and ultimately an open red, Shaffer re-



Tim Shaffer raced his way to victory lane at Wayne County Speedway for the Pete Jacobs Memorial. (Paul Arch photo)

mained untouchable at the front of the field, extending his advantage to well over two seconds, twice. The main event's final caution on lap 25 gave Shaffer a clear track and clean air to work with for the final 11 circuits. Although the leaders reached traffic again on lap 31, Shaffer proved to be too strong, never faltering and crossing under the final checkers by a comfortable margin of victory.

"The cautions do help a lot when they play into your favor, but we were good in dirty air, too," Shaffer continued. "We've been really good all weekend. We kinda stumbled upon some things and they seem to be really working well for this RPM Chassis. Any win is huge right now. They seem to be getting harder and harder to get. We have some big money races coming up. Hopefully we can put ourselves in position and be up front."

The Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 will continue the month of September with a visit to Port Royal Speedway in Port Royal, Pennsyl-

vania. The 'Speed Palace' will host the traveling All Stars for two, full nights of competition beginning with the \$5,000-to-win, Night Before The Tuscarora 50 program on Friday, September 7. The weekend will conclude with the 51st annual Tuscarora 50 awarding a \$51,000 top prize on Saturday, September 8. Saturday's total purse exceeds \$100,000.

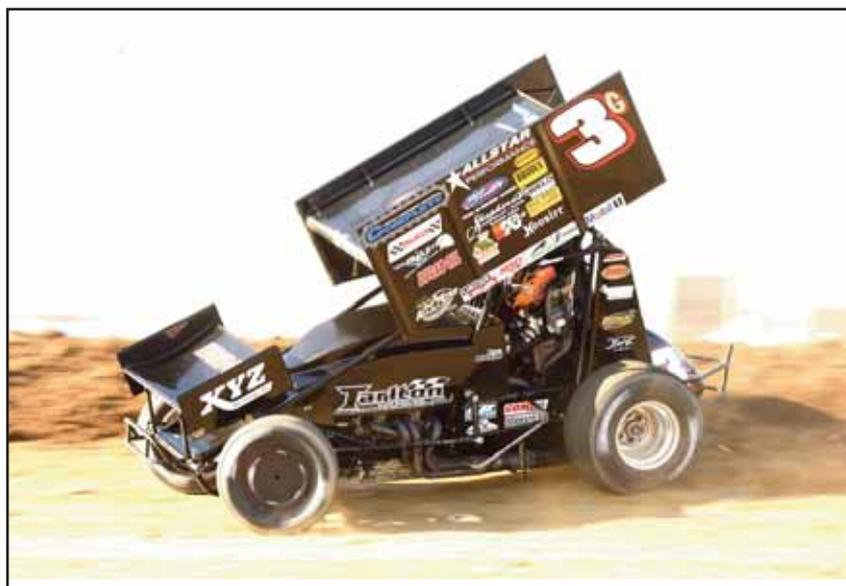
More news and notes regarding the 51st edition of the Tuscarora 50 at Port Royal Speedway will be released in the near future. Fans are encouraged to stay alert online at www.allstarsprint.com, as well as on all of the available social media networks.

Carson Macedo Claims Dirt Classic Ohio Finale at Attica Raceway Park

ATTICA, OH - Close on so many occasions, Lemoore, California's Carson Macedo finally earned his way to Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 victory lane at Attica Raceway Park, this team utilizing the pole position to score the 2018 Dirt Classic Ohio finale worth \$5,000. For Macedo, the All Star triumph at the home of 'Ohio's Finest Racing' bumped his career total to five with the Tony Stewart-owned organization, all of which taking shape at five different facilities.

Leading on two occasions during the 40-lap showstopper, Macedo earned the top spot for the second and final time on lap ten, ultimately crossing under the final checkers ahead of Cale Thomas, Tim Shaffer, Lee Jacobs, and Cap Henry.

"This is one of the hardest places in the world to win at, in my
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Carson Macedo finally got a win at Attica Raceway Park claiming the Dirt Classic Ohio Finale. (Paul Arch photo)

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opinion," Carson Macedo said in Attica Raceway Park victory lane, driver of the Gaerte/Norman No. 3G.

Starting from the outside-pole position, Cale Thomas earned the early jump to lead lap one over Carson Macedo and Craig Mintz. Thomas' command ended just as quickly as it started, eventually slipping off-track at the exit of turn

two and losing four spots. Macedo inherited the top spot after Thomas' mishap, racing to the flagstand to complete lap two with Mintz, Lee Jacobs, Cap Henry, and Thomas in tow. Macedo escaped from the field rather quickly, increasing his advantage to a near-straightaway by the completion of lap five.

It would not take long before Mintz was able to race himself into the picture, chopping away at Macedo's lead to a mere car length by lap eight. As the front-runners approached traffic for the first time, it was then when Mintz made his move for the top spot, actually getting a run on Macedo at the exit of turn two on lap nine. After a backstretch drag race ending in Mintz's favor, Macedo attempted to return the favor by sliding Mintz in turns three and four. Mintz was able to turn the car back down the track and beat Macedo back to the flagstand to lead lap nine. Mintz's command under green was short-lived

as caution flags waved for the first time on lap ten. Despite taking a wild ride outside of turns one and two, Stuart Brubaker walked away unharmed.

Although losing the top spot to Mintz, Macedo wasted little time and regained control almost immediately, this time utilizing the single-file restart to slingshot around Mintz. Although an exciting turn of events, caution flags reappeared just two circuits later, once again erasing all momentum and setting up a single-file restart.

Green flag action returned soon enough with Macedo back in charge over Mintz, Thomas, Jacobs, and Henry. An open track gave Macedo an opportunity to escape from the field, but like in the early stages of the 40-lap program, Mintz eventually reeled-in the Gaerte/Norman entry.

From lap 18 until lap 22, Mintz did everything in his power to maneuver around Macedo in traffic, but the attempts never resulted in his favor.

From that point forward, it was all Macedo at the front of the field just before caution flags flew for the final time on lap 35. The final six circuits were also flawless for Macedo, rim-riding the cushion to score the \$5,000 payday. Cale Thomas chased Macedo to the final checkers, followed by Tim Shaffer, Lee Jacobs, and Cap Henry.

Shaffer Wins Dirt Classic Ohio Opener

ATTICA, OH - Adding to an illustrious career resume that now includes 63 Arctic Cat All Star Circuit

of Champions presented by Mobil 1 victories, the 'Steel City Outlaw' Tim Shaffer opened the 2018 Dirt Classic Ohio at Attica Raceway Park with a victory, this time holding off Carson Macedo and Cap Henry to do so.

The \$5,000 victory was Shaffer's seventh at the Attica highbanks during All Star competition, taking the lead officially on lap nine with a bold move in traffic.

After a caution during the initial start that included Lee Jacobs and Dave Blaney, the Dirt Classic Ohio opener at Attica Raceway Park was officially underway with Carson Macedo earning the early jump over pole-sitter Tim Shaffer and Travis Philo. Macedo drove away in clean air for the first five circuits, quickly catching the tail-end of the field.

By lap seven, Shaffer was clearly on the move and powered forward to pull even with Macedo to create a side-by-side battle for the top spot. The top two battled wheel-to-wheel for the next two circuits until Shaffer made a bid for the top spot on lap nine, using Attica's infamous cushion to slingshot around Macedo at the exit of turn four.

Although traffic created an instant roadblock for the four-time All Star champion, the chaos quickly came to a close as caution flags appeared once again on lap 11.

Green flag action soon returned with Shaffer navigating an open track and clean air. It was not until lap 16 when traffic came back into the picture, and even then, Shaffer's pace at the front of the field was uninterrupted. Although Shaffer raced in cruise control, it was

the action behind him that was beginning to heat up which included Macedo, Cap Henry, Travis Philo, and Brock Zearfoss, all battling and exchanging positions.

Cap Henry, who undoubtedly was working the hardest to get near the front, utilized the lap 11 restart to move into fourth around Zearfoss, eventually working by Philo to take the third spot on lap 14. Soon thereafter, Zearfoss also worked around the familiar No. 5T of Travis Philo to lock down the fourth spot on lap 23.

Continuing his shuffle toward the front, Henry pounced once again, this time using a gnarly slide job in traffic to get by Macedo to take the runner-up spot on lap 29. Unfortunately for Henry, a momentum shift in the form of a caution on lap 31 erased all possibility of hunting down Tim Shaffer.

The caution was soon followed by red flag conditions on the ensuing restart, this time for Broc Martin, who was also the culprit in the earlier caution. Despite taking a wicked tumble outside of turns one and two, Martin walked away unharmed.

The green flag waved once again giving Tim Shaffer clean air and an open track to work with. As Shaffer resumed his commanding lead, it was Macedo who took advantage of the restart, ultimately working by Henry to regain the runner-up spot.

As the laps clicked up to 40, the top three remained the same with Shaffer holding on to earn the Dirt Classic Ohio opening night victory, followed by Macedo and Henry at the final checkers.

Ballou Takes the Challenge at Tri-State

HAUBSTADT, IN - Robert Ballou was ready for the Labor Day Weekend Challenge at Tri-State Speedway Sunday night. He claimed his second victory of the season in racing with the Hoosier Tire Midwest Sprint Car Series. Ballou started outside pole, grabbed the lead, and found the fastest line around

the quarter mile oval.

The green light was on and it stayed on all 30 laps. There was racing throughout the 21 car field. Two or three distinct packs of cars formed. But up front there was only

Ballou. The feature was over quickly without the experience of a caution. Ballou took the checkered flag having built up an impressive eight second lead.

Defending 2017 Challenge winner Kyle Cummins became the last challenger during the feature. He started tenth on the field and worked his way forward in quest of a repeat victory. He had moved up to second by lap 24 after getting by MSCS Points leader Carson Short.

Short slipped back to fourth handicapped by a broken shock. Josh Hodges took third. Chase Stockon rounded out the top five. The immense effort by Kyle Cummins earned him the Keizer Aluminum Wheels Hard Charger of the Race Award. Pole sitter Dakota

Jackson led the second five to the finish line.

Only nine drivers avoided being lapped by Ballou. Donny Brackett finished seventh in the feature followed by fast qualifier Stephen Schnapf, Brandon Mattox, and Critter Malone. Chet Williams collected the Wilwood Tuff Brakes Award in finishing eleventh. The three sprint car heat races were victories for Dakota Jackson, Robert Ballou, and Carson Short. Stephen Schnapf won the B Main in which he competed after experiencing problems early in the first heat race. Newcomer Chayse Hayhurst claimed the last feature transfer with a fifth place finish in the B.

The UMP Modifieds were 34 strong in support of a program with a built in bonus. They competed in the regular show paying \$1,000 to win the feature and also in a make-up feature for the rained-out Sum-

mit Modified Nationals event from June 24th paying \$1,500 to win.

Zack Fair won the regular feature that concluded the night's racing activity. Dave Beck, Brandon McDowell, Stan Beadles, and Mark Lamont finished in the top five. Heats were won by Matt Lane, Dave Beck, Zack Fair, and Dustin Beck. Jerry Davis won the B Main.

Brandon McDowell won the Summit Modified feature held at the beginning of the program. McDowell persevered despite having to face two late race restarts when a yellow came out with a lap to go. Dave Beck, Dustin Beck, Zack Fair, and John Clippinger rounded out the top five.

The next event at Tri-State Speedway and for MSCS will be the Haubstadt Hustler on September 15. The event is co-sanctioned with USAC. The UMP Modifieds will also be racing.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC -

The ROVALution is in full swing, as Charlotte Motor Speedway is getting ROVAL™ ready with less than 35 days to go before the inaugural Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 roars to life on the 17-turn, 2.28-mile ROVAL™. The speedway's frontstretch has undergone a transformation of sorts, with the finishing touches being put on 112,000

square feet of Sports Fields synthetic turf.

Additionally, the speedway will debut a new 80-foot tall, nine-foot-wide pedestrian bridge between ROVAL™ turns 2 and 3. The bridge features an open walkway, two elevators and fan access to ROVAL™ camping and the infield Circle K convenience store.

A revamped concourse area under the Grand National grandstand includes throwback-themed imagery, refurbished restrooms and an upgraded Lucky Dog Saloon in one of the most sought-after seating areas for the Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 race weekend.

Speedway operations staff began the 10-week process by removing grass and an eight-inch layer of dirt before placing GeoTech fabric and an eight-inch layer of stone into the space, followed by field turf and sand.

The turf – which required 616,000 pounds of sand and 5,400 hours of planning and installation – is designed to slow cars down in quicker fashion. The turf is also more environmentally friendly and easier to maintain than the natural grass which preceded its installation. In addition to the turf's competition-based benefits, race fans will use it for fan access to race-weekend events including Trackside Live and the Sammy Hagar and The Circle concert on Sept. 29.

Race fans will witness the new turf, bridge and concourse area for the first time when the Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 race weekend gets underway with Bojangles' Qualifying on Sept. 28.

TICKETS: To purchase Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 or Drive for the Cure 200 presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina race tickets – which include admission to the Sept. 29 Sammy Hagar and The Circle concert – call the 1-800-455-FANS (3267) or shop on-



Crews were hard at work on Charlotte Motor Speedway's frontstretch on Tuesday, installing 112,000 square feet of Sports Fields synthetic field turf. (CMS/Jonathan Coleman photo)

line at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com.

MORE INFO: Fans can connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway and get the latest news by following on Twitter and Instagram, becoming a Facebook fan or downloading the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - Breakthrough singer-songwriter Carly Pearce will return to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for a second consecutive year, performing the national anthem before the start of the Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard Powered by Florida Georgia Line on Sunday, Sept. 9.

"Standing on the podium last year, I couldn't imagine how supercharged my life would become thanks to teamwork, drive and loyal fans - like many of those who continually root for their favorite NASCAR drivers," Pearce said. "I'm thrilled the Indianapolis Motor Speedway invited me back to sing the national anthem and kick off the Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard Powered by Florida Georgia Line!"

Fueled with passionate vocals and effortless drive, Kentucky native Pearce is on the rise. She is defying odds with her No. 1 debut "Every Little Thing," which steered a chart-topping trifecta on SiriusXM's The Highway that also includes "If My Name Was Whiskey" and current single "Hide The Wine." The latter is currently Top 20 and aging nicely at Country radio. With the GOLD-certified title track from her highly-acclaimed debut album, "EVERY LITTLE THING," (Big Machine Records), Carly became the highest-charting solo female debut since July 2015 and

one of only three to accomplish the feat in 12 years.

"Carly Pearce thrilled everyone last year at the Brickyard with her emotive rendition of 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' and we're happy to welcome her back to this year's race," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "Her career has soared since her last appearance at IMS, and we're grateful that our partnership with Big Machine brings so many stars such as Carly to the Speedway for our loyal fans."

Persistence paid off for Pearce, who began touring with a bluegrass band at age 11 and by age 16 was performing six times per day, five days per week at Dollywood theme park in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Over the last nine years in Nashville, she has tirelessly collaborated and performed while working odd jobs to pursue her dream.

Her success has earned plenty of awards and honors, most recently taking home the CMT Music Awards' "Breakthrough Video of the Year" for "Every Little Thing" and Radio Disney Music Awards' "The Freshest! - Radio Disney Country Best New Artist." Among the many supporters, SiriusXM chose her for their all-genre "Class of 2017," CMT rallied behind her as a Next Women of Country alum, Pandora featured her as a 2018 Artist to Watch, programmers nationwide voted her into the CRS New Faces Class of 2018 and People deemed her "the new voice of Country" while praise has poured over from media and industry to fans alike.

Carly's sound has always honored the legendary voices be-

fore her, evident with over 50 invitations to play the Grand Ole Opry, yet also appeals to new audiences with a coveted spot in 2018 on four major tours with Blake Shelton, Thomas Rhett, Rascal Flatts and Luke Bryan. That inspired ABC News Radio to boast: "'Every Little Thing' points to Carly Pearce as country's 'it' girl." Visit www.carlypearce.com for tour dates and more.

The Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard Powered by Florida Georgia Line starts at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9. The event has moved to a new, cooler date as the exciting finale of the NASCAR Cup Series regular season.

Visit IMS.com to purchase tickets or for more information about the race week, which also includes the Lilly Diabetes 250 on Saturday, Sept. 8 for the NASCAR Xfinity Series on the IMS oval and the Driven2SaveLives BC39 presented by NOS Energy Drink on Sept. 5-6 for the USAC P1 Insurance National Midget Series on the new Dirt Track at IMS.

Homestead-Miami Speedway

CHARLOTTE, NC - 704Games, NASCAR's exclusive esports partner for simulation-style video games on console platforms, announced today NASCAR Heat Champions: Road to Miami, a weekly esports competition in the upcoming video game NASCAR Heat 3. Spanning the 2018 NASCAR Playoffs, NASCAR Heat Champions: Road to Miami will culminate at Homestead-Miami Speedway during Ford Championship Weekend with over \$500,000 in potential prize money up for grabs.

"Fresh off the launch of NASCAR Heat 3, NASCAR Heat Champions: Road to Miami launches our first esports tournament so fans can literally play along with the real-world NASCAR Playoffs," said Ed Martin, President of 704Games. "NASCAR Heat Champions: Road to Miami is the first NASCAR esports competition of its kind on video game consoles,

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accessible to NASCAR fans across the U.S., making it a truly one-of-a-kind experience."

Players can compete online in NASCAR Heat 3 starting Sept. 10, 2018 and running through Nov. 11, 2018. Fans can qualify at home weekly by posting their fastest total race times to qualify for the final tournament in Miami. Weekly tournaments will alternate between the Xbox One and PlayStation®4 computer entertainment system. Three additional finalists will race their way in at Homestead-Miami Speedway at Esports Arena Drive, North America's first mobile esports arena.

704Games will fly weekly finalists and a guest to Miami for Ford Championship Weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway. The NASCAR Heat Champions: Road to Miami esports finale will take place Sunday, Nov. 18, and award \$10,000 in prize money, Audeze Mobius gaming headsets, and an exclusive race weekend package from Homestead-Miami Speedway.

As a bonus, if the winner of NASCAR Heat Champions: Road to Miami correctly predicts the official total race time of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Ford EcoBoost 400 within five seconds, they will win an additional \$500,000.

"As we strengthen our position in the esports arena, tournaments like NASCAR Heat Champions: Road to Miami continue to enhance fan engagement with our sport," said Blake Davidson, NASCAR Vice President of Consumer Innovation. "Fans will get a thrill from weekly competitions and finalists get to share this championship event with the best drivers in the world at Homestead, one of the most anticipated race weekends of the season."

"For the past 17 years, Homestead-Miami Speedway has been synonymous with NASCAR champions. And now the 2018 Ford Championship Weekend will have one more champion to crown in 704Games' NASCAR Heat 3," said Homestead-Miami Speedway President Matthew Becherer. "Not only will we have the Championship 4 drivers in each national series vying for a title, but NASCAR

Heat Champions: Road to Miami, will bring us 12 additional finalists competing to win it all. The battle to make it to Miami should be an exciting one."

NASCAR Heat Champions: Road to Miami is the culmination of a focused effort from both 704Games and NASCAR to engage new and existing fans through esports. The mass-market reach of NASCAR Heat 3 creates an unparalleled esports opportunity for NASCAR fans around the country. In 2019, 704Games will look to expand NASCAR Heat Champions as a mainstay of the sport.

Fans can visit www.NASCARHeatChampions.com for further details and the official rules of NASCAR Heat Champions: Road to Miami.

NASCAR Heat 3 will be available on Sept. 7, 2018, on the PlayStation®4 system, Xbox One and Windows PC via Steam. Fans can pre-order today at www.NASCARHeat.com.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Keeping with its long-standing tradition of honoring the nation's Armed Forces, Charlotte Motor Speedway has rolled out a new-look Patriot Partners program that allows race fans the opportunity to send service men and women to the premier NASCAR events at the iconic 1.5-mile superspeedway, including the inaugural Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 on Sept. 30.

"Many of our most passionate race fans serve in our Armed Forces, but often, these servicemen and women don't have the resources to attend our events with their families," said Greg Walter, executive vice president at Charlotte Motor Speedway. "Charlotte Motor Speedway has the unique distinction of being within driving distance of some of the largest military installations in the world. The Patriot Partner program allows the generosity of our fans and partners to help make the dream of attending a race a reality to those who serve our country every day."

First launched in 2012 as "Salute the Troops," the Patriot Partners program now allows fans to donate any amount that they wish, by simply rounding their ticket purchase up to the nearest dollar or making a donation of any dollar amount. For every \$25 raised, Charlotte Motor Speedway will purchase discounted tickets to be distributed to troops and their family members through the speedway's partner, USO of North Carolina.

Donations can be made by calling the speedway's ticket office at 800-455-FANS (3267).

"For decades, Charlotte Motor Speedway has stood behind our nation's military, honoring them at the races," said John Falkenburg, president and CEO of the USO of North Carolina. "Charlotte Motor Speedway's Patriot Partners program and the generosity of race fans make it possible for us USO of North Carolina to strengthen those service members by connecting them to family, home and country."

In addition to race fans donating to the Patriot Partners program, interested corporate partners and businesses can join the cause and purchase a block of tickets. Already in 2018, partners like Bank of America, Coca-Cola, Bojangles', FK Rod Ends, the Cabarrus County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority helped provide more than 4,300 tickets to troops and their families coming to Charlotte Motor Speedway.

For fans and corporate partners who purchase a qualifying block of Patriot Partners tickets, Charlotte Motor Speedway offers a tiered program of packages to provide added recognition for the buyer and their support of the program, including recognition through social media, on SpeedwayTV during the Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 race weekend, corporate display space and more.

TICKETS: To purchase Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 race week tickets or inquire further about the Patriot Partners program, fans can call 1-800-455-FANS (3267).

MORE INFO: Fans can connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway and get the latest news by following on Twitter and Instagram, becoming a Facebook fan or downloading the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

ISM Raceway

PHOENIX, AZ - Actor Skeet Ulrich will say the most famous words in Motorsports to kick off the start of the Can-Am 500 at the new ISM Raceway, and serve as Grand Marshal for the track's Opening Weekend Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoff Semi-Final race on Sunday, Nov. 11.

"Being practically raised on a race track I have witnessed hundreds of people deliver the most famous words in motorsports. For me this is more than an honor it is fulfilling a dream. I'm so excited to participate in the Can-Am 500 at ISM Raceway as Grand Marshal!"

said Ulrich.

Ulrich, who currently stars as FP Jones in CW's hit show Riverdale, has been starring in popular movies since the 1990s, with roles in films such as "The Craft," "Scream" and "As Good As It Gets." On the small screen, he has had regular and recurring roles in popular television series like the "Law and Order" franchise, "CSI: New York" and "Robot Chicken."

The Virginia-born actor is very familiar with NASCAR. His stepfather, D.K. Ulrich, was a team owner and driver in the 1970s through the 1990s, fielding cars for drivers like Mark Martin, Sterling Marlin and Ernie Irvan. Skeet Ulrich's maternal uncle is NASCAR legend Ricky Rudd.

Tickets for the 2018 Opening Weekend and Can-Am 500 are now available, starting at \$40. Weekend packages, which also include the NASCAR Xfinity Series and the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, start at \$67. The In-field pass, which provides access to the redesigned Infield, are only \$129 for the weekend. Tickets are available online at ISMRaceway.com, by phone at 1-866-408-RACE (7223) or in person at the ISM Raceway ticket office.

Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - Children, ages 12 and under, will receive free gate admission for Sunday Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series and Verizon IndyCar Series races at Pocono Raceway in 2019. This new initiative will start today as part of the 2019 Pocono Raceway Ticket Renewal Program. All remaining tickets for next season's events at 'The Tricky Triangle' are scheduled to go on sale to the public in early October.

Kids, ages 12 and under, will now receive free admission to 100 and 200 levels of the Grandstand, as well as Fan Fair, for all Friday, Saturday and Sunday events during NASCAR and INDYCAR event weekends. Children will have the chance to watch all the racing action from the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series, NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series and ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards at 'The Tricky Triangle' free of charge next summer. All children must be accompanied by an adult with a gate admission ticket. For more information, please visit www.poconoraceway.com/kidsfree.

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50th year of racing," said Nick Igdalsky, Pocono Raceway CEO. "To celebrate this milestone, we wanted to do something extraordinary for the fans. One of my grandparents' visions was for Pocono to become one of the most beloved, family-friendly motorsports and entertainment facilities. Today's announcement

embodies our family's core values, which have remained unchanged since we first opened our gates to the public in 1968. Hopefully, this kids free on Sunday initiative will provide more families the opportunity to create lasting memories, much like the ones I have and continue to experience with my own family, at the track for generations to come."

Individuals who purchased tickets through Pocono Raceway in 2018 can renew their tickets for next season. These customers have the opportunity to save 20% on select 2019 tickets by renewing before the November 15, 2018 deadline. Renewal customers will also gain automatic entry for a chance to win* Tricky's custom-built golf cart, crafted and designed by our partners at Jake's Golf Carts. Email communications regarding the renewal program are in the process of being delivered to these fans. For more information about the '2019 Pocono Raceway Ticket Renewal Program,' please visit www.poconoraceway.com/renewals.

Pocono Raceway will host seven motorsports events in 2019. This includes two Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, one the Verizon IndyCar Series, one NASCAR Xfinity Series, one NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series and two ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards races. For more details about these events and additional information, please visit www.poconoraceway.com.

Eldora Speedway

ROSSBURG, OH - With a record number of camping reservations for the 48th running of the World 100 on September 6th-7th-8th, Eldora Speedway officials have been hard at work to accommodate race fans from around the world who want to be assured they have a reserved campsite.

Over 140 additional campsites will be available for \$50 beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern at www.EldoraSpeedway.com or by calling (937) 338-3815. Reservations close at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday. Remaining campsites will be available to drive-up guests from attendants beginning Sunday.

Many of the new sites are located in Northside Camp & Park, some of which are located at the landmark silo across from Lot 3. All sites are suitable for RVs, trailers and tent campers. New permanent roadways and fresh gravel have been added in all Eldora-owned campgrounds.

The traditional Lot 5 Landrush for the free camping located in Lot 5 of Eldora's main grounds will take the green flag at 6 p.m. this Friday night (August 31st).

Racing action for the week begins Sunday night (September 2nd) with the 11th Annual Baltes Classic by Coor's Light honoring Eldora's founders, the late Earl Baltes and his wife Berneice. The Sunoco American Late Models will run for \$5,000-to-win with the DIRTcar UMP Modifieds and Eldora Stocks rounding out the card.

Preliminary action for the World 100 kicks off Thursday night (September 6th) with a full program and Twin-25 lap features paying \$10,000-to-win. Using the 'Every Lap Matters' format, competitors will score points on Thursday and again on Friday in qualifying, heat races and their feature event seeding them into Saturday's traditional six heat races determining the starting lineup for the World 100.

A record \$436,800 in prize money is up for grabs with \$51,000 going to the winner of the 100-lap race. Earl Baltes first posted \$4,000 for the winner of the inaugural World 100 in 1971, pledging to add \$1,000 to the winner's purse each year following. The defending winner is Jonathan Davenport, a native of Blairsville, Georgia who now calls South Carolina home.

Tickets and campsites for the World 100 or any other event can be purchased at www.EldoraSpeedway.com or by calling (937) 338-3815.

Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - Several non-profit organizations and community groups will again take to the track to raise awareness and funds at Dover International Speedway this fall as the Monster Mile again hosts the ninth annual Monster Miles for a Cause, presented by Bayhealth, on Saturday, Oct. 20. Registration

for all events begins at 8 a.m.

The event is free and open to all non-profit groups as an opportunity for them to use the Speedway's grounds on Oct. 20 to raise awareness and funds for their organizations. Regular meetings are coordinated where groups can work together to collaborate on event details.

Among the activities currently scheduled are a full and half-marathon, and multiple one-mile fun walks, all benefiting area causes. The events include:

- **Monster Mash Full and Half-Marathon:** Begins at 7 a.m. Times can be used to qualify for the Boston Marathon. Approx. 700 people participated last year, representing nearly 40 states. Sign-in times, maps and more information can be found at www.monster-mashmarathon.com. The event benefits the Wounded Warrior Project.

- **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation "All4One" One-Mile Fun Walk:** The fun walk begins at 9 a.m. and is coordinated by Karen Ptak, a Dover International Speedway employee who began supporting the cause after her son, Bobby Cutchin, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. For more info or to sign up, visit <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/all4one>.

- **Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition (DBCC) 9th Annual One-Mile Fun Walk:** Come join breast cancer survivors, friends, and families on a fun, Halloween-themed 1-mile walk, including a costume and fundraising awards, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, visit debreastcancer.org/events.

- **Delaware Humanities 2nd Annual One-Mile Fun Walk:** Begins at 11 a.m. Come join Delaware Humanities board and staff members and support the programs and grants Delaware Humanities offers around the State.

For more information, visit www.dehumanities.org.

Bayhealth, in its second year as a presenting sponsor, will have an informational display from 8 a.m. to noon. Grotto Pizza and Amy's Ice Cream will be on-site, and beer will be available for purchase. Confirmed vendors include The Harris School of Business, Pampered Chef, Endless Discovers, Scentsy, Hemp Healthy, J. Elizabeth Boutique, Paparazzi, Tastefully Simple, Usborne Books, Thirty One, Christina Kober Designs, with more to come.

Non-profit organi-

zations and community groups interested in participating for free or learning more about Monster Miles for a Cause are encouraged to contact Sarah Groome at (302) 883-6565 or sgroome@dovermotorsports.com.

You can keep up with Monster Mile events and activities at [Facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway](https://www.facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway), or on Twitter and Instagram at @MonsterMile.

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - Registrations for the 2019 edition of Summit Racing Equipment Motorama at Atlanta Motor Speedway are now open to all enthusiasts who want to be part of the annual celebration of anything with a motor.

Atlanta Motorama returns for its sixth year on April 27-28, 2019.

Since it first began in 2014, Summit Racing Equipment Atlanta Motorama has featured cool cars, tricked-out trucks, sensational shows, and a myriad of motoring merchants.

Chuck Weber, of Peachtree City, has always been there, too. In fact, Chuck was the first person to register to participate in the inaugural event in 2014.

"It was just sheer luck," Weber said. "I just wrote out a check and said, 'Here, sign me up!' And I ended up being number one!"

What started as luck has turned into a pattern; in each of Atlanta Motorama's five years so far, nobody has signed up to be there before Weber. So it should come as no surprise that Weber recently extended that streak to six years by being the first person to sign up for the 2019 edition.

Weber has several cars, but he always brings one ride he takes particular pride in sharing with fellow car enthusiasts.

"It's a 1932 Ford, what they call a five-window coupe which means if you count the windows that's how many windows are in it," Weber explained.

He's made a lot of changes to the car in the 17 years he's owned it; the car sports a Chevrolet motor kicking out about 300 horsepower, a paintjob with flames sprawling along the sides of the coupe, and an instrument cluster along the dashboard that Weber designed

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himself, just to name a few.

"I've changed about 98 different things," Weber said. "Every year I tear it down and do something to it."

Weber's passion for motorized vehicles started when he was just a boy.

Today his enthusiasm for cars is as strong as ever, and each year when Motorama rolls around the motorhead in Weber can't get enough.

For anyone who hasn't been to Summit Racing Equipment Atlanta Motorama and experienced all that it has to offer - from the vendors, entertainment, and of course well over 1,000 vehicles from all eras - Weber says there is enough time to see it all...

"If you walk fast," he said with a chuckle. "Of course you stop and look at the ones that you're really interested and just give a glance at the others, but there's enough to keep everybody's interest."

Weber, his prized vehicle, and a whole lot more will be on display at the Atlanta Motor Speedway when Motorama returns on April 27 and 28, 2019. You can be too, whether you want to show off your own ride, sign up as a vendor or just take it all in as a spectator.

Spectator tickets are priced at \$15 per day or \$20 for a two-day weekend pass; kids ages 12 and under get in free!

Admission includes access to all areas of the show including the vendor midway, show car garage, extreme motorsports and much more.

All participant registrations include infield vehicle admission to park in the show area, a pair of two-day tickets, FREE autocross entry, a goody bag stuffed with great gifts and offers from sponsoring partners, and an entry to win from more than \$20,000 in cash and prizes as part of the Super Prize Giveaway!

To buy tickets, register your ride, or inquire about becoming a vendor at Motorama 2019, visit atlantamotorama.com or call Atlanta Motor Speedway at 770-946-3919.

Vegas Motor Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - NASCAR heads to the "Entertainment Capital of the World" to kick off the Monster Energy NASCAR

Cup Series Playoffs in grand fashion. Las Vegas will be the scene for an action-packed three days as NASCAR's 16 best drivers and teams of 2018 begin their championship aspirations quest.

To celebrate the start of the sport's postseason and engage fans, the festivities center around three major events: Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs Media Day; NASCAR Burnout Blvd Fueled by Sunoco (formerly known as Victory Lap); and a two-day Playoffs Party at Fremont Street Experience culminating in a free concert by platinum-selling recording artist Cole Swindell on 3rd Street Stage. All the proceedings take place before the green flag drops at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Sunday, Sept. 16, when it hosts its inaugural postseason race - the South Point 400 - and NASCAR's playoff opener at 3 p.m. ET / 12 p.m. PT (NBCSN, PRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

Race fans will have the unique opportunity to see their favorite cars up close, interact with the sport's top drivers and take part in a variety of other activities that build momentum and enthusiasm for the historic race weekend. A brief overview of events is below, with more information available online by going to NASCAR.com/playoffs.

• Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs Media Day: Playoffs media day will be held Thursday, Sept. 13 at the South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, and will serve as the first event of the Playoffs celebration. For the first time, a portion of media day will be open to select fans.

• NASCAR Burnout Blvd Fueled by Sunoco: Join all 16 of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs drivers on Thursday, Sept. 13, as they drive their race cars down the magnificent Las Vegas Strip. NASCAR Burnout Blvd Fueled by Sunoco driver introductions and pre-event pageantry will take place on Las Vegas Boulevard outside Miracle Mile Shops. The procession of race cars will then travel north to Spring Mountain Road where all 16 drivers will take their turn emulating the victory burnouts they hope to replicate during the Playoffs.

Fans are welcome to view the procession along Las Vegas Boulevard, including the pre-event festivities outside the Miracle Mile Shops and the burnout location at Spring Mountain, between Fashion Show and Wynn Las Vegas. NBCSN will have coverage of the event as part

of a special two-hour playoff edition of NASCAR America, beginning at 5 p.m. ET / 2 p.m. PT.

• NASCAR Playoffs Party: Celebrate the eve of the Playoffs on Saturday, Sept. 15 with stars Ryan Blaney, Erik Jones and other NASCAR drivers and personalities at the inaugural Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs Party with musical artist and platinum-selling Ten-time No. 1 rising superstar Cole Swindell. Free to all fans and held at the Fremont Street Experience, the event will feature conversations with drivers and NASCAR personalities. Sponsored by Chevrolet, Ford and Toyota, the Playoffs Party will culminate with a concert by Cole Swindell - the 2015 American Country Music New Artist of the Year award winner who will release his third album, All of It, on Aug. 17.

In addition to Saturday evening's driver appearances and concert, fans can visit the Fremont Street Experience anytime on Friday and Saturday to enjoy NASCAR partner activations and see all 16 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs cars.

On-track activity kicks off on Thursday, Sept. 13 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway where NASCAR's next generation of rising stars will be on display at The Dirt Track in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West's much anticipated return to dirt - the Star Nursey 100. Prior to the race, Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series stars Kevin Harvick and Clint Bowyer will be the featured guests at an autograph session at the track.

The event weekend also features two other national series races, including the NASCAR Xfinity Series DC Solar 300 regular season finale Sept. 15 and the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series World of Westgate 200 Playoffs race Sept. 14.

Fremont Street Experience, a five-block entertainment district located in historic downtown Las Vegas, is home to the original Las Vegas Strip and features an open-air promenade of world-class gaming, dining, entertainment and shopping. Fremont Street Experience offers free live entertainment on three stages and features Viva Vision, the world's largest single video screen - 1,500 feet long, 90 feet wide and suspended 90 feet above the urban pedestrian mall. Viva Vision features nightly spectacular light and sounds shows with 12.5 million LED lights and a 550,000-watt sound system. The one-of-a-kind venue is also home

to SlotZilla, the world's most successful zipline attraction featuring an 850-foot Zipline and 1,750-foot Zoomline, which launches riders from a 12-story slot-machine-themed platform to fly under the iconic Viva Vision canopy. The destination also houses the newest zombie-themed attraction in Downtown Las Vegas, "Fear the Walking Dead Survival," a thrilling walk-through experience, inspired by AMC's hit tv series "Fear the Walking Dead™."

With direct pedestrian access to eight of Fremont Street's world-renowned casino hotels, more than 60 restaurants and specialty retail kiosks, Fremont Street Experience attracts more than 23 million annual visitors.

For more information about Fremont Street Experience, please visit www.vegasexperience.com.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Race fans looking to speed up their learning curve before the Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 weekend can do so in style, with the first STEM Expo on Sept. 28 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Attendees can enjoy an educational, in-depth look into how the technologically advanced world of motorsports operates and evolves. The expo features interactive stations displaying attractions including NASCAR inspection laser technology, reaction-testing platforms, Q&A sessions featuring dignitaries including Darrell Waltrip and Max Papis as well as opportunities to build your own race car and test your skills against fellow attendees.

The speedway's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program hosts more than 12,000 students every year from schools throughout the Southeast. Students from elementary schools to high schools enjoy STEM Tours, which take place at zMAX Dragway and include lessons in motorsports-related subjects including weight distribution and friction.

Additionally, attendees can take a shuttle ride to the Turn 4 Sun Deck to watch a Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 practice session. The Turn 4 Sun Deck will also feature simulator rides and hands-on displays.

Students get in for just \$15, while adults get in FREE. Registration ends Sept. 14. Visit www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/stem/ to sign up and take in all of the fun, which includes displays, food, games and giveaways in addition to live demonstrations.

**Antioch
Speedway**

MORGANTON, NC - Ricky Week's #1W from Forest City LED every lap easly winning the Blue Ridge Outlaw late model event. David Minton #3D qualified second and finish second, Tommy Jones #31 qualified 7th and made a late-race charge to finish third. Brandon O'Neil #65 came from deep in the field to finish fourth

and Bryson Harper #20H ran as high as second but faded late to finish fifth.

John Reynolds #55 from Morganton took the lead on the first lap and went on to win the Heintz bros performance Renegade/Crate sportsman race. Rodney Lail #26 finished a strong second, Randy Young #21 third, Victor Durham #100 fourth and Cody Watson #314 rounded out the top five.

Duane Cook #17 from Morganton won his second race of the season in the Tire plus/tires pros Thunder bombers/pure stock V8 event. Benny Peeler #16 cross the line in 2nd but was disqualified at post-race for misconduct relegating Andy Ledford #7A to second, Brandon Broom #17 third, Ray Hudson #11 [top finishing pure stock V8] fourth and Timmy Wilson #777 fifth.

Trevor Chatham #00 from Taylorsville led all the laps to win the Super stock 4 race. Paul Butler #B4 overcame a mid-race spin to finish second, Jimmy Millsaps #20 recovered from a late race flat tire to come home in third place, Trent Chatham #9 fourth.

William Myers #17 from Morganton won his first race ever in the RPM graphics Pure stock 4 event. Richie Vasser #8 led the first two laps until he slid high going into turn 3 when his breather sock fell off his engine wrapped around his steering causing it to lock. Myers took the lead and went on to take the checkered flag. Willie Fowler #78 raced his way from mid pack to second, Patrick Annas #6 recovered from an early race spin to finish third, Riley Dunford #68 fourth and Vasser recovered to finish fifth.

Casey Shane #11 from Lexington led all the laps take home the victory in the Extreme FWD's race. Blake Walker #00 finished a strong second, Kevin Roberts #3 third, Chris Willis #32 fourth and Kevin Saam #41 fifth.



John Reynolds celebrates with family and friends after winning the Heintz Brothers Performance Renegade/Crate Sportsman race at Antioch Speedway. (ANTIOCH SPEEDWAY photo)

Colby Burks #71 from Morganton took the lead on the third lap and went on to take the checkered flag in the James Wagoner's welding Young guns event. Chesnie Chatham #9 second, Nathan Prince #19 third, Jacob Hayes #0 battled hard to finish fourth and Riley Miller #88 fifth.

Carteret County Speedway

SWANSBORO, NC - Layne Riggs picked up his second career Carteret County Speedway victory on Sunday night, surviving a late race shootout to score the win in the Solid Rock Carriers Labor Day Classic.

Riggs took the lead on lap 64, getting around Jason York just moments after York had passed Michael Tilley to inherit the top spot. Riggs then had to hold off a challenge from Mason Diaz. However, Diaz would be eliminated in a melee on lap 104 that swept up most of the field – including Tilley and York. From there, Riggs never looked back as he went on to pick up the victory.

“At the beginning of the race, I didn't even think we had near the best car,” Riggs said. “I was just holding on for dear life for my position. After the break, our tires cooled down, got a full heat cycle on them. Restarted the race and it was like a brand new racecar. It was on a rail. I was just riding at the end, making sure I didn't make any mistakes or do anything stupid to take me out of the race.”

Riggs previously won the Solid Rock Carriers 150, which was run on July 7th, leading wire-to-wire in the event. This time, the win did not come in as dominant of a performance as it had in July.

“It was a tough race tonight,” Riggs elaborated. “It was a lot tougher than last time. There was a lot more competition. Carteret County stepped their competition up. You bring money like that to the table and people are going to come. It's proven to be true.”

Chris Burns managed to make his way through the carnage of the lap 104 crash and, in the final laps, raced his way from fourth up to second.

“At lap 60, I came over the radio and me and dad were talking about parking it,” Burns stated. “It was in bad shape for the first 100 laps for some reason. I don't know if we have a rear end problem or a shock busted or what. We sat there for 10-20 minutes and it seemed like it really helped the car. We didn't have anything for Layne but, even with it ill-handling, we saved our stuff and I think that helped with our drive off situation.”

Burns felt he got lucky and said

he would have been happy being the last car on the lead lap.

One of the cars Burns was able to pass late was Langley Speedway regular Connor Hall. Hall is a multi-time Carteret County Speedway winner. He came with expectations of winning but came away with a third place finish.

“We do have a racecar that we can work on making faster and not work on fixing,” Hall remarked. “It's pretty cool to say this is my worst finish at Carteret. I'm definitely bummed but I can't be too upset with anybody but myself because I didn't get it behind the wheel today.”

Brandon Clements ended up finishing in fourth while Clay Jones rounded out the top-five.

Tilley dominated the first half of the race but ended up with a ninth place finish to his credit after being taken out in the big one. The lap 104 big one swept up six cars in total and was the only significant incident in the Limited Late Model portion of the Labor Day Classic.

While Burns came up one position short in the Limited Late Model race, he was able to finish atop the podium in Street Stock competition.

Burns started on the pole but was involved in an incident in the middle stages of the race with a lapped car while trying to hold off Ricky Locklair, Jr. Burns quickly raced his way back through the field to score the victory.

“Things happen and I hate it for Locklair,” Burns said. “Jimmy [Horner] and James David [Horner] really had the car handling well. I appreciate them letting me drive it.”

Chris Connor finished in second while Billy Slater, Dennis Woehrle and John Sharp rounded out the top-five.

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Layne Riggs celebrates in victory lane after winning the 4th Annual Solid Rock Carriers Labor Day Classic at Carteret County Speedway. (ANDY MARQUIS/CARTERET COUNTY SPEEDWAY photo)

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Hill dominated much of the 40 lap Legends race, but Mason Diaz got past him in the closing stages of the race. Diaz looked like he would cruise to victory, but a late race caution set up a three lap shootout. Coming to the white flag, Bristle was able to get around Diaz to take the lead and the win.

"This win was by far the toughest," Bristle said. "I got to thank Mason for driving me as clean as he could. That was such a blast, being able to race with teammates that close and put on such a good show for the fans. We've put a lot of work in our cars this year and it's really showing off."

Diaz was ecstatic after finishing in second.

"That was a blast," Diaz exclaimed. "I haven't had that much fun in a Legend Car in, I couldn't tell you how long. Really good teammate. He raced me clean. I tried to get to him in that last corner but he was just too far away."

Rafe Slate finished in third while Eric Courtney and Cody Hall rounded out the top-five in the 23 car field. The Legends race, which was sponsored by Riverside Dodge, featured the largest field of cars to take the green flag for a feature race in Carteret County Speedway history.

Adam Resnick won in U-CAR over Andrew Jackson, Steve Sullivan, Abby Jolly and Neil Mason while Justin Thompson prevailed over Sean Wales, BJ Thompson, Brad Anderson and JR Taylor in Champ Kart competition.

Carteret County Speedway will race next on Saturday, September 15th when the Mid-Atlantic Street Stock Championship Series and USAC Eastern Midgents headline the racing program.

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - Despite best efforts, Mother Nature ultimately got the last laugh on Saturday night at Dodge City Raceway Park by opening the skies during intermission to bring a halt to the program.

The event will not be rescheduled.

Arm bands and tickets may be used for the Saturday night, September 15, Sixth Annual Jerry Soderberg Memorial championship

event.

The 2018 championship chase season at Dodge City Raceway Park concludes with the September 15 Jerry Soderberg Memorial Championship event featuring the final night of points action for the Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks. Post-season action will include the BMI Racing Products Dodge City 200 Enduro on Saturday, September 22, and the return of the World of Outlaws Sprint Car series on Saturday, October 20.

Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - Hickory Motor Speedway honored a racing legend on Saturday night with the running of the 42nd Annual Paramount Auto Group Bobby Isaac Memorial presented by Black's Tire & Auto Service. The pits and stands were full of competitors and fans who were there to remember the Catawba County native who set records on the racetrack and on the Bonneville Salt Flats, some of them still standing to this day.

Leading off the night's festivities would be the Hickory Vintage Racers as they would do battle for 25 laps. Bill Powell would turn the fast lap, somewhat fittingly in the #71 Bobby Isaac themed hot rod while Robert Webb in the #6 would start from the outside pole. Powell would take the early lead with Robert Webb close in tow. With the famous orange #71 out front it almost looked like it did back in the 60s and 70s when Bobby Isaac was putting it on the field. Powell would prove too strong on the night and grab the win with Robert Webb in 2nd. Mackie Webb in #16 would finish 3rd while Tom Fenn in the #83 would finish 4th.

Next up would see the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models in action for 50 laps and Round #9 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Chase for the Championship. Vince Midas in the #14 would turn the quick lap in qualifying to take the top spot with the #12P of Gage Painter to his outside. Points leader Pat Rachels in the #34 and Leland Honeyman in the #4 would make up row two for the start. Midas and Painter would battle side by side for several laps until Painter would pull ahead. A caution at lap 6 would bunch the field for the restart and see Painter pull ahead with Taylor Gray in the #15 challenging for second. A few laps later the caution would fly once again for Midas car as it was

stopped on the backstretch. Midas would come to pit road and rejoin the field in the rear after repairs. Painter and Gray would battle fiercely for the top spot until Gray would finally nose ahead. Painter would face a challenge from the #22 of Brandon Lemke for second as the duo would mix it up for several laps contact in turn three would send Painter for a long slide but the 13 year old would make the save like a seasoned veteran. Lemke would set his sights on the leader and with just 10 laps to go Gray's engine would go sour, changing his and Lemke's fortunes. Lemke would catch and pass Gray bringing Painter with him. Lemke would hang on for the win and celebrate with the custom made hardware in victory lane. Painter would grab 2nd with Midas working his way back through the field for 3rd. Pat

would drive on to the win with DeMarmels taking 2nd. Eby would grab 3rd, Marshall Sutton in the #64 would finish 4th, and Mark Whitten in the #77 would finish 5th.

The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series would roll off next for the main event, 150 laps and the 42nd Annual Paramount Auto Group Bobby Isaac Memorial presented by Black's Tire & Auto Service. Ryan Repko in the #14 would win his first Hickory Motor Speedway race one week earlier and carry the momentum through taking the pole position with the fast lap for the premier division while Jagger Jones in the #88 driving for JR Motorsports would turn the second fastest lap and start from the outside pole position. Four-Time National Champion and 2018 National points leader Philip Morris in the #01 would start from the third



Ryan Repko made it two-in-a-row with his win in the Late Model main event at Hickory Motor Speedway Saturday night. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

Rachels in the #34 would finish 4th and Leland Honeyman in the #4 would have a strong run finishing 5th after having to start in the rear.

The Cosmo Motors Street Stocks would roar to life next for 30 action packed laps of racing. Jeff Sparks in the #7 would turn the hot lap in qualifying to take top spot on the start with Troy DeMarmels in the #18 starting to his outside. Sparks would jump to the early lead with DeMarmels facing a challenge from Kevin Eby in the #03. DeMarmels would finally pull ahead and give chase to Sparks for the top spot. A caution would fly as Drew Cox in the #21 would come to pit road as flames would roll out from under the rear end. The safety crew would extinguish the flames and Cox would exit safely. The restart would see Sparks once again drive to the top spot with DeMarmels close behind. Sparks

spot with Justin Crider in the #7 starting to his outside.

Repko would move to the early lead but his Reynolds Racing Chassis teammate Morris would move to the top spot on lap 8. Caution would fly on lap 9 as the #23 of Terry Brooks would spin. Heavy contact between the #9 of Sam Mayer and the #57 of Justin Carroll would bring out the caution on lap 18. After several trips to pit road the decision was made by the crew to park Mayer's JR Motorsports ride.

The green would fly once again on lap 26 with Morris and Repko battling it out for the top spot. Repko would win the round and take the lead on lap 29. Morris would make his way back to the top spot on lap 35. Lap 47 would see the #9 of Charlie Watson move to the top three after passing Crider. Watson would quickly dispose of

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Repko and set his sights on the leader Morris. Watson would make the move for the lead on lap 59.

Ryan Vasconcellos in the #10 would spin bringing out the caution on lap 60. The green flag would fly once again on lap 72 with Watson leading. Lap 74 would see the caution fly as contact between Repko and Austin McDaniel in the #12 in turn two would

carry on to turn three and see McDaniel spin.

Racing action would resume on lap 79 with Watson and Morris battling side by side. Morris would nose ahead on lap 81. Watson would move back to the lead on lap 84 with a pass on Morris. This battle was raging between Watson and Morris. The caution would fly once again on lap 88 when Brooks would spin on the backstretch. As the race resumed so did the action with Watson and Morris slugging it out once again for the top spot.

Contact in turn one between the leaders would send Morris spinning and into the outside wall and Watson with a tire down. The restart would see Repko battling with the #2 of Austin Green for the lead. Repko would take the lead and Green would have mechanical issues and come to pit road.

The skies would open and bring out the red flag for a short rain on lap 130. When track drying was complete and green flag action returned Repko would drive back to the point, but face challenges from past Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion Ryan Millington in the #17 and Matt Leicht in the #2. Repko would pull ahead as the race would be for second and on back. A hard crash on lap 147 would see the #18 of Ty Gibbs bury his car into the tire barrier in turn one. Gibbs would walk away on his own power but was visibly upset.

The restart would find Repko side by side with another Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion with McDaniel for the lead. Repko would nose ahead on lap 149 and drive on to take the checkered flag on lap 150. McDaniel would finish 2nd with Leicht finishing 3rd. Chris Hudspeth would finish 4th with Jagger Jones in the #88 finishing 5th.

Closing out the night's action would be the always exciting One Design Super Trucks and 35 laps

of action. Charlie Neill in the #26 would take the pole position in qualifying with Sheflon Clay in the #15 to his outside. Dakota Slagle in the #13 and Allen Huffman in the #51 would make up row two for the start. Neill and Clay would put on a great battle for the top spot going side by side for the first 5 laps until Clay would finally nose ahead. The caution would fly on lap 5 as Huffman would spin coming off turn four. The restart would see Clay to the lead until lap 12 when Neill would make his bid for the lead. Neill would hold on to the lead and drive on to the victory. Slagle would finish 2nd with Clay coming home in 3rd. Huffman would finish 4th and Josh Stark I. The #39 would finish 5th.

NASCAR Whelen All American Series racing action returns to the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars next week with a full slate of competition in store Sheetz Night at the Races presented by Gaston Rentals.

In two weeks the NASCAR Whelen All American Series regular season comes to a close with Cargo Transporters Championship Night presented by NAPA Auto Parts

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Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - The 2018 NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing season at Kingsport Speedway began on a sunny Saturday afternoon back in March, and concluded Friday with Championship Night presented by K&N.

Kres VanDyke of Abingdon, Virginia, held off a hard-charging Nik

Williams to capture his fourth NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Model Stock Car feature win.

But the big winner was Zeke Shell of Johnson City, who won both the Kingsport Speedway and Tennessee NASCAR Whelen All-American Series State Championship.

"We did it, we finally were able to win the championship," said Shell while celebrating with his crew following post-race technical inspection and everything checked out fine. "Tell me I'm not dreaming. We really did win the championship, didn't we? Oh my, what a stressful deal tonight was."

Shell has attempted to win the Late Model Stock Car title since weekly NASCAR racing returned to the Model City in 2011, finishing second in the standings a couple of times along with third and fourth-place finishes. With each new racing season, there's hope for reaching the coveted pinnacle of being crowned champion.

Looking for a fresh start, a new beginning with a determined focus on the task at hand, the 31-year-old Shell made the decision back in winter to change his car number for 2018 to No. 1. Why? After all, finishing first and winning the track championship was his one-and-only goal.

VanDyke was fastest in qualifying at 15.043 seconds to earn the pole starting position for the 60-lap Late Model Stock Car feature, with Shell second-quickest at 15.122.

VanDyke jumped out to lead on the start over Shell, Robbie Ferguson, Nik Williams and Hayden Woods. Shell lost positions to both Ferguson and Williams on lap 8,

dropping to fourth in the running order. With the race running clean-and-green, VanDyke, Ferguson and Williams began to separate themselves from Shell, Woods, Joey Trent and Dillon Hodge.

With VanDyke riding on the point, the 57-year-old Ferguson who has announced he's stepping away from racing full-time after over 40 years behind the wheel of a race car, was feeling pressure from Williams trying to wrestle second place away. But Ferguson is a grappler, and wasn't about to roll over and allow the 21-year-old Williams to easily take the position.

Williams was finally able to pass Ferguson for the spot racing up off (turn) two on lap 41. Ferguson and Shell were racing for third place and on lap 47 in turn two, Shell spun around and tagged the inside concrete wall along the backstretch to bring out the caution. Surely, having entered the night atop the point standings, Shell wasn't going to let the championship slip from his grasp?

With only 13 laps remaining in the feature, Shell was at back of the field chauffeuring a damaged race car and his closest challengers in the championship battle, VanDyke and Williams, were at front of the field.

Off the ensuing double-file restart, VanDyke pulled back out into the lead over Williams, followed by Ferguson, Trent and Woods. A final caution waved on lap 54, when Derek Lane looped his mount between turns one and two.

Yet another double-file restart and once again, VanDyke took the lead over Williams, Ferguson,

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Kingsport's race winner Kres VanDyke (15) leads Kingsport Speedway and Tennessee State Late Model Champion Zeke Shell during the feature Friday night. (DREW HIERWARTER photo)

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Woods and Trent. Wayne Hale was running sixth, ahead of Shell, who had worked his way back up to the seventh position.

Up front VanDyke was being pressured from Williams for the lead, while eyes were focused on Shell trying to get back inside the top five. Shell passed Hale for sixth on lap 55, and one lap later got around Trent for the fifth spot.

VanDyke held Williams off for his fourth win of the season, with Ferguson finishing third. Shell got to inside of Woods racing into the third turn on the final lap, and coming off the fourth turn to the checkered flag Shell nosed Woods out for the fourth position at the start-finish line.

Completing the top 10 finishers were Trent, Hale, Hodge, Bryson Dennis and Lane.

"I absolutely thought my heart was going to stop beating when I spun while trying to get around (Robbie) Ferguson, I thought I'd blown the opportunity to win the championship," Shell stated. "To be racing for a championship and a deal like that happen, it was devastating knowing the two guys closest to me in the points chase, (Kres) VanDyke and (Nik) Williams, were running in the first two positions and I was at back of the field with only 13 laps left in the race. We came into the pits and my crew guys got to checking the car over to assess the damage, and it was bad. The truck-arm under the rear of the car was badly bent. They got me calmed down and just said go out and drive the car and get all I could out of it. Once we got back under green, the car bottomed out bad in the corners and it was all I could do to hang onto it without spinning out. But I was determined, giving it my best effort. I was able to get by a few cars and then we had that caution on lap 54 to set up a double-file restart.

"I got around the 26-car (Joey Trent) to move into fifth, and there on the white flag lap we were able to just barely beat Hayden (Woods) to the flag stand to get the fourth spot. Just as soon as we got the checkered flag and my guys were yelling over the radio that we'd won the championship, it was all I could do to just be able and drive the car around the track on the cool-down

lap. I was mentally exhausted from how the race had played out for us, going from a good feeling running in fourth place to spinning out and having to battle our way back inside the top five at the finish. Winning this championship, it's special for our race team – me and my dad (Pat Shell) especially. We started out racing go-karts many years ago when I was a boy, and we've been in Late Model Stock Cars for the past 12 years. I can't thank my crew chief Danny Rollins enough for all he's done for me this year, both in the race shop during the week and at the track on race night. Then there's the support from my wife Amber and our daughter Bristol, and all the guys on the crew plus our friends and the fans. Thanks to our sponsors, because we wouldn't be able to race without their backing. We're all very excited over winning this championship. It's a great accomplishment for our team."

To say the rookie campaign for Chase Dixon has been good would be an understatement, after all the 15-year-old has eight fast-time pole awards to his credit along with three feature wins. Dixon grabbed the lead at start of the Modified Street feature over Kevin Wolfe and Alex Miller. In close pursuit were Royce Peters, Trey Lane, Rusty Clendenin, Austin Peters and Daniel McMurray.

Dixon, Wolfe and Peters battled for the win, and on the final lap contact was made between the trio between turns one and two and Wolfe came out on the losing end as his car hit the outside wall. Peters, from Kingsport, went on to get the victory over Dixon, Clendenin, Peters and Lane. ... The veteran Peters also captured his second consecutive Modified Street track championship.

Week in and week out all season the Pure 4 division has feature phenomenal car count, and the final race continued the trend with 27 competitors taking the green flag for the 30-lap feature. Billy Byington led Brandon Sutherland and Keith Helton on the start. Behind the front-running trio Craig Phelps, Kenny Absher, Brett Hall, Chad Jeffers, David Trent, Dennis Stanley, Paul Stanley, William Hale, Chris Stine, Bucky Smith and Jimmy Thomas all were jockeying for position.

Helton nosed ahead of Sutherland on lap 5 for the second spot, and just two circuits later passed Byington for the lead. Things quickly went from bad to worse for Byington as he was caught up in a

wreck between turns three and four on lap 9 to bring the caution out.

Back under green off the restart, Sutherland took the lead over Helton and Phelps. Sutherland and Helton began to separate themselves out front from their closest challengers. Helton tried lap-after-lap to get under Sutherland for the lead, but repeatedly Sutherland held off the advances. But finally with four laps remaining, Helton made pass for the lead racing off turn two and went on to record his division-leading eighth feature win of the season over Sutherland, Phelps, Hall and Jeffers. ... Bruce Crumbley of Kingsport captured his first-ever Pure 4 track championship.

Another year, another championship! Kevin Canter of Abingdon proved to be the dominant driver in the Mod 4 division this season, a threat to reach victory lane each race. Canter and Brad Ball battled for the lead early during the 30-lap feature, and then in the latter stages Canter had to contend with challenges from Kirby Gobble. But there would be no denying Canter from recording his division-leading 12th victory of the season as he won over Gobble, Billy Duty, Jimmy Acito and Ball. ... Canter captured his third straight Mod 4 track championship.

Rob Austin of Castlewood, Virginia, and Joey Sykes led the 15-car Pure Street field to green from the front row. But chaos immediately ensued as inside second-row starting David Strong flat-out ran over both Austin and Sykes at end of the front straightaway entering the first turn.

The trio spectacularly crashed between turns one and two, with Strong's car coming to a rest sitting on the hood of Sykes. Tempers flared between Sykes and Strong, with law enforcement and track officials having to intervene between the drivers and also pit crew members. Both Sykes and Strong were finished for the night, but Austin was able to resume racing.

With the race finally under green, Ricky Payne flexed his muscle and paced the field out front until four laps remained when Austin passed for the lead. Austin went on to capture the win over Payne, Mike Mays, Kevin Darnell and Jon Cook. ... Jay Swecker of Kingsport recorded his second straight Pure Street track championship.

Jamie Meadows of Castlewood, Virginia, recorded the Vintage feature win over Jeremy Mullins, William Jones, Calvin Crabtree and

Scott Baker. ... With the second-place finish, Mullins, from Clintwood, Virginia, captured the Vintage track championship.

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I-30 Speedway's Short Track Nationals

LITTLE ROCK, AR - As has been the case for the past 30 years, I-30 Speedway's COMP Cams Short Track Nationals presented by Hoosier Tires will once again offer up the most bang for the buck for those eager to watch the best in Sprint Car racing.

The 31st edition of the Short Track Nationals set for October 4-6 atop the high-banked, ¼-mile I-30 Speedway clay oval now has tickets available for just \$20 for the Friday night, October 5, preliminary and \$28 for the Saturday night STN championship finale. Children ages 6-12 are just \$1 each night with Pit Passes available for \$35 each night.

The Thursday night, October 4, portion of the event will feature a Test 'N Tune session that leads into Friday's full card of preliminary action that offers up \$2,500-to-win and \$250-to-start the feature.

This year's STN Saturday night championship finale will now culminate with a \$10,000-to-win, \$800-to-start 41-lap championship feature in honor of 2006 STN champion Jason Johnson. The popular Red Shirt Dash in honor of Lanny Edwards will be a highlight of the Saturday finale as well.

Entry fee for this year's edition of the Short Track Nationals will be just \$100 with a free driver pit pass for Friday and Saturday.

Last October, Sammy Swindell made it back-to-back STN wins to become the first five-time winner in event history. Swindell's back-to-back triumphs in 2017 and 2016 go along with previous wins in 2013, 2011 and 1990 eclipsed Gary Wright's previous event record of four triumphs.

Along with Hall of Famers and Swindell and Wright, the list of past STN winners is a star-studded one that includes the likes of current NASCAR Xfinity Series title contender Christopher Bell, Paul McMahan, Brad Sweet, Tony Bruce, Jr., Jason Meyers, Jason Johnson, Tim Montgomery, Jason Sides, Mike Ward, Tim Crawley, Wayne Johnson, Pete Butler, Terry

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Gray, John Gerloff and Steve Kinser.

Tickets: Day of show prices are \$20 on Friday and \$28 on Saturday plus a \$1 processing fee per ticket if paying by credit/debit card.

Children's tickets will be available at the event only for just \$1 on both Friday and Saturday plus a \$1 processing fee per ticket if paying by credit/debit card.

To order tickets or for more information, check online at www.i-30speedway.com or call the track at 501-455-4567.

Pit passes are \$35 on both Friday and Saturday. Driver pit pass for Friday and Saturday is included in the \$100 entry fee if submitted by the deadline.

For more information regarding I-30 Speedway's Short Track Nationals, check at www.i-30speedway.com or call the track at 501-455-4567.

Rockford Speedway

With wet weather already making its presence known overnight and throughout Saturday morning and a Flash Flood Watch Issued for the evening plus the likelihood of more rain to fall throughout the afternoon and evening, Rockford Speedway officials have made the decision to cancel the "Prelude to the Championship" originally scheduled for Saturday night September 1st.

The cancellation washes out the final race of the T.E.D. Transit Bandit points season, which gives the Saturday night Bandit championship to Kelsey Dobbs. Dobbs bested Todd Snow by 12 points in the final tally while Ben Rucker finished a distant third.

The rain out also means there is just one more night of points racing remaining in 2018, next Saturday night September 8, as part of Whelen Engineering's 'Night of Champions.' The Stanley Steamer NASCAR Late Models, Bargain Hunter Sportsman, Miller Lite American Short Trackers and Kickstart Roadrunners will all crown their champions next Saturday night along with the Sam's Drive In Roadrunner Challenge. Gates open at 5 PM with Racing set to start at 7:07 PM.

For more information, please visit rockfordspeedway.com or call

815-633-1500.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - The Jeff's Auto Body/Heller's Gas Summer Spectacular at Selinsgrove Speedway Sunday night produced some spectacular racing and speeds as new track records were set in two of the four main events in the special holiday racing program.

Coleby Frye of Dover wired the field in the \$3,000 to win 30-lap super late model main event and set a new track record for the distance in 10:39.47. The victory was Frye's third of the season and 20th of his career at the Snyder County half-mile oval.

Brandon Moser of Middleburg also set a new 15-lap pro stock track record in 6:01.17 with his third win of the year.

Mark Smith of Sunbury rocketed to his fourth win of the year at Selinsgrove and 14th overall in 2018 in the 30-lap, \$3,000-to-win Patriot Sprint Tour-sanctioned 360 sprint car race.

Ryan Zook of Mifflintown came from the rear of the field to record his sixth win of the season in the 12-lap roadrunner race.

Through the coordination of late model driver Nathan Long of Selinsgrove, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) fundraiser at the track generated \$2,628.

The next race at Selinsgrove Speedway will be the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions Jim Nace Memorial/36th Annual National Open for 410 sprint cars presented by B&R Lawn Care at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. The 35-lap main event will pay \$10,000 to win and \$600 to start out of the \$35,000 purse. There will be no racing at the track on Saturday, Sept. 8.

In the 360 sprint car feature, second-place starter Mark Smith pulled into the lead at the drop of the green flag. The caution flag came out immediately as 2018 track champion Davie Franek's car rolled to a stop on the frontstretch and could not rejoin.

On the second attempt, polesitter Chad Layton edged out Smith into the first turn only to have Smith storm into the lead racing out of turn four on the first lap. On the second circuit, the red flag waved when Cody Keller flipped hard in turn three. Keller escaped injury.

On the restart, Smith held the field at bay with Layton in second and seventh-place starter Jason Shultz on the move in third. Jordan Thomas, who started 10th, and eighth-place starter Derek Locke

moved into the top five.

On the 13th lap, Thomas took a wild flip in the same spot as Keller in turn three. Thomas also walked away uninjured.

In the second half of the race, Smith soared around the half-mile as Shultz pressured Layton for the runner-up position. Shultz moved into second on lap 15 and started to catch Smith while Layton, Locke and ninth-place starter Ryan Taylor raced in the top five.

Shultz appeared to be in contention to challenge Smith for the lead and win to no avail. Smith took the checkered flag as Shultz settled for second followed by Layton, Locke, and Taylor in the top five.

Front row starters Coleby Frye and Andy Haus drag raced into the first turn for the early lead in the super late model feature. When Haus bobbed on the high side Frye horsepowered his way into the front spot. By the third circuit, the field started to sort out with Frye leading fourth-place starter Gene Knaub, third-place starter Dan Stone, Haus, and fifth-place starter Jeff Rine.

At the halfway point, the leaders started to navigate their way through slower traffic in what would be a non-stop event at a blistering pace. On several occasions, Knaub would reel in Frye in traffic.

With two laps to race, Frye steered around a group of slower cars and was able to distance himself from the rest of the lead pack. At the finish, Frye was victorious over Knaub, Haus, Stone, and Rine.

Polesitter Kyle Bachman and second-place starter Brandon Moser dueled for the lead at the start of the pro stock feature. Moser edged out Bachman with an inside pass entering turn three on the first lap and never looked back.

At the halfway point, Bachman started to close in on the leader again as fourth-place starter AJ Hoffman and third-place starter Shaun Lawton raced for the third spot.

At the checkered flag Moser was victorious by about five car lengths over Bachman and set a new 15-lap track record for the division. Hoffman, Lawton, and Cory Long rounded out the top five.

In the roadrunner race, second-place starter Bob Bussey pulled into the early lead only to have polesitter Will Brunson drive into the front spot racing through turns three and four on the first circuit.

On a lap four restart, Brunson held the lead but the caution unfurled again when third-place run-

ner Ryan Zook lost the handle in turn two and was able to rejoin at the back of the pack.

When the race resumed, Brunson continued to lead with sixth-place starter Smith Cope in pursuit. During a lap eight caution flag, Brunson withdrew from the race with mechanical issues and Cope inherited the lead.

In the final laps Zook worked his back through the pack and challenged Cope for the lead and win. Zook got by Cope on the backstretch on the 11th lap when Cope spun in turn three. For the final chase to the checkered flag, Zook drove to victory over Toby Chase, Ken Schreffler, and Tom Underwood.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action on Friday, August 31st with the Valenti Modified Racing Series in the house for the 9th Annual Lincoln Tech VMRS 80. Keith Rocco outdueled Ronnie Williams in the closing laps to take down his 6th win of the season in the SK Modified® feature, Tom Fearn scored his 11th win of the year in the Late Model feature, Bryan Narducci made possibly the move of the season to get by both Marcello Rufrano and Teddy Hodgson in the final corner to win his fourth SK Light race of the season, Alexandra Fearn wired the field to score her first win of 2018 in the Limited Late Model feature, and Travis Hydar was also a first time winner in 2018 in the Street Stock feature.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Michael Gervais took the lead at the green flag with Tyler Hines in second. Ronnie Williams quickly moved into third with Stephen Kopcik fourth and Tom Bolles fifth. David Arute brought the caution out with 4 laps complete when he came to a stop in turn 4 with a flat right front tire.

Gervais and Hines were side by side for the lead on the restart with Williams taking third and Kopcik fourth. Bolles was side by side with Michael Christopher, Jr. for fifth. Williams took second from Hines on lap-7 with Christopher moving into fourth. Joey Cipriano moved into fifth with Glen Reen taking sixth as Kopcik slid back to seventh place.

Williams took the lead from Gervais on lap-10 while Christopher took third from Hines. Cipriano got a good run to the outside of Hines

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on lap-12 and he moved into fourth. The caution came back out with 14 laps complete as Tommy Membrino, Jr., Matt Vassar, Troy Talman, and Arute came together on the frontstretch and then after the fact, Eric Berndt, Josh Wood, and Kopcik got into the turn 2 wall.

Williams and Gervais were side by side for the lead back under green with Gervais taking the lead on the outside of Williams by a nose at the line. Gervais got clear to the lead on lap-16 and Williams was now in a side by side duel with Keith Rocco for second place. Rocco took second from Williams on lap-19 with Cipriano now up to fourth and Chase Dowling was fifth with Christopher sixth.

Rocco took the lead from Gervais at lap-20 and Williams followed him by Gervais on lap-22 to move into second. Dowling and Cipriano were side by side for fourth with Christopher right behind them in sixth. Cipriano took fourth on the outside of Dowling and that was the running order when the caution came back out with 25 laps complete for Todd Owen, who got into the turn 2 wall.

Rocco took the lead on the restart with Williams glued to his back bumper. Cipriano took third with Gervais fourth and Dowling and Christopher side by side for fifth. Dan Avery spun in turn 4 to bring the caution back out with 28 laps complete.

Rocco took the lead on the restart with Williams again glued to his back bumper. Gervais was third with Christopher up to fourth and Cory DiMatteo up to fifth. Cipriano went around DiMatteo to take fifth but he would lose the spot to Glen Reen before the caution came back out for a spin in turn 1 by Josh Wood with 37 laps complete to set up a 3 lap dash to the finish.

Rocco held off a challenge from Williams on the restart to maintain the lead. Gervais was third in line with Christopher and Reen side by side behind them. Williams would get a good run on Rocco through turns 1+2 and then Rocco would have the advantage in turns 3+4. Williams got close to Rocco's bumper several times, but he couldn't make a pass as Rocco scored his sixth win of the 2018

season. Gervais finished third with Reen and Christopher rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, the caution came out right away as several cars came together on the backstretch with Paul Arute getting turned into the wall. Tyler Leary took the lead on the restart with Darrell Keane and Al Saunders side by side for second. Keane got clear to second place on lap-2 with Michael Wray in fourth and Tom Fearn was up to fifth.

Fearn took fourth from Wray on lap-4 and he got by Saunders for third on lap-5. He continued his charge to the front by taking second from Keane on lap-7 and at the completion of lap-10 he was right on the back bumper of Leary for the race lead. Keane was still third with Saunders fourth and Wray in fifth. Fearn made a move to the inside of Leary on lap-11 and he took over the race lead.

Saunders began to slide backwards as Wray took over fourth and Kevin Gambacorta moved into fifth to drop Saunders back to sixth in line as Fearn continued to lead Leary and Keane.

Fearn led Leary to the checkered flag to pick up his 11th feature win of the 2018 season. Keane finished third with Wray and Gambacorta rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature event, the field took the green flag with Wesley Prucker and Chris Matthews in the front row, Joey Ferrigno and Alexander Pearl in the second row, and Andrew Molleur and Brett Gonyaw in the third row. After five laps, the top-6 cars were all still side by side, turning high speed pace laps. The caution came out with 5 laps complete for a spin in turn 2 by Gonyaw after he and Bryan Narducci touched wheels.

Prucker and Matthews resumed their side by side duel for the lead on the restart with Andrew Molleur going 3-wide with Ferrigno and Pearl before backing out of the move. Prucker spun coming out of turn 4 to bring the caution back out with 8 laps complete.

Matthews took the lead on the restart with Mark Bakaj pulling alongside Pearl in a duel for second. Marcello Rufrano was fourth with Ferrigno and Teddy Hodgdon side by side for fifth with Molleur in seventh. Bakaj got clear to second with Rufrano taking third from Pearl on lap-13. Hodgdon followed Rufrano by Pearl to take fourth and Rufrano drifted up the track in turn 2 on lap-14 and fell back to seventh as Mark Bakaj was black flagged

and give and stop and go penalty. Amanda West came to a stop on the backstretch infield to bring the caution back out with 16 laps complete and set up a four lap sprint to the finish.

Hodgdon took the lead on the restart on the outside of Matthews with Bryan Narducci following him by Matthews in the outside line to move into second and drop Matthews back to third. Rufrano then took third from Matthews on lap-18 and as the cars took the white flag it was Hodgdon in front with Narducci and Rufrano side by side for second. Going into turn 3 on the final lap, Rufrano made a power move to take the lead from Hodgdon but he opened the door just enough for Narducci to get a good run through turn 4 to the inside of Rufrano and Narducci took the checkered flag by a nose with Rufrano finishing second. Hodgdon took third with Matthews and Molleur rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature event, Steven Midford took the lead at the green flag with a 3-wide battle behind him on lap-2 for second between Alexandra Fearn, R.J. Surdell, and Matt Clement. Fearn emerged in second and she took the lead from Midford on lap-3 with a pass in turns 1+2. Jeremy Lavoie was quickly working his way to the front as he took third on lap-4 with Duane Provost up to fourth and Surdell was back to fifth with Clement right behind him in sixth.

Lavoie made a move for second on lap-6 and Provost followed him by Midford to move into third and drop Midford back to fourth with Surdell still holding fifth. Ryan Fearn made a move to get by Surdell on lap-9 to move into fifth with Alexandra Fearn still comfortably leading Lavoie and Provost.

With 5 laps to go, it was still Alexandra Fearn out front with Lavoie and Provost giving chase. Ryan Fearn was up to fourth and Midford was back up to fifth with Surdell sliding back to sixth. The trio of Lavoie, Provost, and Ryan Fearn caught up to Alexandra Fearn but couldn't get close enough to make a move as Alexandra took down her first feature win of the 2018 season. Lavoie finished second with Provost, Ryan Fearn, and Midford rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature event, Greg DeMone got around Richard Ciriello for the lead at the start and he began to pull away from Ciriello. Samantha Anderson was third with Jason Lafayette fourth and Travis Hydar

fifth. The caution came out with 4 laps complete for Vince Gambacorta and Mike Hopkins, who both got into the turn 1 wall.

A multicar melee broke out on the restart to bring the caution right back out. The next restart saw DeMone take the lead but Hydar went to the lead on lap-6. With DeMone kicked to the high side, Brandon Michael moved into second with George Bessette, Jr. third and Johnny Walker fourth as DeMone slid back to fifth. Walker made a move to the inside of Michael to move into third on lap-8 with Hydar leading Bessette. Meghan Fuller spun in turn 2 to bring the caution back out with 8 laps complete. Under the caution, Michael came to pit road with a flat left front tire and he was finished for the evening.

Hydar and Bessette were side by side for the lead on the restart with Walker third and Nicole Chambrello side by side with DeMone for fourth. Hydar got clear to the lead on lap-11 and Bessette and the top-cars ran in line until the caution came out with 17 laps complete for a spin coming out of turn 2 by Chambrello.

Hydar and Bessette were side by side for the lead on the restart with Walker third, Fuller fourth and DeMone fifth. The two leaders hit the stripe for the white flag in a dead heat. Hydar got a good run through turns 3+4 coming to the checkered flag and he was able to get in front of Bessette and take down his first feature win of the 2018 season.

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