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**Keselowski  
Survives Ahead of  
the Big One(s)**



# The Numbers of Daytona

**D A Y T O N A BEACH, FL** – There were a lot of numbers bouncing around Brad Keselowski's head following last Saturday night's Coke Zero 400, but only one that mattered – No. 1.

That was his finishing position at the Daytona International Speedway in a race that had a little bit of everything – huge crashes, long spells of single-file racing, heated tempers, a dramatic pass and, most of all, a dominating performance by Keselowski.

"Well, there's a lot of numbers. Let me see if I can get them all right," Keselowski said after surviving two re-starts in the final eight laps to beat Kyle Busch by five car lengths. "This is my 250th start, Year 50 for Team Penske, 100th Cup win for Team Penske, my 20th win, and we finished first. I like that number the best."

There was another alarming number to consider from Daytona: 33 crashed cars.

Keselowski kept his No. 2 Ford out front for 115 of 161 laps. By keeping trouble in his rearview mirror, he was able to stay ahead of a 22-car crash with 71 laps to go, a four-car crash with 11 laps left and a four-car crash with five laps remaining.

The final caution set up a two-lap green-white-checker finish. Keselowski was beside Kyle Busch when the green flag waved, and he had his Penske Racing teammate, Joey Logano, behind him pushing. Kyle Busch had his older brother, Kurt Busch, offering help.

This time, corporate partners were faster than blood.

"Yeah, restarts are so critical, and I got a great push from my teammate Joey Logano that helped put me in position to kind of establish the lead and be able to make the moves you need to make to hold off the lanes," Keselowski said. "Kurt had a couple really good runs. I thought he might have had me one time, and I was able to get up in front of him at the last second.

"Interesting how it all played out, and of course we feel glad to be able to get where we're at. These races can easily fall apart on us

very quickly."

After going trouble-free in the first 200 miles, the second half was marred by accidents.

But just like the race at the Talladega Superspeedway on May 1, restrictor-plate racing again proved to be costly for the race teams. Thirty-five of 40 cars were damaged or destroyed at Talladega at an estimated cost of \$10 million.

Thirty-three cars were involved in crashes Saturday night, and the price tag will be about the same, which rekindles a growing concern: Is wrecking really racing?

Damage was so widespread, five of the top-10 cars finished with damage sustained in one of the crashes. But unlike last year's Coke Zero 400, nobody got airborne or upside-down, although Brian Scott momentarily did get on top of Kevin Harvick's car in the biggest crash.

"Yeah, we were all in a big wad," said Jimmie Johnson, who was in the middle of the 22-car accident. "I could tell how many cars were in it because of how many times I got hit in the crash. You hate seeing that much equipment getting torn up. We were trying to race hard and we all wanted to be at the front but the only way you could advance was by being aggressive and trying to make a third lane work."

Trevor Bayne rallied on the final lap to wind up third, followed by Logano in fourth.

Kurt Busch collided with Logano coming off the fourth turn. Busch's car slide for nearly a quarter-mile before it came to a rest, facing backward, on the finish line.

"You can't drive other people's cars for them," Kurt Busch said. "I think that [Logano] made an aggressive mistake. You can't go from fifth to first. There's just no shot at it. And, it's a shame that we ended up spun around and wrecked."

Kyle Busch finished second to Keselowski at Talladega two months ago. He still couldn't get enough help to pass him Saturday night.

"It was a tough night but, man, you had to have a whole lot of help to get by that 2 [Keselowski] car. He was just so strong today," he said. "There was just so much going on and there wasn't enough of a run that I could get in order to get enough alongside of him or pin him down or pin him up –



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whichever way it might have been. I tried just about everything."

Keselowski passed Kyle Busch with 17 laps remaining with a risky cross-over pass. Keselowski was making a charge in the outside lane in the second turn, and Busch moved up to block his advance. Just as Busch went high, Keselowski dove to the bottom to make the surprising pass.

"He definitely just had way more maneuverability it seemed like than anybody, but especially than I did," Kyle Busch said.

Keselowski joined Kyle Busch as the only three-time winners this year. Two of his victories came at the two restrictor-plate tracks where speeds are reduced for safety reasons.

The win also helped car owner

Roger Penske reach the 100-win level in the Sprint Cup Series.

"Well, I would just say that the 100th in NASCAR is something special," Penske said. "But it's a byproduct of all the good people we have, and to me we've got to continue to remember that.

"I think we've competed in multiple series, and I think we're almost at 450 wins now, and we're I think three or four away from 500 poles. Our goal is 500 and 500. This was the first step to get to 100 in NASCAR."

That push to add to Penske's legacy will start as soon as the team returns to its headquarters in North Carolina.

"I know his next goal will be 200," Keselowski said of Penske's record in Sprint Cup.

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## Daytona Brings Out the Best ... or Worst

Every July 4th weekend since I can remember, the family packed and headed to the World Center of Racing. The annual NASCAR races at Daytona International Speedway in July have long been a tradition for families to combine motorsports and vacation. This year was no different.

When I started going to the NASCAR races at DIS in July, the Sprint Cup Firecracker 400 was run at 10 am on July 4th. That's right! The race now run in prime time originally began as a morning event.

I can remember the family enjoying several days at Daytona Beach while I went to the track. With the Firecracker 400 usually completed by early afternoon, people who worked in the sport would have the majority of the afternoon to spend with their family and friends at the beach. Plus, those who were traveling home after the race had a head start on holiday traffic.

Now, with the addition of the XFINITY Series race and large television contracts, both races are held at night in prime time. Therefore, people working in the sport spent the entire day at the track and often returned to their room long after their family retired for the evening. All things considered, it's still a fun weekend, just not the same as it once was.

Regardless of the schedule, Daytona in July seems to bring out the best, and worst, in their two races.

With the addition of "The Chase" for the XFINITY Series this year, Daytona provides an opportunity to be "a wild card" race where anyone can win. Traditionally, this series is dominated by Sprint Cup drivers, but not the restrictor plate races at Daytona and Talladega. And, in most cases, there are one or more "underdogs" who enjoy their best race of the season. Such was the case last Friday night.

In one of the more interesting finishes you will see all season, Aric Almirola was awarded the victory in a photo finish with Justin All-

gaier when the caution flag waved during the final overtime restart. There is not space or time for me to discuss my thoughts on the end of this race, so I'll just say that it was controversial at best.

When you take a look at the final results, you'll see several unfamiliar names at the top. Ryan Sieg finished third; Brendan Gaughan, fifth; Jeff Green, seventh; Spencer Gallagher, eighth; Ross Chastain, 11th; Garrett Smithley, 13th; and Ryan Ellis, 15th. Bet you didn't

know that some of these drivers even raced in the XFINITY Series, did you? Well, they do and did an outstanding job and well-deserved finish.

The Sprint Cup Series race on Saturday night followed a similar script to many July races at Daytona. Tight

racing, pit strategy, "the big one", and an exciting finish. For nineteen competitors and teams, "the big one" changed their entire race. Several involved were able to make necessary repairs and continue, but for many of the top stars, their evening ended early with a destroyed race car.

The finish was typical Daytona with as many as six drivers battling for the victory on the last lap. Brad Keselowski was able to "survive" his challengers and win his first Cup race at Daytona. Those final few laps saw Keselowski fend off the Busch brothers and Penske teammate Joey Logano for the win. Just as the previous night, several drivers enjoyed their best race of the season. Trevor Bayne finished



**DENNIS PUNCH**



**A view of the very patriotic pre race ceremony prior to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Coke Zero 400. (Sarah Crabill/Getty Images photo)**

third; Ricky Stenhouse Jr., fifth; pole winner Greg Biffle, eighth; Clint Bowyer, ninth; Michael McDowell, tenth; and Cole Whitt, 11th. When the dust settled and the fireworks complete, the Ford teams enjoyed one of their best races of the season and Roush-Yates Engines powered five of the top eight finishers.

The Coke Zero 400 marked the debut of the NBC Sports Group portion of broadcasting NASCAR events this season. Their coverage had both high and low points from the fans perspective. With the same on-air talent as last year, the coverage seems outstanding at times, but still had several questionable moments.

The first thought that I had after the XFINITY race was that not one announcer talked with third-place finisher Ryan Sieg. Sieg, who started 30th, should have been the focus of at least one reporter post-race. When the race ended under caution in overtime, it took several minutes to determine who actually won. NASCAR ruled that Almirola was slightly ahead of Allgaier when the caution was displayed. It would have been great to have a further explanation from a NASCAR official on the decision to wave the caution and their process to determine the victor.

On Saturday night, as competitive as the on-track action was, it was difficult to maintain interest with so many commercial breaks. I know some breaks were "side-by-side" with racing and commercial, but overall the number and frequency of commercials took away from the telecast. When I researched the 2015 vs. 2016 Coke Zero 400 telecasts, I found some interesting numbers.

This year, there were 124 commercials on the NBC telecast. In 2015, there were 96. This year, there were 190 total minutes of

complete race broadcast with 143 minutes of racing action. In 2015, there were 203 total minutes with 168 racing minutes during their telecast. Numbers are just that – numbers. But, it appeared more like three hours of advertising with a little racing mixed in. I know that advertisers and money drives the sport, but the entertainment value of the event should be considered as well.

There were several segments of the NBC coverage that I really enjoyed. Both the pre and post race coverage with Kyle Petty and Dale Jarrett provided very entertaining viewpoints. And, the "reporters on pit wall" segment after the event with Dave Burns, Mike Massaro, Kelli Stavast, and Marty Snider was an effective way for these pit reporters to discuss the race and lots of behind-the-scene facts. Another entertaining "new" addition to the NBC coverage of NASCAR races in 2016. While the analysts provided interesting incite during the races, the on-air performance of several others failed to meet expectations. However, one race does not make a season, so we'll look forward to Kentucky next week.

One final thought on Daytona. There are so many tracks on the circuit who host remarkable pre-race shows. But, this year at Daytona was extra special. After the cars left pit road for the Cup race, they came back down pit road and stopped. Lined up on pit road were members of the military branches. Crew members were lined up holding America flags as the salute to our military, both living and past, proved to be a very special tribute. That's what Independence Day is all about, and Daytona International Speedway and NASCAR did a great job honoring those who fight for our freedom each and every day.

# Brad Keselowski Dominates Chaotic Daytona Cup Race

By REID SPENCER

DAYTONA BEACH, FL – Brad Keselowski had an excellent solution for the massive wrecks that scrambled the finishing order of Saturday night's Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway.

He stayed ahead of all of them.

Leading 115 of 161 laps in the No. 2 Team Penske Ford, Keselowski sped away from his pursuers after a restart in overtime and posted his third victory of the 2016 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series season in thoroughly convincing fashion.

The victory was Keselowski's first at Daytona and the 20th of his career, and it reinforced his mastery of restrictor-plate racing—Keselowski already had four wins at sister track Talladega.

When the race restarted in overtime, after a caution for a four-car wreck on Lap 155, eventual runner-up Kyle Busch simply couldn't keep up with Keselowski, once he lost his push from third-place finisher Trevor Bayne. Keselowski's teammate, fourth-place finisher Joey Logano, shoved the No. 2 car to the front on the Lap 160 restart, and then it was over.

"Joey Logano was a huge part of

this today," Keselowski said. "We had two great cars here with Team Penske and worked together really well. Joey has won here and he's really a pro, especially on that restart.

"He gave me that push I needed to get to the front, and here we are at Daytona in Victory Lane. I don't care if it's not the 500. It's Daytona. This is huge. I love this place, and here we are in Victory Lane with the Detroit Ford."

That there were 27 lead changes between 13 drivers belied Keselowski's dominance. While in the lead, the 2012 series champion was able to block both the inside and outside lanes, moving back and forth at will to impede the progress of whichever line developed momentum.

With a daring move to the inside of race runner-up Kyle Busch on Lap 145, Keselowski took the lead for good and held it through two subsequent cautions for multi-car wrecks. The first wiped out Sonoma winner Tony Stewart, who was running in the top 10 at the time. The second was the coup de grace for Carl Edwards, who had qualified second but finished 25th.

Busch, who tried in vain to regain the top spot, could only admire the handling of Keselowski's Ford.

"He definitely just had way more maneuverability it seemed like than

anybody, but especially than I did," Busch said. "I don't know how he got the kind of run that he got (to make the decisive pass), but when he got that run down the front stretch getting into Turn 1 and was able to turn to the bottom, my car would be kind of loose doing that.

"It would just over rotate on me a little bit, and I just never really had that opportunity from behind me besides Trevor, and I never was in the right position when I had that big of a run in order to get the lead back.

"Really, it took a lot of guys ganging up and getting together in order to make a move on him. He was pretty smart about where he positioned his car on the race track, and I could see that, and I tried to do some of those same things, but, man, it just never really worked for me as good as he could handle it."

The race ran without major incident for the first 89 laps, with a competition caution on Lap 21 and a black flag to Danica Patrick for driving through too many pit boxes on a Lap 67 green-flag pit stop first providing the bulk of the excitement.

But that was the calm before a violent storm.

As the field roared into Turn 1 on Lap 90, Jamie McMurray's Chevrolet got loose, made side-to-side contact with Ganassi Racing teammate Kyle Larson, got out of shape and veered sharply into the outside wall after contact from Jimmie Johnson's Chevrolet.

That was the spark that ignited a wreck that collected 22 of the 40 cars in the field and eliminated McMurray, Johnson, Paul Menard and

series leader Kevin Harvick, while heavily damaging the cars of Sunoco Rookie of the Year leader Chase Elliott, Martin Truex Jr., Matt Kenseth and Patrick, among others.

Harvick said he was expecting the powder keg that is restrictor-plate racing to explode at any minute—and on Lap 90 it did.

"You really think it's going to happen from Lap 1," said Harvick, who now leads the Cup series by 14 points over Keselowski. "It's hard to make ground, so you have to be pretty aggressive when you start making ground.

"Just kind of riding there, just maintaining until that next pit stop so we could get my car off the ground and then really start being aggressive. I really couldn't be aggressive, and unfortunately, I was in the back of that front pack and ended up getting in the wreck."

But Keselowski was ahead of the wreck, as he was throughout the night, and in staying at the front he earned owner Roger Penske his 100th victory in the series.

Notes: Despite wrecking and finishing 26th, Stewart moved into 30th place in the series standings, the position he needs to maintain or improve to remain eligible for the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup... Ricky Stenhouse Jr. finished fifth, matching his season-best result (Fontana)... With Bayne third, Stenhouse fifth and polesitter Greg Biffle eighth, Roush Fenway Racing had three cars in the top 10 for the first time since 2014 at Bristol... Michael McDowell (10th) scored his first top 10 since the 2014 July race at Daytona.



Race winner Brad Keselowski (2) stays focused on the lead as his brother Kurt (41) spins in the last laps of the Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway. (Nigel Kinrade/NKP photo)

# Almirola Edges Allgaier for NASCAR XFINITY Series Win

By REID SPENCER

DAYTONA BEACH, FL – Aric Almirola won his second NASCAR XFINITY Series race by much less than a nose.

But to the driver of the No. 98 Fred Biagi-owned Ford, that was a vast improvement over his first victory in the series—when he wasn't even in the car when the race ended.

In Friday night's Subway Firecracker 400 at Daytona International Speedway, Almirola was inches ahead of Justin Allgaier off the final corner in overtime when NASCAR called the eighth caution of the race and froze the field because of a wild wreck on the backstretch involving polesitter David Ragan.

Though Almirola was credited with a 2007 win at the Milwaukee Mile, where he started the race in place of Denny Hamlin, who was commuting from the Sprint Cup venue at Sonoma. But Hamlin took the checkered flag after taking over the car, and Almirola has never felt the win was rightfully his.

"I'm so glad to be back in Victory Lane here at Daytona," Almirola said. "This is such a special place for me. I won my first Cup race here two years ago, and for me, this is my first XFINITY win. I know I have a win, but there's always been an asterisk next to it..."

"I hated the fact that I got credit for that. When they called me the winner, I didn't want any of the credit. (Crew chief) Dave Rogers actually got the trophy. They tried to give me the trophy, but I didn't want it. I didn't think I deserved to win the race, because I wasn't in the car when the race was over.

"But tonight I was. Tonight we went to Victory Lane, and I'm here, and I was in the car—so this is my first XFINITY win."

Almirola already was one of 26 drivers who have won at least one race in each of NASCAR's top three series. Now he can feel good about it.

Allgaier, on the other hand was on the short end of the video that showed Almirola in the lead when the caution was called.

"When you lose 'em by that little bit, it's frustrating," said Allgaier, who estimated he lost the event by "a sixteenth of a foot.



Aric Almirola (98) races Justin Allgaier (7) and the rest of the field to the checkered flag under caution to win. (Sarah Crabill/Getty Images photo)

"But when you're disappointed with second, it's still a good day... Man, when you're that close, it's really, really tough. We'll keep digging. At some point we've got to maybe pull one of these off."

Ryan Sieg finished third, matching the career-best result he achieved in this race two years ago. Joey Logano led a race-high 46 of 103 laps but was shuffled back with fewer than 20 laps left and recovered to run fourth. Brendan Gaughan came home fifth.

Ragan led the field to green to start the overtime but quickly lost his drafting partner and surrendered the top spot. Subbing for Matt Tifft, who had come out of brain surgery for a tumor just before the race began, Ragan tried to block the outside lane on the final lap and finished 21st in a demol-

ished Toyota.

"I was kind of a sitting duck," Ragan said. "My teammate, Erik Jones, did a great job on that white-flag lap, but we just got separated. And I didn't really know that third lane was coming as fast as they were, and I saw that the 98 (Almirola) and the 7 (Allgaier) had a decent run, but I thought I could block the very top, and you only have so much room.

"That was just a product of speedway racing."

Points leader Daniel Suarez was the victim of a hard crash into the inside SAFER barrier on the backstretch on Lap 49 and finished 32nd but maintained a six-point lead in the standings over Elliott Sadler, who had to pit for fuel before the overtime and came home 18th.



Aric Almirola celebrates in Daytona's victory lane after winning the Subway Firecracker 400 by a nose. (Nigel Kinrade Photography photo)

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## Haley Celebrates Second Win Of The Season

COLUMBUS, Oh - Justin Haley took home the last NASCAR K&N Pro Series East victory at Columbus Motor Speedway Saturday night in the NAPA 150.

The 17-year-old led a total of 125 laps to secure his second win of the season after topping both practice sessions and winning his first 21

Means 21 Pole Award earlier in the day at the .333-mile oval.

The Winamac, Indiana, native took the lead as the green flag waved and led the first 109 of 150 laps. A charging Kyle Benjamin, a NASCAR Next alumnus, overtook Haley with 40 laps to go but lost the lead 25 laps later when he cut a tire in Turn 4.

With 25 laps to go, Haley retook the lead and held off the field on the final restart to secure his celebration in the winner's circle.

Austin Theriault and NASCAR Next drivers Collin Cabre, Harrison Burton and Noah Gragson rounded out the top five.

While John Holleman IV, Todd Gilliland, Hunter Baize, Christian Eckes and Ali Kern completed the top 10.

The NAPA 150 from Columbus Motor Speedway will air on NBCSN Friday, June 8 at 12:30 p.m. ET.

The NASCAR K&N Pro Series East will be back in action at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Saturday, July 16.

### Seuss Gets Back to Business at Caraway

SOPHIA, NC - Andy Seuss will take a win any way he can get it

and that was the case Friday at Caraway Speedway.

Seuss was able to take the lead in the pits during the second caution of the race. Once he got the lead he was able to hold off a strong J.R. Bertuccio to score his first win of the season taking the Davis Roofing 150.

Bertuccio appeared to have the best car of the field after he started from the front row winning his first Coors Light Pole Award of the season during qualifying.

Seuss swapped the lead with Danny Bohn on Lap 4 and retook the top spot on Lap 10 as he built leads by as much as 15 car lengths.

Bertuccio led until the second caution of the race for debris was given to the field on Lap 118. Seuss took the lead on Lap 120 after pit stops with George Brunnhoelzl III second and Bertuccio third.

Bertuccio was able to quickly get past Brunnhoelzl but could never get beside Seuss to try and make a pass for the lead.

Brunnhoelzl came home third with Burt Myers fourth and Bobby Measmer Jr. fifth.

Rounding out the top-10 was Jeremy Gerstner, Kyle Bosignore, Danny Bohn, Gary Putnam and Bobby Hutchens III.

The win also moved Seuss into a tie with Brunnhoelzl for the most tour wins at Caraway with 12 and the Hampstead, New Hampshire native now has 22 career wins.

The 2010 champion maintains his points lead with an eight-point advantage over Brunnhoelzl (221-213) with Seuss third at 210.

The southern tour will return to action with its annual stop to historic Bowman Gray Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 6.



Justin Haley celebrated his second win of 2016 Saturday night at Columbus (Ohio) Motor Speedway. (Jamie Sabau/NASCAR via Getty Images photo)

### Ranger Returns To Front At ICAR Scores 4th Win On Quebec Road Course

MIRABEL, QUEBEC - Not even a late-race caution could slow Andrew Ranger's return to Victory Lane at Circuit ICAR.

A year after coming up second on the 2.113-mile, 14-turn road course on the grounds of Montreal-Mirabel International Airport, Ranger dominated Sunday's Ecco Unlimited 100. It was the fourth win

from Cayden Lapcevich. Lapcevich finished eighth in his first race at ICAR. Labbe is third in points, a point behind Lapcevich.

In last year's race, Ranger chased Lacroix the entire race, which ran green to checkered without a caution. It was the first race at ICAR that Ranger didn't lead at least a lap. He was determined this year not to let that happen again.

On the second lap Sunday, Labbe left the bottom open slightly going into the Turn 1 hairpin and Ranger pounced to take the lead.



Andrew Ranger celebrates in Victory Lane Sunday for the fourth time in six races at Circuit ICAR in Mirabel, Quebec. (Matt Manor/NASCAR photos)

in six races at Circuit ICAR, and extended his NASCAR Pinty's Series career wins record to 22.

"It's almost a family here," Ranger said. "To win another race at home is fantastic."

Ranger's No. 27 Dodge led 29 of the 30 laps.

Alex Labbe, who won the E3 Spark Plug Pole Award in Saturday's qualifying, came home second and defending race winner Kevin Lacroix was third. DJ Kennington and Elie Arseneau were fourth and fifth, respectively.

With the victory, Ranger retook the championship points lead by six

Ranger ran easily out front until a yellow flag for debris on Lap 22. On the subsequent restart, though, Ranger powered back into the lead and finished .883 ahead of Labbe and more than seven seconds in front of Lacroix.

Alex Tagliani finished sixth after getting knocked back from third on the final restart. Gary Klutt, Lapcevich, JF Dumoulin and Patrick Dusault rounded out the top 10.

The NASCAR Pinty's Series will return to action on Saturday, July 16 with the Pinty's Grand Prix of Toronto as part of the 30th Toronto Honda Indy weekend.



Andy Seuss celebrates winning the Davis Roofing 150 for his first win of the season Friday at Caraway Speedway. (Brenda Meserve/NASCAR photo)

## John Smith Claims Second Straight SMRS Modified Win At Wake County

RALEIGH, NC - John Smith grabbed the lead from Brandon Ward with 29 laps to go and led the rest of the way for his second consecutive Southern Modified Racing Series (SMRS) Presented By PASS win in the Battle At The Bullring Saturday night at Wake County Speed-

only caution of the night would wave ten laps later when Tutterow had a problem entering turn one.

At this time, all the leaders would pit, with B. Myers winning the race off pit row and Zack Brewer flanking him on the outside for the restart. B. Myers would only lead the next six laps before being bypassed by Ward and John Smith. The fastest car on the track though was Jason Myers, who restarted fifth, but was quickly closing in on the leaders.

While Smith made the move by Ward with 29 laps to go for the lead, J. Myers had moved past Brewer and B. Myers into third. With around 10 laps to go, J. Myers disposed of Ward for second, but ran out of time to run Smith down for the win. Following Smith and J. Myers to the checkered flag were Ward, B. Myers, and Brewer.

Cory Walker claimed his first career Mid-Atlantic Limited Late Model win, while Dillon Spain took the checkered flag in the Legends division.

The Southern Modified Racing Series Presented By PASS will be in action once again for 125 laps on Friday night, July 22 at Tri-County Motor Speedway. Entry forms will be available at SouthernModifiedRacingSeries.com. Be sure to "Like" the Pro All Stars Series and Southern Modified Racing Series

way.

"I think the real deal was my boys put the left front on the left rear [during the pit stop] and that gave me a lot more drive off the corner than the rest of them, but I still didn't think I could get passed them," said Smith afterwards.

Burt Myers scorched the tight quarter-mile in qualifying with lap of 12.676 seconds to score his first Precision Built Spindles Pole Award. But, after the top six qualifies redraw, Ward would slot into the pole position, while B Myers would move to the outside of the front row.

At the drop of the green, Ward would take the lead, until B. Myers made the move to go up front on lap 20. B. Myers would continue to lead until he got hung up behind the slower car of Jason Tutterow on lap 63, allowing Ward to move back by and take the lead again. The



John Smith celebrates in victory lane at Wake County Speedway after passing Brandon Ward for the lead with 29 laps to go. (PASS photo)

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### Helliwell Conquers Oxford Plains

OXFORD, ME - Wayne Helliwell, Jr. raced to a convincing win aboard the Bruce Bernhardt Ford to earn a career-first victory at Oxford Plains Speedway in Pro All Stars Series Super Late Model competition on Sunday evening.

Adam Polvinen paced the early stages of the 100-lapper after outgunning Dalton Sargeant early on. Helliwell made steady progress from his 12th starting position, earned by gaining six spots in his heat race, and once in front he had no match on this night.

Runner-up Scott Farrington and third-place finisher Sargeant also earned conditional 250 starting spots after exhausting all other options. Farrington started fifth in the 100-lapper and watched a few rivals go by early on before making a late charge into second position under the checkered flag.

Sargeant battled with the front-runners and, short of victory, had a successful night. Timmy Brackett was the fourth-place finisher. Polvinen, who led early, and led often, closed out the top five.

Polvinen, Sargeant and Windham's Bobby Timmons of Windham won heat races. Dale Shaw of Center Conway, New Hampshire won the last chance qualifier.



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## **Knoxville Raceway**

KNOXVILLE, IA - NASCAR's greatest drivers -- who all have ties to the sprint car community -- are returning to Knoxville for the 56th running of the 5-hour ENERGY Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey's General Stores. The four drivers - Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne and Kyle Larson -- will all be putting the hammer down to raise money for children's cancer

research.

The fourth-annual Weld Racing Go-Kart Spectacular will take place on Thursday (rather than the usual Wednesday date), August 11 at 1pm at Slideways Karting Center just one mile north of Knoxville Raceway.

Fans are invited to race go-karts against the stars all to raise money for Kick-It, a partner of Jeff Gordon Children's Foundation and national program that raises money for children with cancer. Registration for the event starts at 10am, ET., on Wednesday, June 29 at <http://bit.ly/290h9Ty>. Registration for the 2015 event was full within one hour.

"The karting event is one of my favorite events of the year," said Gordon. "The sprint car community has embraced this cause, and I'm just amazed at how much bigger and better this event seems to get every year."

With no NASCAR race scheduled during the Knoxville Nationals this year, the drivers will get to stay throughout the week, allowing Gordon and Stewart to participate in their first Tony Stewart Kick-It Cup kickball game. For the first time, the game is open to fans to play with the teams being coached by Gordon and Stewart. Twenty spots will be available for a \$100 donation. Registration for the event opens at 10am, ET., on Wednesday, July 6 at <http://bit.ly/296rn9q>.

"We've had a great time racing against the fans and each other at Slideways over the past couple of years. It's always a grudge match against Jeff, Kyle, Kasey and myself and we're as competitive racing go-karts as we are racing Cup car," said last weekend's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series winner Stewart. "I'm also looking forward to being able to participate in the kickball event this year. It's going to be a great time for a great cause."

Thursday's kart race is open to the public for a \$5 admission donation per person (12 and under are free). Friday's kickball game is free to the public.

Live and silent auctions will take place throughout both events. The auctions will feature autographed racing items from sprint car racing and NASCAR, as well as once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for diehard race fans.

The charity organizations are also partnering with Dingus Lounge, across the street from Knoxville Raceway, to host a fun-filled, dunk tank event at Dingus at 8 p.m., local time on Tuesday, August 9.

The 56th annual 5-hour ENERGY® Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey's General Stores kicks-off on Wednesday, August 10 and concludes on Saturday, August 13.

Tickets for the 5-hour ENERGY® Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey's General Stores are available for purchase at [www.knoxvillraceway.com](http://www.knoxvillraceway.com) or by calling 641-842-5431. Four-day ticket packages are also available.

More information about Knoxville Raceway and the 5-hour ENERGY® Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey's General Stores can be found at the aforementioned website, on Knoxville Raceway's Facebook page, @KnoxvilleRaces on Twitter and Knoxville Raceway on Instagram. The Knoxville Raceway app is also a free download for all Apple and Android phones and features live timing and scoring for every event.

## **Sonoma Raceway**

SONOMA, CA - Charitable programs combined to raise more than \$216,000 for local youth groups during the Toyota/Save Mart 350 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series weekend at Sonoma Raceway, June 24-26.

The proceeds from the majority of events will benefit Sonoma County youth organizations through the Sonoma Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities, the charitable arm of the raceway, which has distributed more than \$5.1 million to local youth-serving non-profit groups since 2001.

The Children's Champions Grand Marshal Banquet was held on Friday, June 24, at Cline Cellars in Sonoma and featured Grand Marshal Ruben Armiani, the longest-tenured president of the California State University system. The sold-out sit-down dinner also featured a race preview by FOX's

NASCAR broadcast team, including Mike Joy, Larry McReynolds and Michael Waltrip. Proceeds from the banquet benefit Speedway Children's Charities and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley.

Overall, the banquet generated more than \$156,000, while the Ride-of-a-Lifetime Online Charity Auction raised over \$10,000. A live auction was also held the night of the banquet for a special NASCAR Race-Day Experience, which included a meet and greet with the NASCAR on FOX broadcast team and a behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic Hollywood Hotel. In addition, a special Pixar Studios package included a CARS-themed gift basket and a private tour of the Emeryville headquarters. Both packages combined to bring in nearly \$15,000.

More than \$25,000 was also raised through various donations during the weekend, including a \$5,000 donation on behalf of the Transporter Drivers of Motorsports Association (TDMA), which participated in the 6th annual NASCAR Hauler Parade in Sacramento on June 23. Great Clips raised over \$6,000 in donations throughout the weekend at its mobile hair salon in the main paddock.

"The NASCAR weekend provides an excellent opportunity to leverage the generosity of our fans, sponsors and other partners to help support good work in the community," said Steve Page, Sonoma Raceway president and general manager. "We are grateful to all who participated and to the wonderful non-profit groups who are elevating the lives of young people in the North Bay."

In addition to the proceeds generated for SCC, Levy Restaurants, the official caterer of Sonoma Raceway, hosted eight local non-profit groups to support concession stands around the facility. In return for their hard work, Levy gives back a portion of sales to support those non-profit organizations. These groups, including Benicia High School Band Boosters, California Martial Arts, Fairfield High School Athletics, Native Sons of the Golden West, Petaluma Cheer, O'hana Wa'a Outrigger Club and Vallejo Raiders Youth Football program received a total of over \$31,000 after NASCAR weekend.

Levy Restaurants also donated nearly 2,500 pounds of food to Food Runners, a San Francisco-based non-profit that collects and distributes quality, perishable and prepared foods to those in need.

For more information about the

Sonoma Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities or to make a donation, visit [SonomaRaceway.com/SCC](http://SonomaRaceway.com/SCC) or contact Cheri Plattner at (707) 933-3950 or [cplattner@SonomaRaceway.com](mailto:cplattner@SonomaRaceway.com). If your non-profit group is interested in working with Levy Restaurants at an upcoming event, contact Valerie Moody at [vmoody@Levyrestaurants.com](mailto:vmoody@Levyrestaurants.com) or 707-939-1454.

## **The Dirt Track at Charlotte**

CONCORD, NC - The biggest stars of international motocross will light up the night sky Sept. 2-3 at The Dirt Track at Charlotte in the Monster Energy MXGP of the Americas, the East Coast's only MXGP event, on a hulking, one-mile circuit that will provide fans with unmatched views of one of the fastest courses on the MXGP calendar.

The course layout was designed by noted MXGP track designer Justin Barclay, who will be on site throughout construction of the first-of-its-kind, high-speed SuperCourse.

"The MXGP track builders have come up with an amazing design," said Marcus Smith, Charlotte Motor Speedway president and general manager. "The brand-new SuperCourse at The Dirt Track at Charlotte will deliver an unprecedented motocross showcase during a two-night spectacle of speed on Sept. 2-3."

OVERVIEW: The FIM MXGP World Championship, the world's most successful international motocross series, will see points leader Tim Gajser and defending champion Romain Febvre take on top American riders including Eli Tomac and Justin Barcia in two 30-minute-plus-two-laps motos around a demanding SuperCourse circling one of the most expansive dirt tracks in the world. Riders representing 16 countries will launch out of the gate and make a breathtaking charge directly toward the grandstand crowd as they approach a treacherous left-handed Turn 1. From there, riders will face a mix of long, sweeping corners, high-speed straights and tight 180-degree turns that will provide plenty of passing opportunities.

TICKETS: Single-day tickets start at \$30 plus tax for Friday and \$49 plus tax for Saturday. Two-day ticket packages are available for a limited time for \$69 plus tax and include a FREE two-day paddock pass. Buy tickets calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267) or by shopping online at [www.charlottemotor-speedway.com](http://www.charlottemotor-speedway.com).

## Schatz Makes It an Even Dozen with Badlands Win

BRANDON, SD - Donny Schatz made it an even dozen wins on Sunday night as he battled forward from a fifth place starting position and powered past Joey Saldana at Badlands Motor Speedway to score his 12th World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series victory of the season.

Schatz, who last stood in victory lane with his No. 15 Bad Boy Off Road/Chevrolet Performance team earlier this week at Rockford Speedway, won at Badlands with the Outlaws in 2015.

"I feel awesome," Schatz said. "It feels great to drive Tony Stewart's racecar. These guys are incredible at what they do."

The previous night's winner, Brad Sweet, kicked off the second night of the double-header at Badlands by taking the quick time award in qualifying with a lap of 10.924.

Saldana was the beneficiary in the Dash inversion draw and after winning the eight lap Dash race, started on the feature pole in his No. 83 Roth Motorsports car with Dusty Zomer on his outside.

Through the early laps of the feature, Zomer and Rico Abreu traded the second position through several laps as Saldana put distance on the field. Eventually, Abreu threw a slider on Zomer on lap five and took over the second spot as the drivers exited on to the front straight.

As Saldana began working his way through traffic, Abreu closed on the leader. Behind him, Schatz was making moves, passing Zomer for third on lap 16.

Past the halfway point, Saldana continued to work his way through traffic as Abreu and Schatz closed the distance. Abreu, who crashed the previous night while leading the feature, made his move on lap 24 with the slider through turns three and four. Abreu got side-by-side with Saldana but bounced off the wall and allowed Saldana to retake the spot. The next lap, Abreu had Saldana again, side-by-side on the front straight, but he jumped the cushion through turns one and two, giving Schatz an opening to take the second position.

With Schatz in second, it was less than a lap before he found his

way around Saldana for the lead.

Through the remaining laps and one caution, Saldana tried to run down Schatz as David Gravel pulled into third with his No. 5 Big Game Treestands/CJB Motorsports car but Schatz pulled away to claim the win. Saldana and Gravel repeated their previous night's finish of second and third.

"We just haven't had the feel we've been looking for," Schatz said. "Every night we get closer to it. The racecar was really good on the bottom, middle and top, and that's why we were able to get through traffic the way we did. Hats off to this Tony Stewart, Bad Boy Off Road, Chevrolet Performance team. I'm just the lucky guy that gets to drive it."

Schatz extended his lead in the championship standings to 95 points over Sweet.

Saldana was disappointed in his finish following the feature, in which he led the first 26 laps, but admitted the weekend was a success for his team.

"It was a good solid weekend for us - two seconds," Saldana said. "We were close. I just kept running the top which killed my tires. We'll come back next week and hopefully do a better job."

Gravel, who claimed his 15th consecutive top-10 finish, said the final caution killed his momentum.

"We had a really, really good car there late in the race," Gravel said. "I just wish we didn't have a cau-



Donny Schatz scored his twelfth win of the season Sunday night at Badlands Motor Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

tion. It seemed like, this weekend, every time we had a caution, the tires aren't the same after that. We'll try to figure that part out. We were really, really good in that long green flag run. I thought we had something for those guys but we're happy with another podium."

Jason Sides, who battled Rico Abreu late for the fourth place position, scored the KSE Racing Hard Charger award after climbing five positions in the feature to finish in fifth.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series kicks off the 'Month of Money' this week as it heads to Cedar Lake Speedway in New Richmond, Wis. for the FVP Outlaws at Cedar Lake on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9. For more information and to learn how to purchase tickets, visit [WoOSprint.com/Cedar-Lake-Speedway](http://WoOSprint.com/Cedar-Lake-Speedway).

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### Brad Sweet Has a Good Night at Badlands Motor Speedway

BRANDON, SD - Brad Sweet led early and led often at Badlands Motor Speedway on Saturday night as he found luck and persevered to score his seventh World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series victory of the season.

Sweet, who took the checkered flag at the track for the first time in his career, lost the lead to Rico Abreu on lap 10. When Abreu got

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too low on the track and caught a tire barrier sending him flipping on to the front straight, Sweet regained the lead. Through a couple of close calls, it was smooth sailing to the end.

Sweet's win is his first since May 13 at Plymouth Speedway.

"It feels good. This team needed that win - we've been in a bit of a slump," Sweet said.

"We just haven't been able to compete for wins over the last 10 or 15 races. We started out the season really strong and then kind of fell off there. So it's nice to get back to victory lane and give these guys some confidence."

Matt Juhl kicked off the night by scoring his first ever World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series quick time award. It was the second series event in a row where the quick time award was presented to a driver who had never received it before.

Sweet led early in the feature as the battle behind him turned intense. Joey Saldana battled to fifth by lap three while Kerry Madsen moved in to second. A charging Abreu though was the man to watch as he picked off multiple positions and set his sights on Sweet. As Sweet worked his way through lapped traffic with eight laps complete, Abreu caught Sweet and then passed him as the two worked their way off of turn three.

Abreu's lead was short-lived though as he dove low off of turn four he caught a tire barrier which sent him flipping. Abreu was OK but his night was over.

When the field returned to green, Sweet retook the lead as the jockeying for the second and third place positions got underway. Saldana got around Kerry Madsen for third and then Jason Johnson began his assault on the top spots.

Johnson took over third on lap 16 and then took over second on lap 30. As the field bunched up in traffic, Johnson looked to have a shot at Sweet in the lead but a tire gave way, sending Johnson into the turn one wall. Johnson was alert following the crash but was transported to an area hospital for further evaluation.

When the field returned to green, Sweet built up a strong lead over Saldana and David Gravel.

"The Ollie's Bargain Outlet car was phenomenal all night long," Sweet said. "In the A main we could really get moving around the top. We could move around too. I was just waiting to see if someone was going to show me a nose."

"40 laps around here is a long race. It's a California kind of race. It's short and you've got to attack the corners. I'm really proud of my guys."

Saldana, who had an issue late, ran near the front most the night in his No. 83 Roth Motorsports car and closed out the night in second.

"Definitely very lucky tonight. About five or six to go my belts came undone," Saldana said. "So I'm just trying to finish the race and then Jason crashes in front of me. So that's not what you want to see - hopefully he's OK. Luckily we finished the night on the front straightaway. We'll take it and come back tomorrow."

Gravel, who closed out the night in third had his sights set on Sunday at Badlands and improving on the team's podium finish.

"We didn't get in the Dash like we wanted to so to finish on the podium is great," Gravel said. We had a really good car there in the middle of the race. We faded a little bit late but Brad and Joey had really good cars. We probably had a third or fourth place car but with Jason blowing a tire that put us third. We're really happy with third."

Donny Schatz was the night's KSE Racing Hard Charger, advancing 12 positions to finish in seventh.

### Donny Schatz Holds Tough at Rockford Speedway

ROCKFORD, IL - As the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series feature field rounded the final lap of the inaugural Outlaw Clay Classic at Rockford Speedway on Wednesday night, Donny Schatz looked poised to win. But David Gravel was charging and as Schatz rounded the final turns, maneuvering through traffic, Gravel dove low as Schatz hugged the cushion.

Side-by-side off the corner, Schatz edged Gravel to score his 11th win of the season.

The history-making victory as the sprint cars kicked off the Outlaw Clay Classic on the normally-paved quarter-mile oval was the 215th victory of Schatz's career.

"Catching someone on that is one thing - getting by them is completely different," Schatz said of

Gravel catching him in the final laps. "I don't know if I had a tire going down... but I started getting tight and rolled up and just couldn't turn the corner... we at least got the win."

Parker Price-Miller kicked off the special event by taking the qualifying quick time with a lap of 11.806 seconds. It was the first World of Outlaws quick time for Price-Miller and set the dirt record at the 69-year-old Rockford Speedway which was covered in eight inches of Illinois river clay - the first time the track has ever had dirt on it.

Challenging track conditions set up an especially tough 30-lap inaugural feature for the Outlaws. Schatz led the field to the green with Daryn Pittman, Gravel and Ian Madsen behind.

Schatz opened up a strong lead through the first 10 laps, catching the tail end of the field by lap three.

NASCAR stand-out and two-time series winner Christopher Bell brought out the first caution of the night. While battling Shane Stewart he got caught in the cushion and ended up on his side.

As the field returned to green Schatz again extended his lead as Madsen tried to get around Gravel for third. One more caution flag flew on lap 16 which bunched the field back up.

Madsen and Gravel recommenced their battle but Gravel pulled away.

Taking an aggressive line through a rough turns one and two, Gravel began challenging Pittman in second. Back and forth they battled until Pittman was knocked off kilter through turns one and two. Pittman faded following as Shane Stewart battled past Brad Sweet for third.

With second in his grip Gravel looked to Schatz in the lead. On the second-to-last lap, Schatz got caught up in traffic and Gravel closed the gap. He challenged hard on the closing lap, but Schatz hung on to win.

"It's typically not the type of race track that we're good on but these guys go to work and try to make me as comfortable as they can. I was in the air, sideways, doing wheelies. Some laps I didn't know if I was going to come out the other end. It was a crapshoot."

Schatz rolls out of Rockford with an 86-point lead over Sweet in the championship standings.

For Gravel, the finish continues a strong run through the last month and momentum as the series prepares to kick off the 'Month of Money.'

"I had a shot," Gravel said of his last lap battle with Schatz. "When you enter the corner high and chop down low, you get a really good run down the straightaway and I just tried to poke my nose. Just happy to finish second."

Shane Stewart, who has five wins on the season, notched his 14th podium finish with a strong run from an eighth-place starting position. After Pittman and Madsen struggled late, Stewart took advantage.

"On nights like this you've got to be patient and hopefully some of the guys mess up in front of you and you can take advantage of that and we were able to do that. A podium finish is a great night for us starting eighth. We'll carry this into the weekend and hopefully we can pick up another win."

### Lakeside Speedway Added to 2016 World of Outlaws Schedule

CONCORD, NC - The World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series has added Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas to help close out the regular season on Friday, Oct. 21.

The O'Reilly Auto Parts Rumble on the River is a special addition to the 2016 season as it joins the previously rescheduled event at Salina (Okla.) Highbanks Speedway the following day on Saturday, Oct. 22. Those two events are the last ones on the schedule before the Bad Boy Buggies World of Outlaws World Finals, Oct. 27 to 29.

Lakeside is a longtime staple on the World of Outlaws schedule with 17 appearances dating back to 1980. This season's event will be the seventh straight for the track on the series schedule.

"The World of Outlaws looks forward returning to Lakeside Speedway this season," said World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Director Carlton Reimers.

Last season, Donny Schatz powered his way through the field to score his 18th win in a record-setting season that saw him score his seventh World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series championship.

Tickets for the O'Reilly Auto Parts Rumble on the River can be purchased online at <http://sls-promotions.ticketforce.com>, or by calling 815-344-2023.

Starting Sept. 15, fans will receive a \$5 OFF special when purchasing a general admission ticket at participating O'Reilly Auto Parts stores.

## Southern All Stars Event Set For Tennessee National Raceway Postponed

FAYETTEVILLE, TN - Officials with the Tennessee National Raceway in Hohenwald, TN., informed Southern All Star Dirt Racing Series officials that they would have to postpone the schedule 40 lap event on July 9th and have to look for another date due to the track

being rented to country music stars Tim McGraw & Florida Georgia Line who are planning on shooting videos at the track and they are going to need the track the whole week leading up to the scheduled race on July 9th, therefore not leaving enough time for track officials to get the facility back in condition to race.

The Southern All Star Dirt Racing Series along with the officials from the Tennessee National Raceway are working to find a date that will be suitable for the track and series and hope to announce a new date in a week or two.

### Rain Cancels World of Outlaws and Summer Nationals at Lincoln Speedway

LINCOLN, IL - A certainty of rain throughout the day with the potential of flooding Central Illinois forced the cancellation of Sunday's "World of Outlaws/ Hell Tour" Shootout presented by Graue Chevrolet at Lincoln Speedway in Lincoln, Ill.

This was going to be the first time in history the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Models and DIRTcar Summer Nationals Late Models stood tire-to-tire against each other, all competing for the \$10,000 purse. The DIRTcar Summit Racing Equipment Modified Nationals were set to be the supporting class in a night to go down in history,

"Fans would have stayed on their feet for this one," World of Outlaws Series Director Tim Christman said. "We had an impressive lineup for this event, and we were excited to put on a great show for the fans. Unfortunately, the weather just had other plans."

Though the World of Outlaws will not be returning to Lincoln in 2016, a makeup date has been scheduled for Thursday, August 25

for the Summer Nationals squad. It will be a \$5,000-to-win show; more details about the special event will be announced at a later date.

"With the weather forecast, we knew we were in trouble," DIRTcar UMP Series Director Sam Driggers said. "We started looking at other options. More information will be released soon."

The World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series will travel to Iowa to serve-up a two-day special of races at Hamilton County Speedway on Thursday, July 7 and Mason City Speedway on Friday, July 8.

General Admission tickets for each show are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the gate. Pit passes are \$40. Visit [hamiltoncospeedway.com](http://hamiltoncospeedway.com) and [masoncitymotorspeedway.com](http://masoncitymotorspeedway.com) for more information.

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### Rain Cancels World of Outlaws and Summer Nationals at I-55

PEVELY, MO - Heavy belts of rain and thunderstorms moving through the region Saturday has cancelled the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series and DIRTcar Summer Nationals event at Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 in Pevely, Mo. There will be no makeup date for the cancellation.

Also cancelled was the DIRTcar Summit Racing Equipment Modified Nationals, which were scheduled to join the Outlaws and Summer Nationals on Saturday.

With unfavorable conditions set to hit the track by early-afternoon, track and series officials agreed to not carry on with the program. The Outlaws were scheduled to duel with the DIRTcar Summer Nationals late models. The combination of both series into one show was to be the first in history.

### Park Jefferson Int'l Speedway Show Cancelled

CONCORD, NC - The World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model

Series event scheduled for July 16 at Park Jefferson International Speedway in North Sioux City, S.D. has been cancelled.

The decision to cancel the event was a mutual decision between the series and track promoter.

"We hate to have a last-minute cancellation for our fans and teams and we wish Park Jefferson International Speedway the best of luck," Christman said. "We look forward to returning to South Dakota in 2017."

"The World Racing Group sets a very high standard for the tracks it races at, and we were concerned about being able to meet the standards that they require," said Park Jefferson Promoter Adam Adamson. "It is because of this that we decided best to remove the show from their calendar. The World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Models has a tremendous series and we encourage fans to catch one of their shows at either Webster City or Mason City."

Local fans will have the opportunity to see the Outlaws at two tracks proximate to Park Jefferson International Speedway - Hamilton County Speedway on Thursday, July 7 and Mason City Motor Speedway Friday, July 8.

### Appeals Panel Upholds Dirt Late Model Dream Penalties

CONCORD, NC - The World Racing Group Commission has upheld the penalties issued to the #B5 driven by Brandon Sheppard, #22 driven by Gregg Satterlee, #20 driven by Jimmy Owens, #33X driven by Ricky Thornton and #0 driven by Scott Bloomquist following failed post-race inspection at Eldora Speedway's Dirt Late Model Dream.

All five of the drivers were penalized after tire samples collected at the event and tested by an independent laboratory did not meet established benchmarks in a chemical analysis.

The three-member panel heard appeals in Indianapolis on Monday. After deliberating the appeals, panel members agreed that the collection and testing of the samples followed accepted protocols and the samples did not meet accepted benchmarks.

All five competitors were found to be in violation of rule 15.11-G and were

fined in accordance with rule 11.1. Each competitor will resume their three-month suspension from all DIRTcar sanctioned events, including World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series competition. The suspensions conclude on Sept. 11, 2016.

The total penalty, including loss of money, fine and the cost of the tire analysis for each driver was \$19,630 for Sheppard, \$4,655 for Satterlee, \$7,630 for Owens, \$10,930 for Thornton and \$6,105 for Bloomquist.

The three commission members who heard the appeal were Steve York, Jeff Nuckles and Rollie Helming.

DIRTcar members in good standing can request a final appeal be heard by the World Racing Group Commission Commissioner Potestas.

### Virginia Motor Speedway up next for the Ultimate Super Late Model Series

CARNESVILLE, GA - The Ultimate Super Late Model Series returns to Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway in Jamaica, Virginia for the final leg of the Colonial Clash which will be the 40th Annual Aaron's USA 100 presented by Commonwealth Motorsports on Saturday, August 6th paying \$20,000 to win.

Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway is a 1/2 mile dirt oval track located on U.S. Route 17, eight miles north of Saluda, VA and 25 miles south of Tappahannock, VA in Jamaica, VA. The speedway is just a short drive from Richmond, Fredericksburg, Southern Maryland and the Hampton Roads area.

For further information on Virginia Motor Speedway please visit [www.vamotorspeedway.com](http://www.vamotorspeedway.com).

To learn more about the Ultimate Super Late Model Series please visit the series online at [www.ultimatesupers.com](http://www.ultimatesupers.com). Please find ULTIMATE Super Late Model Series on Facebook. You can also follow us on Twitter and Instagram @ULTIMATESupers.



## Bloomquist Goes Back-to-Back in Buckeye State Sweep

ZANESVILLE, OH - Scott Bloomquist pulled off a clean sweep of Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series racing in the State of Ohio this Independence weekend, winning the Lumi-Lite Candle Co. 60 on Sunday Night at Muskingum County Speedway. Over the course of two nights, Bloomquist collected over \$24,000 in winnings.

Bloomquist started third in the 60-lap main event and fell back to fifth on the opening lap. He gradually made his way to the front, taking the lead from Don O'Neal on lap 33. Bloomquist went on to the victory, and extended his series points lead.

O'Neal finished second, followed by Jared Landers, Earl Pearson Jr., and Brandon Sheppard.

"We put on some tires that were a little older. It took them a while to get going. Once they did, they were pretty good. The car was good. The engine ran super; I'd like to thank Andy Durham for that. We had a really good weekend," said the 52-year-old 2-time series champion, who became the first driver in the eleven appearances by the LOLMDS at the track to become a repeat winner.

"I wasn't that concerned when we fell back a few spots early on. Everybody was really punishing their tires and I didn't want to. I just tried to get some heat in them immediately, I could tell each restart we would get a little better, and eventually we were able to get the lead," said the driver of the Reece Monument Company, Crop Production Services, Sweet-Bloomquist entry.

Landers bolted out front and led the first 18 circuits until O'Neal charged to the point. O'Neal then held the top spot until lap 33 when Bloomquist forged ahead for good.

"Don got by Jared and I thought Jared was going to get back around him. There was some pretty hard racing up there for the lead. The track was pretty good tonight. You could race all over it. The way that the track started out; with all that loose stuff piled up and real muddy; is why we elected not to hot lap. Usually this track does blow off and slick over, especially around

the top. The top stayed really good and smooth," said Bloomquist in Lucas Oil Victory Lane.

O'Neal was looking for his first series win of the season. He had the Clint Bowyer Racing/Peak Antifreeze and Motor Oil car in contention for the win from the start of the race. "I thought I was going to get this Peak car in victory lane tonight. My hat's off to the Zero Team. We made some changes today after last night. We started up front and couldn't stay there. Tonight we passed some cars, so we did a lot better tonight."

Landers followed up his runner-up finish at Portsmouth with another podium finish at Muskingum County.

"We got off to a really good start. I kind of got lost after a while. I took off on one of the restarts and left the bottom open for Don. He [O'Neal] had a good car. He needed a good run. Scott just showed us all, but I hung on for third.

"I want to thank Crop Production Services and Mark Martin Automotive. This place is always packed out! I am just glad to be able to run strong in front of this many people, hopefully we made some new fans here tonight."

Completing the top ten were Dennis Erb Jr., Steve Casebolt, Steve Francis, Rod Conley and Mike Benedum.

In preliminary action, Steve Casebolt set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group A) amongst the 29 entrants, with a lap of 14.629 seconds. Jared Landers set the fastest time in Group B with a time of 14.962 seconds. Tim McCreadie, Scott Bloomquist, Jared Landers, and Jimmy Owens won their respective heat races. Steve Francis won the B-Main.

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### Bloomquist Takes Third Straight Lucas Oil Win at Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH, OH - Scott Bloomquist rolled to his third straight Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory at Portsmouth Race-



Scott Bloomquist swept the weekend with wins at Muskingum County Speedway on Sunday and at Portsmouth Raceway Park on Saturday night. (LOLMDS photo)

way Park on Saturday Night. In front of a massive crowd, Bloomquist led all 60 laps of the Independence 60, and now holds a 20-point lead over Jonathan Davenport in the Lucas Oil Championship Standings.

Jared Landers came from seventh to finish second in the Lance Landers Motorsports/Crop Production Services/Sweet-Bloomquist entry. Steve Francis finished third in the Optima Batteries/Tim Logan Racing/Black Diamond Chassis. Completing the top five were Tim McCreadie and former track champion, Rod Conley.

"Everyone has to be pretty tired after driving back home from a race in Kentucky last night. We tore the whole right side of the body off the car last night, so we went back to get this one ready. We have got two good cars now. This is the car I wanted to run here to get ready for the DTWC later this year," said Bloomquist in Lucas Oil Victory Lane.

"I think we are pretty happy with where we are at. I didn't realize until later that we broke the track record in qualifying. This car can just get around this track so well. It was good to see Jared come in second. I wasn't worried with that caution with two laps to go. It was getting a little difficult to pass."

"When I got into traffic I tried to stay low. Then I moved to the top and that wasn't any good for us. We tried to get in and crowd the lapped cars. That helped us out because we could then make the pass. I want to thank Reece Monument Company, Crop Production

Services, Mark Martin Automotive, Dyno-Gro Seed, Base Fuels, Lucas Oil, Horton Coal, Sorbera Chiropractic and Petroff Towing."

Landers moved by Francis after a lap 47 caution but never could mount a serious challenge to Bloomquist. "I took advantage of that last restart to get by Steve. It was a pretty much a race for second, Scott was just too strong tonight. A week ago this place was under water. They did a great job with the track, it was smooth all night."

Francis had a shot to track down Bloomquist in traffic during the midpoint of the race. "I could see him [Bloomquist] up there. I was hoping he would slip up and we could catch him. Some of those lapped cars wanted to race with you like they were on the lead lap. But we will take third and keep improving over the last half of the season."

Completing the top ten were Brandon Sheppard, Eddie Carrier Jr., Jonathan Davenport, Don O'Neal and Jimmy Owens.

In preliminary action, Scott Bloomquist set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group A) amongst the 33 entrants, with a lap of 14.129 seconds. Steve Francis set the fastest time in Group B with a time of 14.709 seconds. Scott Bloomquist, Tim McCreadie, Don O'Neal, and Rod Conley won their respective heat races. Tim Dohm and Lee Logan won their respective B-Mains.



## Sheldon Haudenschild Sweeps Independence Day Weekend Swing

LAKE ODESSA, MI - For the second time in as many days, Sheldon Haudenschild is a main event winner with the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions, this time claiming the Inaugural Dirty 30 at I-96 Speedway in Lake Odessa, Michigan. Much like Saturday night at Hart-

ford Speedway, Haudenschild dominated the Dirty 30 main event, leading all 30 laps from the front row to score his fifth Arctic Cat All Star victory of the 2016 season. The Wooster, Ohio, native is now tied with Dale Blaney for the most feature wins on the Arctic Cat All Star tour in 2016, raising his career bar to 11.

"Once again, Bonzai and Zach had this car right where it needed to be. They are really making my job easy," Sheldon Haudenschild explained. "We've never had a weekend like this. This is just awesome. To get two All Star wins is really special. It definitely helps our point situation. I feel like we are just now getting going. We have some bigger events coming up so we're just gonna keep working."

Sheldon Haudenschild started second on the feature grid alongside Cap Henry. After a red on the initial start, the Inaugural Dirty 30 main event would officially get underway with Haudenschild earning the early advantage. By lap five, the pilot of the familiar Southern Pacific Farms/No. 93 stretched his advantage to nearly a straightaway, utilizing his preferred line at the top of the speedway, even maintaining that advantage while negotiating traffic.

After the red on the initial start, three additional cautions halted the 30-lap main event, each erasing a near half-track advantage for Sheldon Haudenschild. The momentum pause never created a problem for Haudenschild, returning to a lengthy lead after each restart. The evening's final caution appeared on lap 28, setting up a green-white-checked restart. Even then, Haudenschild was unchallenged, racing ahead to score a second consecutive Arctic Cat All Star victory. On a special note, Haudenschild led every main event lap of Independence Day weekend, a

grand total of 55 circuits.

"Downtown" Danny Holtgraver finished second after starting fifth on the feature grid. The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, native made his way to second by lap six, maintaining that position for the remaining distance. Kraig Kinser finished third, climbing ahead from the outside of row six.

"We got a great start there. I just focused on hitting my lines," Haudenschild said. "The track was perfect. I'm not sure where second and third were behind me, but I feel like they could have kept up with me on the bottom if they had to. I felt like I could get through lappers really well once we got to them because they were all kinda stuck on the bottom. I just cruised around there. I don't even know what to say."

The Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions will continue their 2016 campaign on Saturday evening, July 9, back at the Sharon Speedway in Hartford, Ohio. The 8th annual Lou Blaney Memorial will headline competition at the state-of-the-art racing facility, awarding a \$10,000 top prize to the main event winner. It will be the second and final Sharon Speedway appearance for the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions in 2016. "BC" Bryan Clauson is the most recent Sharon Speedway feature winner during Arctic Cat All Star competition, scoring an Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket victory on Tuesday evening, June 21.

Sharon Speedway will open Lou Blaney Memorial gates at 1:00 pm on Saturday afternoon, July 9. Pit gates will officially swing open at 3:00 pm, followed by the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions drivers meeting at 5:30. Racing is scheduled to hit the dirt at 7, sharp. Those seeking additional information should visit Sharon Speedway live on the Web at [www.sharon-speedway.com](http://www.sharon-speedway.com).

### **Sheldon Haudenschild Holds Off Dale Blaney for Arctic Cat All Star Victory at Hartford**

HARTFORD, MI - Wooster, Ohio's Sheldon Haudenschild held off one of the best in the business for 25 laps on Saturday night, July 2, at Hartford Speedway, clinching



**Sheldon Haudenschild swept the Independence Day Weekend Swing with the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions winning at I-96 Speedway and Hartford Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)**

a tenth career Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions victory and his first ever at the Hartford, Michigan, half-mile. The pilot of the Southern Pacific Farms/No. 93 started from the pole position and led every lap of the "King of Michigan" program, holding off fellow front row starter Dale Blaney and recently crowned Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket champion Chad Kemenah at the final checkers. Haudenschild's Arctic Cat All Star victory, the fourth of his 2016 campaign, was worth \$5,000.

"Bonzai Bruns and Zach Ames have this car rolling right now," Haudenschild explained. "That makes my job a lot easier. That track was awesome tonight. It feels really good to have four wins in one season. I don't think we've ever done that before. We'll take this one and move on from here."

Clean air and momentum were key elements in Haudenschild's dominate performance at the front of the field.

A perfect jump during the opening green flag allowed Haudenschild to establish both, all while utilizing the very topside of the speedway. Dale Blaney would settle into second, followed by Bloomington, Indiana's Kraig Kinser at the completion of lap one.

By lap five, Haudenschild worked to a sizeable lead over Dale Blaney and Kraig Kinser, only to lose that advantage due to a caution on lap six. Green flag conditions resumed with Haudenschild returning to the topside of the speedway. The distance separating Haudenschild and Blaney returned to a half-straightaway, only to be halted once more for a caution on lap ten.

Dale Blaney's strongest challenge to overtake the top spot occurred during the lap ten restart when the defending Arctic Cat All Star champion dived to the bottom of turn one in an attempt to slide in front of Haudenschild. Haudenschild used momentum to power back around Blaney at the exit of turn two, ultimately resetting his familiar pace at the front of the running order.

Haudenschild and Blaney reached traffic for the first and only time on lap 15, each having to negotiate slower cars for three circuits before caution conditions appeared again on lap 18. In the meantime, Danny Holtgraver worked his way to third in the running order from fifth, tracked by sixth row starter Chad Kemenah.

One last caution halted the feature field on lap 21, resulting in a last-ditch effort for Dale Blaney. Unfortunately for Blaney, his efforts were not threatening, maintaining second at the exit of turn two. Sheldon Haudenschild went on to win the "King of Michigan" program featuring the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions. Dale Blaney finished second, followed by Chad Kemenah from 12th, Randy Hannagan, and Danny Holtgraver.

"I saw Dale (Blaney) get below me there in one and two," Haudenschild said. "I knew I would have to get to the top a little quicker during any other restarts. I think clean air really helped us, but I wasn't afraid of the slower cars. I feel like I would have worked through them, maybe even a little bit better than Dale. I had a really good car and I feel like I could have raced it anywhere. I just never had to go to the bottom. We're excited to try again tomorrow."

## Sam Hafertepe, Jr. Sweeps The Lucas Oil ASCS Brownfield Classic at Grays Harbor Raceway

ELMA, WA - Sam Hafertepe, Jr. made it a perfect weekend at the Grays Harbor Raceway, winning the finale of the 2nd annual Fred Brownfield Classic with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

"I don't even know what to say anymore. It's awesome," said Hafertepe of his sixth Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour win of the season.

"To get out to the lead like we did, I knew Wayne [Johnson] was going to be tough. He was tough last night too. He gets around here pretty good so I knew he'd try the bottom on me and would be moving around searching but when I got out front, I got pretty comfortable and didn't want to really push it to hard, just try to catch the lapped cars at the right time and squeeze past one of them and not burn my tires off because it started laying rubber there on entry. I just tried to drive a smart race and try not to make any mistakes."

Rolling third on the A-Feature, Hafertepe wasted no time taking the race for the lead three-wide through the opening turn. Rolling the bottom line to the race lead, Sam kept the City Vending No. 2c of Wayne Johnson at a consistent one second disadvantage for most of the race.

Working through slower traffic in the later portions of the feature, Johnson was able to close the gap to about 12 car lengths, but was never able to capitalize.

Asked if a little more time in slower traffic would have made a difference, Wayne replied, "I don't know. Sam did a really good job getting through traffic. I think maybe 10 different times in the race, we got running better than he did and the other 10 times, he was better than us so we were pretty even. The boys said our lap times were about the same, it's just all about track position. On the start I screwed up and ran the top and probably should have squeezed Johnny a little bit more getting into one."

Crossing 1.116 seconds behind

the Hwy. 79 Collision No. 15h, Johnson was lucky to even finish the A-Main.

"My engine laid down there at the finish. In fact, it died pulling up here so I'm not sure what happened. I thought I ran out of fuel, but they said it's got plenty. We just need to look at it. It was still running but like maybe broke a Spark Plug or a fuel line came apart. It wasn't running like it blew up, just something going on."

Completing the repeat of Friday's podium, New Mexico's Johnny Herrera placed the Mesilla Valley Transportation No. 45x third. Battling most of the race with California's Cory Eliason, Herrera was able to get some breathing room in the closing laps.

"There were a few guys that were rolling really well there at the start of the race. The No. 5 car and I think there was another one there, I think the No. 0j car and they were running really well early in the race, and really, I was just trying to keep up. My car wasn't very good but we'll take a third place again with the racecar I gave myself."

Asked if the car improved in the closing laps as rubber started going down, as he was able to distance himself from the No. 5h, Johnny replied, "Even then we weren't very good. We just about blew through the rubber where those other guys



Sam Hafertepe Jr. celebrates in victory lane after winning at Grays Harbor Raceway on Saturday night, he also won there on Friday night. (ascsracing.com photo)

could run pretty much wide open, I was having to tiptoe to keep my car underneath me."

In Cory Eliason's second Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour start, the Van Dyke Motorsports No. 5h wheeled to a fourth place finish after starting eighth, with Washington's Colton Heath completing the top.

Steven Tiner came from the 12th starting spot to sixth with Jason Solwold taking advantage of a Promoter's Provisional with a run from 23rd to seventh. Travis Jacobson was eighth with Jay Cole slipping back to night after battling in the top-five. From 16th, Blake Hahn came up the complete the top-ten.

Overall, 40 drivers made the trip to the Grays Harbor Raceway for the Fred Brownfield Classic. With four drivers locked in from Friday, 36 drivers ran Heats with wins going to Cory Eliason, Jay Cole, Travis Jacobson, and Colton

Heath. B-Mains went to Evan Margeson and Travis Rilat.

The Lucas Oil ASCS presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network returns to competition at the Gallatin Speedway in Belgrade, Mont. for the Grizzly Nationals on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9.

For continued updates on the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series, log onto [www.ascsracing.com](http://www.ascsracing.com).

### Hafertepe Adds Grays Harbor Raceway To Win List With Lucas Oil ASCS

ELMA, WA - When you're hot, you're hot and right now, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. is smoking the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network as the Sunnyvale, Texas native picked up his fifth National Tour win of the 2016 season on

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night one of the second annual Fred Brownfield Classic.

Sam's first National Tour triumph at the Grays Harbor Raceway, and 11th podium in 16 National Tour A-Mains this season, the Keith Dobbs Motorsports No. 15h rolled from fourth in Friday's A-Feature.

Riding third as Johnny Herrera and Wayne Johnson occupied the top two positions;

the leaders picked off the fifth round with Herrera slipping over the cushion in turns one and two. Slipping the bottom in the No. 2c, Johnson opened the door wide for Hafertepe, as the battle went three wide with the advantage going to Sam Hafertepe, Jr.

"This is pretty awesome. To start there in the fourth spot, you know, Wayne and Johnny were pretty tough early so we were just trying to run where they weren't and Johnny just went a little high off of two, and it was a little tough to navigate that corner, but that opened the door for me especially when Wayne kind of missed the bottom too," said Hafertepe of the victory.

"That got us out in front and I knew once we got to clean air and got the wing back a little bit, we were going to be okay. The car was really good."

Able to keep Wayne Johnson at bay on several restarts, the field found slower traffic in the closing laps, but it was in short lived as the caution flew on Lap 18. Strong on the bottom line during restarts, Wayne Johnson rolled nearly even with Hafertepe several times, but would end up settling for a second place showing in the City Vending No. 2c.

"You know, hats off to Sam on those guys. They've been rolling here lately. Just to be on the same lap as those guys here as bad as we've been lately is great," said Wayne of his runner up finish.

"The car's been working good. Buddy, Ken, and Slip have been working their butts off. We changed cars here about a month ago and this car seems to be way better than the other one. We're just trying to get her dialed in, but I don't feel like we needed that caution there with about six or seven to go. I thought we had something for Sam there."

Wayne's runner-up finished shot

him from seventh in the standings to fourth.

Dropping back to fifth after leading early on, Johnny Herrera came back in the closing laps to claim third in the Mesilla Valley Transportation No. 45x.

"We got there at the end. We started out good, I just got into those holes on the bottom the first couple of laps just searching; trying to find the right part of the race track to run and by that time I made a couple mistakes, and those guys got by me. After that, I just kind of settled in. We weren't real good with the car, but we'll take a third out of it and work on it for tomorrow night."

Coming from ninth, Seth Bergman steadily worked his way forward. Cracking the top-five on Lap 17, the Washington native grabbed away the final transfer into Saturday's A-Feature from Aaron Reutzel on the final lap as Aaron was having to handle a very erratic car as a Left Front Radius Rod Bolt broke in the closing laps.

Having to make the car as wide as possible, Aaron was able to hold into a fifth place finish, but will have to bring out a brand new car as the No. 87 suddenly snapped around after the checkered flag, right in the line of J.J. Hick. The two hit hard nose to nose. Chase Goetz was also caught up in the crash. All three drivers were okay.

Henry Van Dam crossed sixth with J.J. Hickle credited with seventh. Logan Forler from 16th ran to eighth with Jay Cole ninth. In his first trip to the Grays Harbor Raceway in the Van Dyke Motorsports No. 5h, Cory Eliason rounded out the top-ten.

A field of 39 drivers were on hand for the first night of the second annual Fred Brownfield Classic, yielding five Heat Races that went to Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Robbie Price, Reece Goetz, Jay Cole, and J.J. Hickle. A pair of B-Mains were topped by Justin Youngquist and Roger Crockett. The night's only Provisional start was used by Matt Covington.

### Bell Doubles Down With Southern Outlaw Sprints

HATTIESBURG, MS - Schedule 50 laps, split into two, with a full invert for the second round, Brian Bell turned the tide from a DNF on Friday night and beat the odds.

Pretty much betting it all on black, the Tennessee shoe walked away with \$1,000 for leading at the close of the first 25 Lap segment.

Starting at the tail, Bell tore through the field to add another \$1,500 to his night at Lap 50. Throw in the parlay, and Bell added another \$500 for a grand total of \$3,000.

Towing 4.5 hours to the Hattiesburg Speedway, Bell's twin trips to Victory Lane brings his career Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprint win total to three in the FSR No. 23.

For the first 25 laps, Bell was chased to the line by Shane Morgan with Butch David, Michael Miller, and Ryan Moore making up the top-five. In the second round, Bell and Morgan were again one/two with Joey Schmidt, Shawn Murray, and Kyle Amerson racing into the top-five.

Sixth through tenth in the first 25 Lap affair was Joey Schmidt, Lee Moore, Terry Witherspoon, Shawn Murray, and Clint Weiss. For the second go, it was Michael Miller, Terry Witherspoon, Trisan Lee, Clint Weiss, and Brandon Blendon.

The Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints return to competition July 16 at the Deep South Speedway in Loxley, Ala. For continued updates, log onto [www.ascsracing.com](http://www.ascsracing.com).

### Michael Miller Rolls Turkey With Lucas Oil ASCs Southern Outlaw Sprints

HATTIESBURG, MS - Parking the Jaz Racing Products No. 4m in Victory Lane three times in three A-Features, Michael Miller continues



Miller

his quest for back-to-back Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprint Championships with his latest win at the Hattiesburg Speedway.

The first of two nights at the Mississippi oval, Miller charged from the sixth starting spot for the Friday night score. Kyle Amerson crossed second with Shane Morgan taking the final podium step. Louisiana's Butch David came from 12th to fourth with Joey Schmidt from 15th to fifth.

Ryan Moore crossed sixth with Lee Moore, Clint Weiss, Terry Witherspoon, and Brandon Blendon completed the top-ten.

### Randy Martin Rules ASCs Warriors at Callaway Raceway

FULTON, MO - Randy Martin added career victory No. 46 to the history books, topping night one of

the 2016 Red, White, and Blue Tour with the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps as the Callaway Raceway.

Leading the distance in Friday's 25 lap \$1,776 to win Tiger Towing A-Feature, Martin was chased to the line by Jonathan Cornell with Iowa's John Schulz completing the podium. Kyle Bellm from seventh was fourth with Mitchell Moore fifth; pocketing an extra \$300 as the night's Hard Charger thanks to Valley Park Retirement Living and Key Choice Realty.

Taylor Walton was sixth with J. Kinder seventh. Danny Thoman crossed eighth followed by Tyler Bank who rolled from 17th to ninth. Cody Baker rounded out the top-ten.

### ASCs Warrior Region at Randolph County Raceway Falls To Rain

MOBERLY, MO - Round two of the 2016 Red, White, and Blue Tour has been lost to the ravages of rain as officials at the Randolph County Raceway have made the call to cancel events scheduled for July 2, 2016 with the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps.

The event, which offered up a winner's check of \$1,776 has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 16, 2016 and will carry the increased purse.

### ASCs Warrior Region Rained Out At Double X Speedway

TULSA, OK - Overnight rain with more on the way has brought an end to events on Sunday, July 3, at the Double X Speedway in California, Mo. with the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps.

The race will not be rescheduled.

The next outing for the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps will be Saturday, July 16 at the Randolph County Raceway in Moberly, Mo. The date was rescheduled from the Red, White, and Blue Tour and will pay the increased purse of \$1,776 to win.

For continued updates on the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps, log onto [www.ascsracing.com](http://www.ascsracing.com).

## Josh Richards Scores Summer Nationals Win at Fayette County

BROWNSTOWN, IL - Josh Richards battled Brian Shirley to score his first-career Summer Nationals victory on Friday night at Fayette County Speedway in Brownstown, Ill.

Richards took the the quick time award earlier in the night and started the feature in

third. Polesitter, Tyler Erb, coming off a career-best World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series finish at Rockford Speedway, came into the night with momentum.

Erb led the field early, but it was Shirley and Richards who battled forward, both drivers swapping the lead on several occasions. Richards though edged past Shirley on lap 35 for the final time and built an insurmountable lead down the stretch.

"It feels really good," Richards said. "These guys are extremely tough in this area and we're kind of outsiders coming in... It was fun to go out there and race side-by-side with Shirley."

Series points leader Bobby Pierce rounded out the night in 14th.

### Rain Cancels DIRTcar Summer Nationals at Federated Auto Parts Racing at I-55

PEVELY, MO - Heavy belts of

rain and thunderstorms moving through the region Saturday has cancelled the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series and DIRTcar Summer Nationals event at Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 in Pevely, Mo. There will be no makeup date for the cancellation.

### Summer Nationals Rains Out at Springfield Raceway

SPRINGFIELD, MO - The DIRTcar Summer Nationals event at Springfield Raceway has been postponed due to heavy rain. The event will be rescheduled at a later date.

The rain out is the third of the season for the Summer Nationals this season.

### Bobby Pierce Returns to the Top with Belle-Clair Win

BELLEVILLE, IL - After rare bad luck at Clarksville Speedway on Tuesday night, Bobby Pierce rebounded on Wednesday to win at Belle-Clair Speedway and claim his sixth DIRTcar Summer Nationals victory of the season.

Jason Feger looked to be the driver to beat early as he tried for his first Summer Nationals victory of the season. On the green, he jumped ahead of Ryan Unzicker. Through the opening laps, Unzicker tried to run down Feger and



Josh Richards emerges from his car after winning his first career Summer Nationals victory Friday night at Fayette County Speedway. (STLRacingPhotos.com/ DIRTcar photo)

nearly had him when a caution flag flew.

After the caution, Feger pulled away as Pierce battled into third and then began challenging Unzicker for second. Through traffic, the top three stayed tight and Pierce was able to take over second on lap 30. On a restart with 10 laps remaining, Pierce took his shot. Feger bobbed on the back straight and Pierce took the lead.

"I was just kind of being patient, waiting for him to hopefully to do that," Pierce said. "And right when he did that, at the same time I had a heckuva run, and I just decided to take it right there, and luckily it paid off."

Feger finished in second with Unzicker in third.

### Unzicker Rebounds for Clarksville Summer Nationals Win

CLARKSVILLE, TN - Ryan Unzicker has been charging through Summer Nationals but has not had the finishes he would have hoped. That changed Tuesday night at Clarksville Speedway as he was able to claim his first DIRTcar Summer Nationals victory of the season.

Unzicker started on the front row with current points leader and reigning Summer Nationals champion Bobby Pierce to his outside. Pierce fell back to sixth early and then got tangled in a crash - he ultimately finished 18th.

Unzicker jumped to the early lead with Tanner English taking second. The two battled throughout the feature as Terry English, father of Tanner English moved into third. Unzicker nearly had his night ended as he tangled with a lapped car, but he was able to keep running.

The win is English's first Summer Nationals victory since 2013.

"We started off slow with the

Summer Nationals but we're coming along now," Unzicker said.

"I'm just a real good (low-groove) racer and I've been coming down (to Clarksville) for many years for the Toilet Bowl and the Summer Nationals, and I've just got my own little setup here," said Unzicker, who won Toilet Bowl event at the track over the winter.

"It played in my favor a little bit with the rain (staying) on the bottom, but our car's been running good here for four or five nights in a row."

### Summer Nationals to Join Mars Late Model DIRTcar Series at Springfield Raceway

SPRINGFIELD, MO - The rained out Summer Nationals event at Springfield Raceway, originally scheduled for June 30, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17 in a special event that will pair the tour with the Mars Late Model DIRTcar Series.

The event, sponsored by Greenlawn Funeral Home, will be a combined show and marks the first time the Summer Nationals has joined the Mars Late Models.

"We are glad to have the opportunity to return to Springfield Raceway and excited to join the Mars Late Models for this special event," said DIRTcar's Sam Driggers.

All pit armbands purchased for the Summer Nationals event on June 30 will be honored for the makeup event or for any event at Springfield Raceway.

Follow the Summer Nationals and Summit Modified Nationals on Twitter at Twitter.com/SummerNationals or on Facebook at Facebook.com/SummerNationals. Stay up-to-date with the latest news from the series throughout the lead up and the summer on the series' websites at TheHellTour.com and ModifiedNationals.com.



Ryan Unzicker celebrates with his family after racing his way to his first Sumer Nationals victory of the season at Clarksville Speedway. (Jim Denhamer/DIRTcar photo)

## Antioch Speedway

MORGANTON, NC - Rick Neese #121 from Lexington led the entire event working lap traffic to his advantage to win the Blue Ridge Outlaws Late Models Topless race Saturday night at the Cancer Awareness Special event at the new Antioch Speedway. Greg Clark #84 seemed to have the quicker car but could not maneuver thru lap traffic as well as Neese and had to settle for second. Billy Lambert #9 finished third. Bubba McGee #31 finished fourth. Doug Sanders #42 rounded out the top five.

Joey Barker in his topless #16 from Morganton looked impressive leading every lap on his way to victory in the Heintz Performance Renegade V8 event. Ryan Howard #4 finished four car lengths back in second. Chris Stowe #52 finished third, Terry Guinn #71 finished fourth and Doug Shore #31 finished fifth.

John McElrath #63 from Marion led flag to flag winning the TJs Motorsports PS/Thunder bombers Race. Last race winner Tim Moretz #4 finished second. Shorty Lacey #63s finished third, Mike Brown #11 fourth and Randy Powell #88 fifth.

Kenny Wilson #26 from Granite Falls won the Heintz performance CrateUSA Modified race. Tyler Piercy #10T finished second. Billy Wilson #10 finished third. Richie Watson #90 finished fourth.

Paul Butler #B4 from Morganton led flag to flag easily winning the A & A Automotive Super Stock Four race. Joey Knowles #57 worked his way thru the field to finish second. Michael Gatton #M7 finished third. Benny Peeler #16 finished fourth. Coby Watson #93 finished fifth.

Mark Towell in his topless #97 from Bessemer City won a very competitive RPM Graphics Pure Stock Four race. Jason Potter #59 took the lead at the drop of the green leading the first three circuits until Towell was able to get the jump on a restart after a caution and went on to take the checkered flag. Potter crossed the line in second. John Reed #81 finished third, Kayla Harrell #78 finished fourth and Herman Valverole #15 finished fifth.

Isaac Wheeler #57 from Morganton overcame a first lap spin to win the Tire Maxx Extreme FWD



**Race winner Rick Neese is joined by family and friends in Antioch Speedway's victory lane Saturday night. (Antioch Speedway photo)**

event. Shorty Lacey #19 finished second. Blake Walker #OG overcame a midrace flat tire to finish third. Chris Robinson #74 finished fourth. Alex Price #39 rounded out the top five.

Mason Pugh #22 from Connelly Springs won yet another East Burke Towing Young Gun race. Jacob Tarin #2 finished second, Dillon Lacey #19D third, Michael Lacey #M1 fourth and Joseph Duckworth #13 fifth.

Saturday July 9th racing will be in the following divisions, East Burke Towing Young Guns, Heintz Performance Renegade V8s, A & A Automotive Super Stock Four, RPM Graphics Pure Stock Four, TJs Motorsports PS V8/ Thunder bombers and the Tire Maxx Extreme FWD's.

## Carteret County Speedway

SWANSBORO, NC - Persistent rain has forced Carteret County Speedway to pull the plug on the Interstate Batteries Firecracker Clash.

Rain began shortly before 3pm and continued until 5pm. Track drying efforts began shortly after but rain returned again shortly before 6pm, accompanied with lightning and thunder with more rain on the way.

Carteret County Speedway will hold its next race on Wednesday night, July 6th with the Stevenson Chevrolet Shootout. Tickets and armbands from July 3rd will be honored on July 6th.

Additional makeup races for the cancelled races at Carteret County Speedway will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information about Carteret County Speedway, visit the track's official website at [www.carteretspeedway.com](http://www.carteretspeedway.com), "like" Carteret County Speedway on Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

[@carteretcoswy](https://www.twitter.com/carteretcoswy) or follow [@carteretcoswy](https://www.twitter.com/carteretcoswy) on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/carteretcoswy](http://www.twitter.com/carteretcoswy)).

## Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - John Carney II and Jason Martin came away with the big money by winning Sunday night's "Boothill Showdown" Steve King Memorial finale atop the 3/8-mile Dodge City Raceway Park clay oval.

Carney II pocketed a \$10,000 winner's share by winning a hard-fought 30-lap NCRA Sprint Car feature in the return of the Lubbock Wrecker Service/Steward Builders No. 11x Sprint Car, Martin wired the URSS vs. Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Cars for a \$2,000 payday and Kiwi native Glenn Waterland completed a sweep of the weekend's Colorado Lightning Sprints presented by Eagle Chassis action.

Racing action continues at Dodge City Raceway Park on Saturday night, July 23, with a pivotal

card of DCRP championship action featuring the Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks.

## Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - Nebraska's Jack Dover and reigning track champion Luke Cranston took top honors on the opening night of Dodge City Raceway Park's "Boothill Showdown" Steve King Memorial by winning Friday's features.

While Dover raced to victory lane in the 20-lap NCRA Sprint Car feature and Cranston topped the 20-lap URSS vs. Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Car feature, Glen Waterland made a trip to victory lane as well by winning the 12-lap Colorado Lightning Sprints presented by Eagle Chassis main event.



**Jack Dover (center) added his name to the winners' list at Dodge City Raceway Park Saturday night. (DCRP photo)**



**John Carney II enjoys his Sunday victory in the NCRA Sprint Car feature at the Boothill Showdown at Dodge City Raceway Park. (DCRP photo)**

## Grandview Speedway

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**TELSVILLE, PA** - Ray Swinehart and Frank Cozze, two of the elder statesmen in Modified action at Grandview Speedway battled for several laps with Swinehart on the high groove and Cozze down low. On the 26th lap coming off turn four, Cozze took Swinehart to the limit and was able to put the Tom Umbenhauer-

owned/Harry's U-Pull-It No. 4 into the top spot. At the same time Jeff Strunk, one of the younger veterans took over second to challenge. Cozze, a DIRT Hall of Famer, never let up and went on to score his second T.P. Trailers NASCAR 358 Modified All-American Racing Series 30-lap feature sponsored by Whelen Engineering. He also received \$250 from T.P. Trailers.

Chuck Schutz scored his third 25-lap BRC NASCAR Late Model feature win by holding off runner-up Wayne Pfeil's bids for first. Schutz picked up an additional \$100 from T.P. Trailers.

Paul "The Dude" Kline took home the checkered in the 25-lap Sportsman feature to become the first repeat winner in the division and earned an extra \$100 bonus from T.P. Trailers.

Eight lucky youngsters went home with new bicycles courtesy of Kory Fleming and Sleepy Hollow Racing. The bike giveaway has become a great tradition.

Next on the schedule will be the big event of the season for the BRC Late Models as they take part in the Firecracker 40 being sponsored by Chapman Ford Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram dealership in Horscham, PA. They are the No. 1 Volume Dealer in the Philadelphia Region. In addition to the Late Models racing for increased prize money the TP Trailers NASCAR 358 Modifieds will be in action along with the Sportsman stock cars. Topping off the night will be the annual FIREWORKS display.

All the activities on this night, Saturday, July 9th, get underway at 7:30 p.m. Adult admission is \$25 with kids 6 thru 11 admitted for \$5 while children under six admitted for free.

## Hickory Motor Speedway

**NEWTON, NC** - NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing ac-

tion returned to Hickory Motor Speedway with A-1 Roofing Night at the Races.

First out of the blocks would be the Renegades and their 20 lap feature. Charlie Neill in the #6 would set the early pace with Kenneth Roberts in the #8 hot on his trail. The pair would remain at the front for the entire race with Neill grabbing the win and Roberts finishing runnerup. Kyle Divanna in the #71, Greg Austin in the #4, and Steve Griffith in the #68 would round out the top 5.

Next on the track would be the Limited Late Models for their 35 lap feature. The #18 of Evan Swilling would start from the point after setting fast time during qualifying and Chase Cabre in the #2 would start just to his outside. After several laps with a spirited battle throughout the field the #29 of Mitch Walker would find himself at the point late in the race and drive onto his first victory at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars. Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 would finish just one position behind in 2nd. Cabre would come back from the rear of the field for jumping the start and post a 3rd place finish. Brendan Doyle in the #23 and Dawson Cram in the #11 would finish off good runs as they would round out the top 5.

The Street Stocks would roar to life next with their 30 lap feature. Kevin Eby in the #03 would look to knock the #10 of Kevin Townsend back a spot or two as the pair would start first and second respectively. Eby would clear Townsend after several laps of side by side action and look like he was headed towards victory. Townsend would have to park after contact would damage the radiator and cause him to receive a rare DNF. Cody DeMarmels in the #18 would sneak up into the battle and look to make his way back to the front. Eventually DeMarmels would move past Eby on his way to the Victory Lane, with his first victory of 2016. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would press DeMarmels in the closing laps but would have to settle for 2nd. Don Machutta in the #52, Chris Werner in the #5, and Mark Whitten in the #77 would round out the top 5.

The Bojangles Late Models would roll off for their 7th installment of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Chase for the Championship. Dexter Canipe Jr in the #5 would grab the top spot after qualifying with the #21 of Tyler Church to his outside, the #17 of Ryan Millington and the #6 of Enrique Baca making up row 2. Canipe would take the early lead



**Tyler Church gets his 1st NWAAS Late Model victory at Hickory Motor Speedway in the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Challenge Series for the Bojangles Late Models. (Sherri Stearns photo)**

while Church would keep him within striking distance. After several laps Church decided to try his hand at the front of the field as he slipped by Canipe for the lead. The pair would stay that way for quite a few laps but would see Baca move up to challenge Canipe. As Canipe and Baca would battle for second Church would seize the opportunity and build a cushion between himself and the pair. Canipe would finally pull ahead of Baca but Church's lead would prove insurmountable as he would grab his first ever Late Model victory while Canipe would have to settle for 2nd. Baca would turn an infrequent visit to the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars into a great 3rd place finish. Millington would press Baca in the closing laps but would be unable to make the pass and finish 4th while Dylan Martin in the #82 would come away with a top 5.

Finishing out the night would be the Super Trucks and their 35 lap feature. Defending track champion Tyler Dayton in the #36 would start from the point with Sheflon Clay in the #15 just to his outside. As the front pair would battle for the top spot there would be a multi-truck battle for 3rd. Dayton would finally take the top spot from Clay and drive on for the win. Clay would pressure Dayton for the top spot but would have to settle for 2nd. After the dust cleared behind the leaders the #30 of Joey Shuryan, the #09 of Dillon Faggart, and the #10 Lee Queen would round out the top 5.

## Lebanon I-44 Speedway

**LEBANON, MO** - Kyle Donahue took the lead from Stephen Counterman on lap 11 during Superstation KZNN Night at the Races and never looked back in grabbing his second O'Reilly Auto Parts Pro Late Model victory Saturday night at the "High-Banks" of Lebanon I-44 Speedway in NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Action.

Stephen Counterman jumped to the opening lead as the former Modified Champion was setting a quick early pace with Mandy Chick following close on his tail and three wide action behind the duo early. Donahue made a bold move to quickly move into third spot and took over the second spot the following lap. With the pack close together Counterman was holding a 4 car length advantage early. The only caution of the 30 lap feature flew on lap 6 as contact between third place runner Mandy Chick and Mike Slone sent the 14 year old young lady spinning hard into the backstretch wall with damage to both the front and the rear of the car ending her night early and Slone was sent to the pits for rough driving. On the restart Donahue tried to move to the inside of leader Counterman, but Counterman was too strong coming off the turns as Steve Holt, 2014 Champion Kaleb Allison, Terry Limberopolous, last week's winner Kevin Donahue and point leader Brian Brown engaged in battle. After several laps of a tight battle, Counterman slid up the turn

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2 banking on lap eleven and Donahue along with Holt moved past the leader. Donahue was keeping Holt at bay as Allison moved to 3rd spot the following lap bringing Kevin Donahue with him dropping Counterman to 5th. Kyle Donahue was finally able to shake free from Holt's charges by lap 20 in capturing his second feature win of the season with a

great race for the runner-up spot involving Holt, Allison, the elder Donahue, Counterman as last week's point leader Brian Brown followed in 6th spot. Saturday night's results now put Kyle Donahue in the points lead with Brian Brown in second. Qualifying heats went to Slone and Holt.

Current point leader and defending Modified Champion Tim Swearingin got back into his winning ways by taking the top spot from leader Terry Taylor on the 3rd lap and grabbing his sixth win of the season after being denied the last three weeks. Taylor, who has really been glued to Swearingin the last 2 weeks for position, grabbed the opening lead as Swearingin and Ricky Icenhower followed close behind. Swearingin kept the pressure on and made a pass on the low side on lap three as Taylor was holding off Icenhower. Ricky was looking for his 3rd straight feature win. Out in front and with Taylor holding back Icenhower, Swearingin cruised to victory lane as Taylor withstood Icenhower's challenges for yet another runner-up spot as Icenhower, Brian Lewis and Jimmy Poindexter followed. Icenhower grabbed the heat race win.

## Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - Kres VanDyke claimed his sixth win of the season Friday night at Kingsport Speedway's WQUT Night at the Races.

Ronnie McCarty qualified on the pole position for the 75-lap Late Model Stock Car main event. With an invert of five positions, Wayne Hale would start on the pole and Jeff Maupin on the outside pole.

On the first attempt to start the race, Hale would jump before the green flag waved, bringing the caution back and sending Hale to the rear.



**Kres VanDyke claims his sixth win of the season Friday night at Kingsport Speedway. (Randall Perry photo)**

Set for the second attempt to start the race, Maupin would take the lead on the start and pull away until lap four when McCarty spun between turns one and two. On the attempt to restart, Maupin would jump the green flag, bringing out the caution and relegating Maupin to the rear.

Zeke Shell would choose the outside for the restart, placing Kres VanDyke on the inside. With the green flag in the air, Shell would take the lead. Lap 35 would see the yellow flag displayed again when Robbie Ferguson's car halted on the frontstretch.

Shell would regain the lead on the restart over VanDyke. Shell would cut a right rear tire at the entrance to turn three on lap 37, sending his car around and into the outside wall. Shell's crew would quickly make repairs and have his machine back on track before the restart.

VanDyke would take over the lead on the restart and lead the remaining laps of the race, claiming his sixth win of the season.

"We had a great car tonight," said VanDyke. "Just like they've done all season long, my crew did a great job."

"It was a great race and I hope the fans enjoyed," added VanDyke. "I have to thank all of the sponsors, my crew and the fans. I also want

to wish everyone a happy Fourth of July."

## Lonesome Pine Raceway

COEBURN, VA - Wayne Hale and Nate Monteith set the tune Saturday's race honoring the late Dr. Ralph Stanley.

Hale qualified on point for the first 35-lap NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Model Stock Car feature and Nate Monteith on the outside pole.

Hale and Monteith would battle on the start with Hale clearing Monteith for the lead on lap three.

Hale would begin to pull away, while Kres VanDyke began to pressure Monteith at the 20-lap mark. Monteith would overcome the pressure, holding onto second with Hale continuing to pull away.

Hale would lead the remaining 32 laps for his third win this year.

"The car was really good tonight," said Hale on his first place result. "We carried momentum from our run at Kingsport Speedway last night [were we] finished second."

"We were much better in the first race," added the 2015 Late Model Stock Car track champion. "The adjustments we made between the two races just weren't enough."

With a roll of one on the invert dice following the first 35-lap feature, Hale and Monteith were on the front row to start the second twin race. Monteith would race to the lead with the green flag waving, while VanDyke began pressing Hale hard for second place and take over the lead on the third lap.

Monteith would continue to lead at lap 20, while VanDyke found himself under fire from Hale for the second position. The two would battle with Hale eventually taking over the spot and setting his sights on Monteith for the lead.

Hale would get near Monteith's

rear bumper, even making slight contact but Monteith would continue to show the way as the race closed in on the final laps.

The only yellow flag period of the race waved with five laps remaining for debris on the backstretch entering turn three. Working the restart, Monteith would retake the lead and capture his third win of the season.

"This makes three wins in the last four Late Model Stock races here at Lonesome Pine [Raceway]," said Monteith. "That's a pretty good record in my book."

The two-time NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Tennessee state champion also spoke on the handling of his car Saturday night.

"Our car was tight in the first race, so we made some adjustments ahead of the second race and it made it much better," added Monteith. "I certainly have to once again thank the Nances for the opportunity to drive this car."



**Wayne Hale wins the first 35-lap feature at Lonesome Pine Raceway Saturday night. (LPR photo)**



**Nate Monteith celebrates winning the second of the 35-lap features honoring Ralph Stanley. (LPR photo)**

## Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA -- Danny Dietrich of Gettysburg started from the front row looking to claim his first PA Speedweek title in Sunday's 30-lap Jan Opperman/Dick Bogar Memorial Speedweek finale at Selinsgrove Speedway. Dietrich and second-place points driver Greg Hodnett traded off six point advantages after time trials and heat races were

completed going into the championship race.

Dave Blaney was the night's Fast Tees Fast Qualifier and led the field to the green flag in the night's \$5,000-to-win feature event. Dietrich wasted no time jumping into the race lead from his second starting spot and led lap one. Greg Hodnett quickly worked his way back into the thick of the battle going by Blaney for the second spot on a lap three restart.

Brent Marks was also on the move working into the top five on the restart and soon passed Blaney for the third spot. Lucas Wolfe mounted a charge back to the front of the field during the green flag run. Dietrich was soon in lap traffic and his challenge grew as his throttle spring broke on his car. Hodnett began to close in on the leader on lap 19 as Dietrich tried to maneuver around the tail end of the lead lap cars.

Wolfe went by Marks on lap 20 and closed in on Hodnett on lap 21. At that point in the race the top four on the speedway were the top four in PA Speedweek points with Dietrich leading Hodnett, Wolfe, and Marks. Then Marks blew a tire on lap 22 to bring out the yellow flag. Hodnett would get the restart he was hoping for behind Dietrich. Hodnett began to apply pressure right away on Dietrich, but Dietrich remained unshaken and began to drive away as Blane Heimbach drove by Wolfe into the top three.

Dietrich pulled away to the win. Much like Stevie Smith did a year ago, Dietrich clinched the Speedweek crown with a win in the finale. Hodnett was second followed by Heimbach. Wolfe and 13th place starter Aaron Ott were the top five finishers. Blaney came across the line in sixth followed by Ryan Smith, Doug Esh, Steve Buckwalter, and Tim Shaffer.

This Saturday, July 9, Selins-

grove Speedway will present the rescheduled PEPSI Pack This Saturday will also be Kids Night with a kids carnival and bicycle, big wheels, and power wheels racing on the front stretch.

## South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Lee Pulliam has been the king in South Boston Speedway's annual pre-Fourth Of July 200-lap NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division race for a number of years.

The defending NASCAR Whelen All American Series national champion retained his place at the top of the record book Friday night.

Starting from eighth-place on the grid following the inverted start after the halfway break, Pulliam sliced his way through the field, taking the lead from NASCAR Camping World Truck Series standout Timothy Peters of Danville, Virginia with 12 laps to go and speeding to a .761-second win over Peters in Friday night's Thunder Road Harley-Davidson 200 NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division race in front of a packed house of fans.

Friday night marked the sixth straight year that Pulliam has won South Boston Speedway's pre-Fourth of July 200-lap NASCAR Late Model Stock Car Division race. It was also Pulliam's first win of the season at South Boston Speedway, keeping intact a lengthy string of seasons in which he has managed to win at least one race in a season at the .4-mile oval. The win was worth \$5,000.

Bobby McCarty of Summerfield, North Carolina, who led twice for 57 laps, finished third, with Greg Edwards and Brandon Pierce of Oak Ridge, North Carolina rounding out the top five finishers. Mark Wertz of Chesapeake, Virginia, Matt Waltz, two-time South Boston Speedway track champion Matt Bowling of Ridgeway, Virginia, Justin Carroll of Lanexa, Virginia and former NASCAR national champion and South Boston Speedway champion Peyton Sellers of Danville, Virginia rounding out the top ten finishers.

The race was a highly competitive one with six lead changes among five drivers.

Several drivers earned bonus awards in Friday night's race. Bowling won a \$500 pole award from Sparks Oil Company along with the track's Pepsi Pole Award. Danny Willis Jr. of South Boston won the Sparks Oil Company \$1,000 Halfway Leader Award.



Lee Pulliam remains the king of the July 4th South Boston Speedway races with Saturday's win. (James Price photo)

Three drivers, Nathan Crews, Alex Brock and Cameron Bowen each received a \$500 award from Sparks Oil Company in a random drawing held during the halfway break for drivers.

## Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Due to the severe weather forecast for tonight that included thunderstorms and hail, Stafford Speedway has cancelled tonight's Fourth of July Celebration program. The fireworks and Senior Champ Kart feature that were scheduled for tonight have been rescheduled to Friday, July 29th.

Stafford Speedway returns to racing action next Friday night with the 3rd Annual NAPA SK 5k. The SK Modified race will pay the winner a guaranteed \$5,000 out of a total purse of over \$27,000. Race fans can weigh in on the race format on [www.staffordspeedway.com](http://www.staffordspeedway.com) by clicking on the NAPA SK 5k Fan Vote icon to vote on the number of laps for the feature, the qualifying format, and how you would like to see the Gambler's Challenge Presented by Dunleavy's Truck and Trailer Repair distributed at the end of the race.

For more information on the July 8th NAPA SK 5K, or to order tickets, contact the Stafford Motor Speedway track office at 860-684-2783 or visit us on the web at

[www.staffordspeedway.com](http://www.staffordspeedway.com).

## Tri-State Speedway

HAUBSTADT, INC - The Southern Indiana Sprint Stampede scheduled to be held Sunday at Tri-State Speedway was cancelled due to wet conditions at the track. The event will not be rescheduled.

The next event at the track will be the USAC Indiana Sprint Week finale on July 16th. The sprints will be running for \$5,000 to win and the modifieds will be competing for \$1,000 to win. The MSCS Sprints will return August 13th for the Hoosier Sprint Nationals.

## Lincoln Park Speedway

PUTNAMVILLE, IN - Thomas Meseraull pulled into victory lane for a third consecutive time at an MSCS race being held at Lincoln Park Speedway Saturday night. The California driver has won all three of his most recent Midwest Sprint Car Series appearances there. This time Meseraull collected the hardware for the second day of the Bill Gardner Sprintacular held in the honor of the founder of the Indiana Open Wheel web site. The 30 lap feature paid \$3,000 to win!

The Hoosier Tire Midwest Sprint Car Series will be racing again later in July. The series will be running at Montpelier Motor Speedway The MSCS at MMS feature event will pay \$2,000 to win!