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Hamlin Brings It Home with Darlington Win



Hamlin's "Everything is Fine" Comes True

For the most part, Denny Hamlin's racing season has been like three boaters rowing in opposite directions – and going nowhere.

He joined NBA legend Michael Jordan to start a new team, 23XI. In the past two months, they decided to add a second car next year. If that was-

n't enough, his longtime girlfriend and mother to his two daughters, posted disparaging remarks last week following their apparent breakup.

And all of that served as a distracting backdrop to his primary day job as the driver of the No. 11 Toyota at Joe Gibbs Racing.

It has been easy to question Hamlin's focus, especially since he went into Sunday night's Southern 500 without a victory this year. But that all changed when he arm-wrestled his car around the treacherous Darlington Raceway and held off the sport's current hot shoe, Kyle Larson, to start the Cup Series Playoffs with a victory.

After seven months of doubt and questions, it took one night for Hamlin to prove a lot of us wrong. His priorities are just fine. His desire to win has never been more fixated. Just when it seemed the racing world was piling on, Hamlin put it all in his rearview mirror for a victory that was every bit as impressive as it was necessary.

Hamlin continually assured everyone everything was fine with his race team. Although he won seven times a year ago, he had to work his way into the Playoffs by stockpiling top-10 points. He said he was content with his team's performance, but his true emotions were apparent before the tire smoke of his victory burnout faded.

"I'm not going to downplay the significance of it," he said. "It's not just another win. This one is big for us and our team and the momentum. There was no room for error. And now to punch our ticket to the next round, we get to go out there and focus on getting through that second round, which I think is probably the most dangerous."

It couldn't have come at a more opportune time. Not only did Hamlin have to answer questions this

week about being winless, but he also had to deal with his former girlfriend's angry tirades on social media. Then during Saturday's Xfinity Series race, Hamlin appeared to be headed to a win when JGR teammate Brandon Jones spun off course in Turn 4 with 10 laps remaining. Hamlin's crew was penalized for jumping the wall on pit road too early, sending him back to 12th-place finish.

Sunday's race, however, everything was flawless, including his disarming reaction to Jordan Fish's posts.



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"I'm a professional and do my job the best I can, and today I thought we did as good as we could," Hamlin said. "We executed. Finally, the anvil didn't drop right on us like it did yesterday [during the Xfinity race]. I was proud of the effort

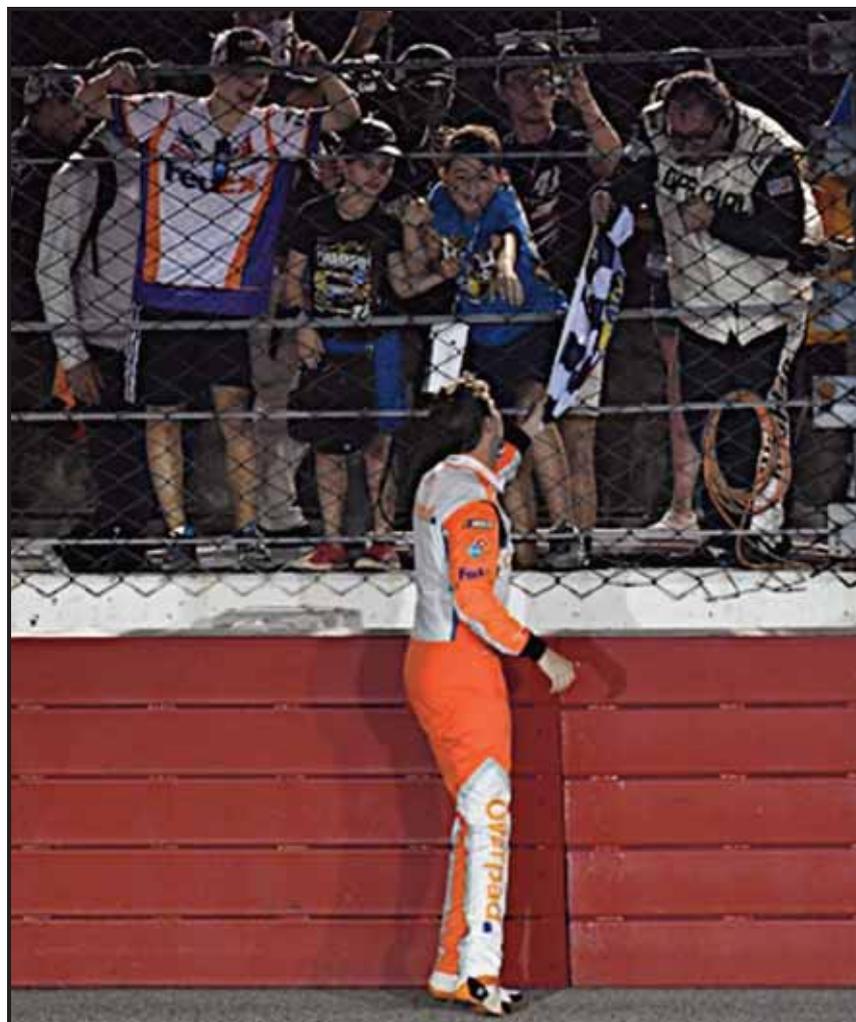
that we put forth. My team is always giving the best effort, and I know my job every Sunday."

Hamlin led 146 laps Sunday, including the final 69. Larson often drew within a couple of car lengths during the stretch drive, but he never got close enough to make the pass. He saved his best for the last two turns by rim-riding the wall in a desperate attempt to catch Hamlin off guard.

Larson called it a "video game" move. Having a series-best five wins and the Playoffs lead made it easier for Larson to take such risks.

"Honestly got to his bumper too quick. I was hoping he was going to run that diamond to kind of be safe and I could skirt to his outside, but gave everything I had," Larson said after fading back to four car lengths at the finish line. "I didn't want to wreck him, I just wanted to try to get to his outside there, but he did a great job not really making any mistakes during the last run, and I was having to push really hard in second to try and just stay with him."

While so many other playoff contenders were lured into one of Darlington's many boobytraps, Hamlin went from turmoil to a free pass to the second round of the Playoffs. Michael McDowell crashed and finished 37th. Kyle Busch, William Byron, Chase Elliott and Alex Bowman had typical battle scars created by Darlington's walls to finish, 35th, 34th, 31st and 26th, respec-



Denny Hamlin happily takes his checkered flag to share with one of his onlooking fans after winning the Southern 500 Sunday night. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

tively.

Ryan Blaney finished in 22nd and a lap down. Christopher Bell, Tyler Reddick and Aric Almirola also finished a lap down.

In one night, Hamlin went from winless to the top of the current standings. He did it by not flinching when things seemed to stack against him – including Larson's last-lap charge.

"I knew from that point he was going to have to 'rassle' me for the race win," he said. "I was not going to let him go, and it was going to probably go to get physical like it was in the last lap if it didn't happen any sooner."

And with it, Hamlin now can focus on the future while putting a lot of the noise from the first 26 races behind him.

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Denny Hamlin Holds Off Kyle Larson for Dramatic Darlington NASCAR Cup Playoff Win

DARLINGTON, SC - Holding off regular-season champion Kyle Larson throughout a thrilling final green-flag run in Sunday's Cook Out Southern

500 at Darlington Raceway, Denny Hamlin is winless in 2021 no more.

Hamlin maintained control of his No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota as Larson buried his No. 5 Chevrolet into Turns 3 and 4 on the final lap. Larson gave Hamlin a tap, but Hamlin blocked the top lane and got to the finish line .212 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

"He drove it in past the limit of the car and tires," Hamlin said of Larson's banzai charge. "I knew he was coming. I was a little conservative on that last lap because I had that four-car-length lead."

The victory was Hamlin's first of the year after a winless 26-race regular season. He won for the fourth time at Darlington and for the 45th time in his career to earn an automatic berth into the Round of 12 in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs.

"Yeah, it was a matter of time," Hamlin said of the long-awaited win. "We can't just keep leading inside 10 laps to go every week and not get a win."

Hamlin kept Larson at bay over the final two restarts but couldn't pull away to a comfortable lead.

"We got to the white (flag), and I was like, 'Well, I haven't been able to gain on him now, I'm going to try something,'" Larson said of the desperation try he labeled a "video-game move." "Honestly, got to his bumper too quick. I was hoping he was going to run that diamond to kind of be safe and I could skirt to his outside, but gave everything I had.

"I didn't want to wreck him. I just wanted to try to get to his outside there, but he did a great job not really making any mistakes during the last run, and I was having to push really hard in second to try and just stay with him."

Larson led 156 of the 367 laps to Hamlin's 146. Hamlin won the first

vance to the Round of 12.

"It wasn't the 3's (Dillon's) fault," Busch said. "Just take our lumps, you know. We were running like (crap), and that's what you get when you run like (crap). Shouldn't be there."

Three-fourths of the Hendrick Motorsports armada took a major hit as well. Alex Bowman scraped the wall on Lap 14 and stayed on

don't know, man. That sucks."

Reigning series champion Chase Elliott fell out in 31st place after slamming the outside wall on Lap 327 in a three-wide melee in Turn 1 with Bubba Wallace and Christopher Bell.

An early wreck put a dagger to Michael McDowell's slim championship chances. On Lap 31, McDowell's No. 34 Front Row



Denny Hamlin is all smiles in Darlington's victory lane after winning his first of 2021 and the first of the NASCAR Cup playoff races insuring him a place in the next round. (RUSTY JARRETT/NKP photo)

stage and Larson the second.

Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. caught a break when Ryan Blaney spun in Turn 4 on Lap 318 while the two JGR drivers stayed on the track trying to stretch the cycle of pit stops. Truex beat Hamlin off pit road but was flagged for speeding, and Hamlin held the top spot the rest of the way.

Non-Playoff driver Ross Chastain finished third, followed by Truex, who recovered from the penalty and an earlier loose wheel to run fourth. Playoff drivers Kevin Harvick, Kurt Busch, Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano were fifth through eighth, respectively, but for other title hopefuls, the race brought disaster.

Two-time series champion Kyle Busch suffered an early exit and a blow to his hopes of winning a third title. Contact with the No. 3 Chevrolet of Austin Dillon sent Busch's No. 18 Toyota rocketing into the outside wall in Turn 2, causing irreparable damage.

Busch fell out in 35th place and now faces an uphill battle to ad-

the track, hoping to make it to the competition caution on lap 25. But a tire rub proved disastrous, sending Bowman's Chevy into the Turn 4 wall, and damage the No. 24 Camaro of teammate William Byron in the process.

Bowman was able to continue and finished 26th, but Byron wasn't as fortunate. After recovering to run in the top 10, Byron cut a left front tire on Lap 200, crashed hard into the Turn 1 wall and exited the race with a 34th-place finish.

"That was a big hit," Byron acknowledged. "It looked like on that (previous) pit stop, it looked like we dropped the jack and the left front was still finishing up.

"I took off and everything felt OK. I went to pass the No. 00 (Quin Houff) or somebody down the frontstretch and was just about to turn into (Turn) 1 and the left front went down.

"There was nothing we could do. The guys did an awesome job to fix it. We were running like top-12, I think, even with all the (earlier) right rear damage, and it's just terrible. I

Motorsports Ford broke loose behind Erik Jones' Chevrolet in Turn 2, smacked the outside wall and careened nose-first into the inside SAFER barrier.

McDowell exited the race, his car destroyed and his title hopes hanging by a thread.

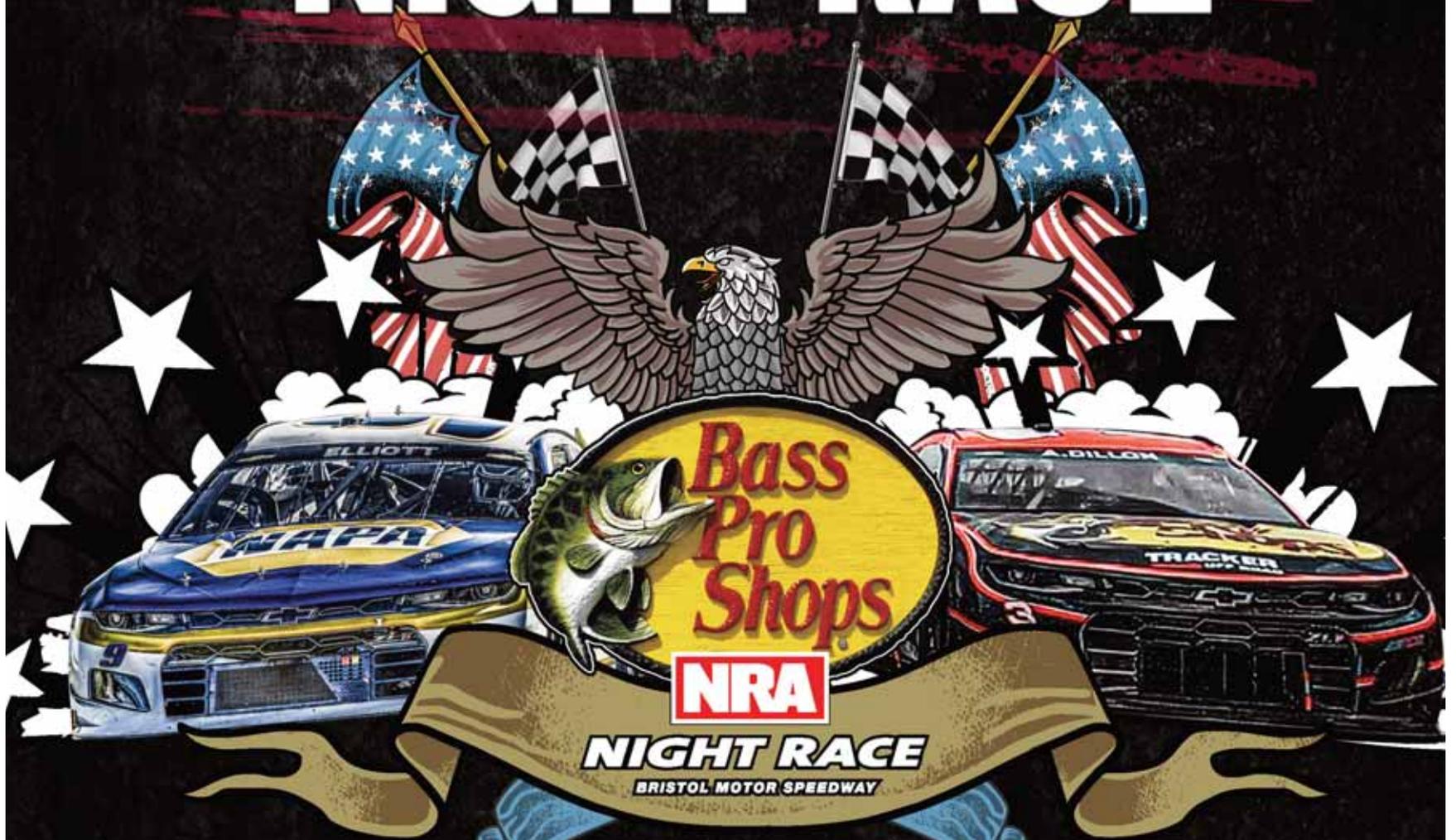
"The 43 (Jones) kind of got everybody jammed up," McDowell said after exiting the infield care center. "I think he started on the front there without tires, which is a tough spot to be in, and I just went three-wide underneath him and just got into the patch (of new asphalt in Turn 2) with my left sides just a little bit low.

"I got loose enough into the wall and that was about it. I'll have to see the replay, but just heartbreaking for everybody on this Front Row team. We had high hopes coming into the Playoffs and this is not how we wanted to start it."

Bowman, Busch, Byron and McDowell fell below the current cut line for the Round of 12. Elliott leaves Darlington 10th in the Playoff standings.



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Noah Gragson Snags First 2021 Victory with Strong Run at Darlington

Fresh from the announcement of his return to JR Motorsports next year, Noah Gragson sped to victory at Darlington Raceway on Saturday, clinching a spot in the NASCAR Xfinity Series Playoffs.

After pre-race favorite Denny Hamlin was sent to the rear under penalty for an equipment violation during a pit stop under caution on Lap 139, Gragson grabbed the lead from Daniel Hemric on Lap 143 and held it the rest of the way.

Gragson's victory in the Sport Clips Haircuts VFW Help a Hero 200 at the 1.366-mile speedway was his first of the season, his first at Darlington and the third of his career.

After debris from a Hemric spin on Lap 144 caused the eighth caution of the afternoon and sent the race to overtime, Gragson surged ahead on the final restart and finished .218 seconds ahead of runner-up Harrison Burton.

Reigning series champion Austin Cindric ran third, closing to a single point his deficit to current series leader AJ Allmendinger, who finished 20th after pitting under the final caution because of a loose wheel.

"It's been way too long," said Gragson, who celebrated by climbing the frontstretch catchfence with his team after climbing from his car. "I hate that the 54 (Hamlin) ... something happened to him on pit

road. It was pretty fun racing there.

"We made good adjustments on the pit stops ... And like you said, it's been way too long. A lot of frustration this year, and things haven't gone our way, but we're getting some momentum when we need to, and I just can't thank everybody

lington when Brandon Jones spun off Turn 4 on Lap 138 of a scheduled 147. On the ensuing pit stop for new tires,

Hamlin's crew was penalized for bringing equipment over the wall too soon, ending the driver's chances for a win.

Gragson took the checkered flag on Lap 152 at the end of the only overtime attempt. The victory marked his fifth straight finish of seventh or better.

Cindric took advantage of Allmendinger's late issue to set up a tight battle for the regular-season championship with two races left before the 12-driver Playoff field is

Cindric said. "I'm proud of what we gained today with the Snap-On Ford Mustang. It's definitely the best race I feel like I've had at Darlington, just having the strength and not having too many weaknesses.

"As a team, that takes a lot of conversations throughout the week to try to get that right, so we righted a lot of wrongs for me at this race track today. I feel good about that."

Justin Haley, last weekend's Daytona winner, finished fourth, followed by Kaulig racing teammate Jeb Burton. Justin Allgaier, Tyler Reddick, Jeremy Clements, Myatt Snider and Alex Labbe completed the top 10.



Noah Gragson gives thanks for his first victory of 2021 and for surviving Darlington. (JARED TILTON/GETTY IMAGES photo)

enough on this No. 9 team."

Hamlin appeared headed for his sixth Xfinity Series victory at Dar-

set.

"We did a solid job all day trying to execute but we weren't perfect,"

There were eight cautions for a total of 41 laps and 19 lead changes among eight drivers. Hamlin, who finished 12th, led a race-high 43 laps. Gragson was out front for 40 circuits.

According to Cindric, the fresh strip of pavement in Turn 2 seemed to gain grip throughout the race but did not play a significant role in the outcome.

"Today when we showed up it was a construction site, and now it's a race track," Cindric said. "That's the way I see it. It's dirty. It's new asphalt. We're the first cars to run on it. It gained grip throughout the day. It got cleaned throughout the day.

"It got more raceable throughout the day. I don't think it will be much of a story line tomorrow (in Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series race)."



Noah Gragson (9) passes under the checkered flag first in front of Harrison Burton (20) to win the Help a Hero 200 at Darlington Raceway. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

Sheldon Creed Continues Playoff Domination with Darlington Sweep

DARLINGTON, SC - Sheldon Creed completed the Darlington double on Sunday, extending his monopoly on the Round of 10 in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series

after regaining the top spot from Chandler Smith during a pit stop under caution on Lap 68.

"We've had a tough season, but we're finding it at the right time," said Creed, who won for the third time in 2021. "It feels so good to go back-to-back wins ... Got to put the pressure on the other guys. I had really nothing to lose coming in, and we've got fast trucks.

"I had to work for that one. The KBM (Kyle Busch Motorsports) trucks were moving there in the short run. Even in the long runs, I thought they were better than us. Just track position—I could kind of go where I wanted when I was in front. If I got behind them, I was going to be in big trouble."

With his second-place finish, Nemechek, the regular-season champion, clinched a spot in the Round of 8 on points. Eight other drivers are vying for the remaining six berths in the next round, heading for the Sept. 16 cutoff race at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Zane Smith (ninth Sunday) and Chandler Smith (seventh) are the two drivers below the cut line entering the Round of 10 finale at Thunder Valley.

Stewart Friesen ran third in Sunday's race and improved to fourth in the standings, two points behind

Playoffs.

Creed's victory in the In It to Win It 200 at Darlington Raceway was his second straight in the series and his second straight at the 1.366-mile egg-shaped track, giving him a season sweep at the Lady in Black.

It was the third straight win in a Playoff race for the reigning series champion, who secured his title with a victory in the 2020 season finale at Phoenix Raceway.

"Way to start off the Playoffs," said Creed, who led 104 of the 147 laps, won the second stage and beat runner-up John Hunter Nemechek to the finish line by .531 seconds. "Man, we started out our day really, really loose, and I was like, 'Oh, no, we're in trouble here.'

"The guys worked on it. The pit crew killed it all day."

Thanks to impeccable work by his over-the-wall crew, Creed seized track position and control of the race. He led the final 80 laps

a three-car incident with Jack Wood and Kris Wright on Lap 67.

Rhodes finished 34th, seven laps down, and dropped to fifth in the standings, 15 points above the cut line.

The race featured eight cautions for a total of 35 laps. There were four lead changes among three drivers, with Nemechek out front for 39 laps and Chandler Smith leading the remaining four circuits.



Race winner Sheldon Creed delivers his checkered flag to a fan while celebrating at Darlington Raceway. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

third-place Matt Crafton (10th Sunday) and 33 above the current cut line. Todd Gilliland finished fourth at Darlington, followed by non-Playoff drivers Parker Kligerman and Grant Enfinger.

ThorSport Racing driver Ben Rhodes suffered the most severe damage to his Playoff chances after running into the back of Creed's truck on an early restart, then spinning and hitting the wall in



Sheldon Creed (2) holds off John Hunter Nemechek (4) to go for the win and his second in a row during the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series playoffs. (RUSTY JARRETT/NKP photo)

Ron Silk Sails to Oswego Win, Second Consecutive Whelen Modified Tour Victory

It was a silky smooth night at Oswego Speedway for Ron Silk.

The Norwalk, Connecticut, native never ran worse than second throughout the Toyota Mod Classic 150, leading the field to green from the pole position and regaining that lead with 77 laps remaining en route to his first ever win at the New York 0.675-mile short track.

"Just a phenomenal car," Silk said in Victory Lane following his dominant performance. "I went pretty hard there halfway through the race and said, 'I'm sure there'll be a caution and we'll end up taking tires.' Then with 20 to go I was getting a little nervous, like 'did I save enough?' But just a fantastic job by my guys. My car took a few laps to fire off on restarts. I was glad to not get one at the end there for sure."

The win is Silk's second of the season and second in a row, coming after the driver of the No. 85 machine bested the rest at Beech Ridge on Aug. 21. It's also his fifth top-five finish of the season, third top-five in a row and 17th career win on the Whelen Modified Tour.

While Silk was dominating up front, Matt Hirschman was putting on a show coming from the rear of the field. After being involved in a Lap 43 crash involving five others, Hirschman sustained significant left rear damage and pitted for repairs.

Restarting deep in the field, he went to work, slowly and methodically picking off cars one by one. With just under 30 laps to go, he re-entered the top 10. Fifteen laps later, he was inside the top five. Less than 10 laps later, he was all the way up to second behind Silk.

Hirschman settled for the runner-up spot, his second straight second-place finish (both to Silk in consecutive races) in his return to the track where he won earlier this season.

"We made a charge, it looked like maybe a caution would come. But congrats to the No. 85. If he went the whole way and was still driving away from the rest of them, they obviously had a good car," said Hirschman, who has an aver-

age finish of 1.6 and a worst result of second (three times) in five career Oswego starts. "We just had to overcome a lot that I wish we didn't have to. Came home with a strong second at the end, but I like first better."

If he were to have just a few more laps, Hirschman may have been able to get to Silk's bumper and challenge for the win. But with no caution and lapped traffic to navigate, it didn't happen.

"We would've eventually caught him and passed him probably," he said. "But the race is 150 laps, I'm not going to make any excuses about it. I'm sure the longer it went the more it favored us, but it's over."

Justin Bonsignore came home third after leading more than 30 laps in the middle of the race, extending his top-10 streak to nine races. The result marks his fifth top five at Oswego, bringing his average finish to a whopping 3.2 in his six starts at the track.

More importantly, the two-time and defending champion expanded his points lead over Patrick Emerling, who struggled on the evening finishing 15th and two laps down.



Ron Silk celebrates his first ever win at Oswego Speedway, and second consecutive Whelen Modified Tour win after bringing home victory in the Toyota Mod Classic 150. (Bryan Bennett photo)

"Obviously on that side of things, it was a good night for us," Bonsignore said. "It's getting down to crunch time as far as the points are concerned, so it gives us a little breathing room, but we'll still have to race hard the next three (events)."

Doug Coby and Anthony Nocella rounded out the top five, with Bobby Santos III, Andrew Krause, Woody Pitkat, Kyle Bonsignore and Kyle Ebersole completing the top 10.

Unofficially, Bonsignore's lead over Emerling in the standings now sits at 20 points with three races remaining on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule. Silk sits a distant third with Coby, Jon McKennedy and Kyle Bonsignore behind.

Up next for the Whelen Modified Tour is a trip to Richmond Raceway on Sept. 10 for the Virginia Is For Racing Lovers 150. It'll mark the first trip to "The Action Track" for the tour since 2002.

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Landen Lewis Dominates at DuQuoin for First ARCA Win in Second Start

DUQUOIN, IL - Everybody now understands why Landen Lewis, at just 15, was pinned to run the pair of 2021 ARCA Menards Series dirt races for Rette Jones Racing Development and Austin Theriault Racing Development.

Lewis, the Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, native who finished seventh in his ARCA debut a couple weeks ago on the Springfield Mile at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, won Sunday's Southern Illinois 100 presented by Lucas Oil at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds.

The rookie's first win came in just his second ARCA Menards Series start, and it arrived in dominating fashion. Lewis qualified on the General Tire Pole early Sunday evening and proceeded to lead every lap of the race on the one-mile clay oval.

"Right now I'm speechless," Lewis said in Victory Lane standing next to his No. 2 19th Green Chevrolet owned by Max Siegel. "This wouldn't be possible without any of my guys. (Crew chief) Mark Rette, (team co-owner) Larry Jones, Austin Theriault — everyone who's made this possible for me. It's a dream come true."

Rette Jones Racing Development and Austin Theriault Racing Development jointly announced last month that Lewis would make his ARCA debut at Springfield, where he finished seventh after qualifying fifth. His opportunity came on the strength of a successful career in Legends Cars, Super Trucks and Dirt Modified competition.

In Legend Car competition, Lewis has roared to 22 wins and 51 top-five finishes. In Dirt Modifieds driving for four-time NASCAR Camping World Truck Series champion Ron Hornaday Jr., Lewis has six wins, eight second-place runs and 27 top-fives.

Lewis banked on his experience in Dirt Modifieds to help ease his transition to stock cars with advice not only from Hornaday, but also from racing icon Ken Schrader, the 66-year-old veteran who was in the field Sunday at DuQuoin and finished third.

"I was trying to get to the check-

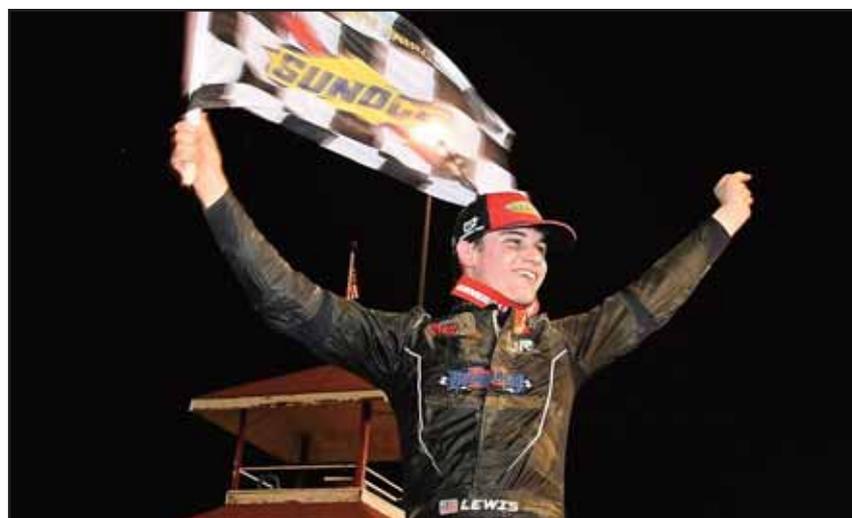
ered as fast as I could," Lewis said of the closing laps Sunday before an overtime restart that was prompted by a Taylor Gray spin on the final lap of regulation. "My spotter told me there was a wreck in Turn 3, and I just automatically started thinking (about) what Ron Hornaday's taught me."

Schrader finished behind Ty Gibbs, the ARCA Menards Series championship leader who stretched his lead in the standings to 16 points over Corey Heim with his second-place run at DuQuoin.

Heim finished nine laps down in seventh place, a tie for his worst result of the season (seventh at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in June). He spent several laps Sunday on pit road as his team worked to fix front-end damage on his No. 20 Craftsman Toyota.

Already bent out of shape, the front end of Heim's car caught the DuQuoin dirt on Lap 33 and catapulted the rest of the machine into the air. Heim kept the car from spinning, but he was forced to bring it to pit road.

Gibbs failed to lead a lap in a race for the second time this season (Springfield), but the 18-year-old driver of the No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota did clinch the 2021



Landen Lewis celebrates his first career ARCA Series win in only his second start in victory lane at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. (ARCA photo)

CGS Imaging Four Crown.

The Four Crown is a four-race series within the ARCA Menards Series that celebrates a diverse schedule with events on a superspeedway (Kansas Speedway), a road course (Mid-Ohio), a short track (Indiana's Winchester Speedway) and a dirt track (DuQuoin).

"I'm just glad I walked out of here with a working race car," said Gibbs, who won the first three Four-Crown races of the season. "It was a really difficult race not trying to tear stuff up."

"Tonight was more of a character-building night for me. We had a good points day. Championship racing is a little bit different to me; I want to go win the race. But sometimes you can't."

Dirt track ringer Ryan Unzicker, who spent much of Sunday's race in second place chasing Lewis, finished fourth after a slip on the overtime restart.

Gray rounded out the top five at DuQuoin, a finish that extends his streak of top-five finishes to nine this season.

The ARCA Menards Series will take a week off before it returns to action Thursday, Sept. 16 for the Bush's Beans 200 at Bristol Motor Speedway, the 18th of 20 races on the 2021 schedule.

The Bristol race, which also serves as the ARCA Menards Series East season finale and Round 9 of the 10-race Sioux Chief Showdown, will broadcast live on FS1 with a start time of 6:30 p.m. ET.

Flooding Rain Forces Cancellation of King of Highbanks

Due to heavy rainfall throughout Central Eastern Indiana on Saturday and what is predicted throughout early morning hours, the King of the Highbanks event at Winchester Speedway has been cancelled.

The intense precipitation has already flooded portions of the racetrack, including parts of pit road, the infield and has also made the camping area unsuitable. In fact, power to portions of the infield were knocked out by the heavy rain as well.

Refunds will be given to all who pre-purchased tickets or camping for the King of the Highbanks / Fly Over States 150. Please email [way.com to engage with that process.](mailto:info@winchesterspeed-</p>
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"This is so disappointing. With the amount of water the grounds took it has created unsafe conditions for all the teams. Plus, with all the rain still coming overnight and the nature of how the track is set up, it would compound the problems even more," said Bob Dillner, Promoter of Winchester Speedway.

The following is a combined statement from the Champion Racing Association. Vore's Compact Touring Series and one of the event's sponsors, Vore's Welding and Steel.

"The extensive flooding of the grounds and the accompanying issues have jeopardized the ability to race on Sunday, and Monday as well. We have been in communication with a number of race

teams, relayed these details, and overwhelmingly teams have said if there's a chance that we won't get to race on Monday, let's call it tonight and come back 400 weekend. It's a tough situation for everyone involved, and no one wants to make it worse by taking the chance that we might not get to race. We are all working to support the best interest of the racers, and support the decision by the race-track."

Vore's Welding and Steel will continue their sponsorship at the 50th Lucas Oil Winchester 400 weekend by bringing the King of The Highbanks event for the Vore's Compact Touring Series to that Friday night. An increased purse for the VCTS event will be announced soon.

The next event at Winchester Speedway will be the 50th Lucas Oil Winchester 400 on October 15-17. Tickets are available at winchesterspeedway.com/tickets/

For more information please visit the track's website at winchesterspeedway.com.

Logan Schuchart Returns to Victory Lane at Grays Harbor

It took longer than expected, but Logan Schuchart finally made his way back to victory lane on Monday night.

He and the Shark Racing, Drydene Performance Products #1S dominated the 30-lap Feature at Grays Harbor Raceway, leading from flag to flag and securing their fourth World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series win of the season.

The long-awaited win snaps a 26-race drought for the Hanover, PA native, his longest dry spell in three years with The Greatest Show on Dirt. It's a much-needed boost for Schuchart, who aims to make a bid for the top-five in championship points over the final 15 races.

Schuchart's 27th career win ties him with modern-day stars Paul McMahan, Tim Shaffer, and Kerry Madsen for 21st on the All-Time Wins List. He's now only three wins away from equalling his legendary grandfather and team owner Bobby Allen at 30 World of Outlaws wins.

"This year has been trying, but it's not for a lack of effort I can guarantee that," Schuchart said in victory lane. "I feel like we are one of the top teams out here, and I think we have more than proven that. I have so much confidence in my guys, things just haven't fallen our way this year. We've got about 15 races left, so we want to win as many of those as possible."

Earning the pole position after winning his Drydene Heat and the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash, Schuchart brought the field to life and never looked back.

Donny Schatz, Brad Sweet, and Carson Macedo all ran second at one point in the race, but all failed to offer a serious challenge for the lead. Sweet and Macedo cut into the lead at different stages, but both stalled out as the battle began to brew.

Officially, the margin of victory was 1.831-seconds for Schuchart's first win since his \$50,000 Jackson Nationals title on June 27.

Carson Macedo followed his \$25,000 Sage Fruit Skagit Nationals title on Sunday night with a runner-up effort on Monday at Grays

Harbor. It's the seventh second-place finish for the Lemoore, CA native this year as he heads back to his home state this weekend with the Jason Johnson Racing #41.

"This place is oddly shaped and it throws you for a curveball," Macedo mentioned on the 3/10-mile track. "You get this huge run of steam into turn three, but slip off in turn four and lose speed down the front stretch. I thought I was catching Logan [Schuchart], but we got to traffic and I just stalled out. Excited with the momentum this team is building ahead of California, though."

The pursuit for a third consecutive championship for Brad Sweet marched on Monday night as he recorded his 30th podium of the year. He'll head to his home state of California this week with hopes of a 75th career World of Outlaws win, which would give him 17 this year and make 2021 the winningest season of his career.

"We had a really good in the beginning, but lacked the speed we needed at the end," Sweet spoke on the NAPA Auto Parts #49. "Sometimes you'll have that, though, it's just about capitalizing and getting the best finish as possible. Logan [Schuchart] definitely had the best car and once Carson [Macedo] got by me I really didn't know where to be on the track. We'll try to get better and hopefully get us a Gold Cup win this weekend."

Donny Schatz continued his incredible stretch since July, finishing inside the top-four for the 13th time



Logan Schuchart celebrates in victory lane with his crew after bringing home the win at Grays Harbor Raceway on Monday night. (Trent Gower photo)

in 18 races aboard the Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing #15. Behind him in fifth was David Gravel, who established a new track record aboard the Big Game Motorsports #2 at 11.581 seconds in Slick Woody's Qualifying.

Rounding out the top-10 at Grays Harbor was James McFadden with his 12th straight top-10, Kraig Kinser with his third top-10 of the last month, Brock Zearfoss with an eighth-place debut at the track, Washington's Trey Starks with KSE Hard Charger honors, and Wayne Johnson with his eighth top-10 of the season.

UP NEXT (Fri-Sat): After two years away, the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series finally returns to California this week. A two-week swing in the Golden State begins on Friday & Saturday, September 10-11 with the Gold Cup Race of Champions

at Silver Dollar Speedway in Chico, CA.

Macedo Masters Sage Fruit Skagit Nationals for \$25,000 Payday

Carson Macedo considered himself a "mediocre" contender through the first two nights of the Sage Fruit Skagit Nationals; then the big money rolled around on Sunday night and he became a "brand new man" as he said.

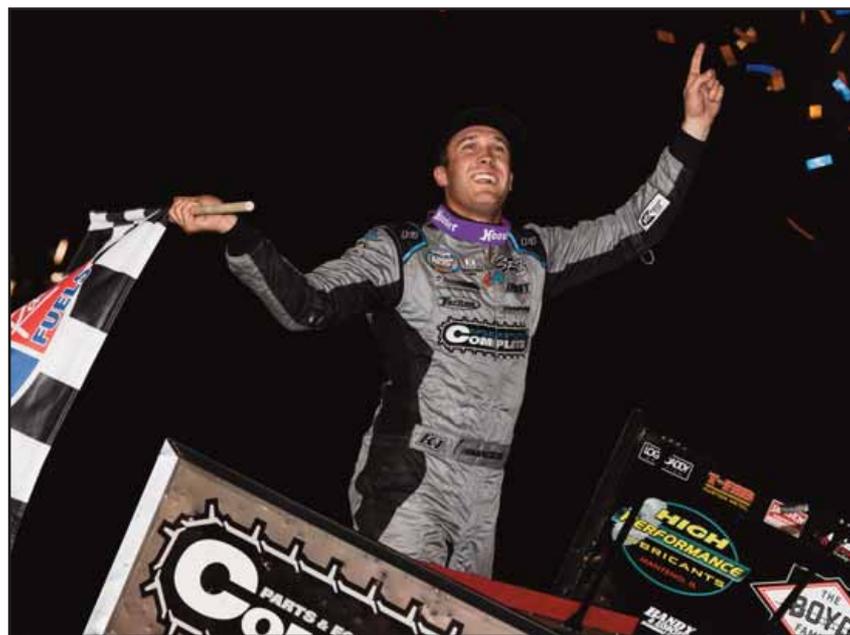
He led 36 of 40 laps and completely swept the night by earning Slick Woody's QuickTime, a Team Drydene Heat win, the DIRTVision Fast Pass Dash win, and his eighth NOS Energy Drink Feature win of the season.

Cashing in for \$25,000, Sunday's score is the richest of Macedo's 14 career World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series wins. The Jason Johnson Racing #41 visited victory lane in Steve Beittler's final night as the promoter at Skagit Speedway, a fitting end for a man who employed Jason in his younger years.

In a non-stop, 40-lapper that took just over ten minutes to complete, fans were treated to an intense cat-and-mouse chase through thick lap traffic. Officially, two lead changes will go in the record books, but there was drama was waiting around every single corner at the 3/10-mile bullring.

At one point, four cars were under a blanket in contention for the lead. Most notably, Logan Schuchart slid by to lead Lap 19, and James McFadden challenged in the late going, but neither could

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Carson Macedo raced his way to the \$25,000 payday in the Sage Fruit Skagit Nationals at Skagit Speedway. (Trent Gower photo)

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keep Macedo down for long.

"I think I just knew what I needed to do tonight," Macedo mentioned. "That was the most aggressive, yet smartest I think I've ever driven and that's what I needed. I've lost some races lately because of lap traffic and making the wrong decisions while leading. When Logan got by, I knew I needed to kick it up a notch and

drive harder. I was passing multiple lappers at a time, so I knew I was getting good. I'm getting better at reading the traffic and letting them show where to go."

"I really didn't feel comfortable the first two nights here, but Philip [Dietz] made some huge adjustments," Macedo added. "We made a lot of gains from Friday to Sunday. It's cool to win here at a track that Jason raced so much with ASCS. I'm pumped to bring this momentum back to California. I've missed racing there with the Outlaws."

Following Monday's stop at Garys Harbor Raceway in Elma, WA, The Greatest Show on Dirt will return to Macedo's home state for the first time in two years. The Lemoore native looks to hone that momentum and start a hot streak as the Series returns to Silver Dollar Speedway in Chico, the site of his first and second career wins.

Friday's winner James McFadden offered a late charge in the Kasey Kahne Racing, Karavan Trailers #9, but could never find the right timing to truly challenge Macedo. He crossed the stripe behind the #41 by 1.291-seconds, but the Aussie was just happy to have a good time.

"Dude, it's so wild out there in traffic," McFadden offered. "Tracks like tonight are why we drive sprint cars. We came on really well at the end, but Carson just did a terrific job. It seemed like every time I'd catch him, he would catch a lapper and I had to balk and hold my run. Another great night at this place, though."

After leading Laps 19-22, Schuchart slipped backward and ultimately finished in the third spot aboard the Shark Racing, Drydene Performance Products #1S. It's the 99th podium finish of his World of Outlaws career for the Hanover, PA native.



Brad Sweet finally got a win at Skagit Speedway which marks wins at 42 different tracks with the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series. (Trent Gower photo)

"You just never know how to push your pace in traffic," Schuchart said. "I wanted to make certain moves, but I just timed them wrong tonight. You have to make the right decisions in the right places at the right times or else you're lining yourself up to get passed. There are some things I would've changed tonight, but that's why we have tomorrow to bounce back better."

Championship contenders Brad Sweet and David Gravel closed out the top-five at the Sage Fruit Skagit Nationals.

Sweet bumped his points lead to +124 with a fourth-place finish in the Kasey Kahne Racing, NAPA Auto Parts #49. Meanwhile, Gravel trailed him by one spot and collected KSE Hard Charger honors with the Big Game Motorsports #2. Rounding out the top-10 on Sunday night was Sheldon Haudenschild in sixth, Donny Schatz in seventh, Kasey Kahne in eighth, Trey Starks in ninth, and Wayne Johnson in tenth.

Sweet Soars to Elusive Skagit Victory in Lap Traffic

Brad Sweet is making a habit out of conquering the tracks that have haunted him for years.

He finally won at Lincoln (PA) in May; he finally topped River Cities (ND) two weeks ago; and tonight, The Big Cat finally scored a Skagit Speedway victory that has eluded since he made his debut at the track 19 starts ago in 2010.

It was a puzzling path to victory lane filled with lap traffic mayhem and an ever-changing 3/10-mile surface, but it was no task too tall for the NAPA Auto Parts #49. Sweet started third in the 30-lapper,

slid by Donny Schatz for second on Lap 12, then drove right by David Gravel for the lead on Lap 22.

The most troubling news for the field in Sweet's 16th World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series win of the year (double his closest competitor) is his mention that the team, including Eric Prutzman, Joe Mooney & Andrew Bowman, "found something they've been missing over the last few weeks."

Saturday's Skagit score, which marks wins at 42 different tracks with The Greatest Show on Dirt, brings Sweet to 74 career wins and leaves him only 10 away from reaching Stevie Smith to crack a legendary top-10 on the All-Time Wins List.

Kasey Kahne Racing continued their perfect weekend in the boss' home state as Sweet became the fourth driver to deliver a win at Washington's Skagit Speedway, joining Joey Saldana (2), Daryn Pittman (2), and James McFadden (1).

"I've always loved coming to Skagit," Sweet told the fans. "We've got a great crowd and a great track this weekend. We've always been close here but seemed to finish second or third and just miss that little extra bit in the late going. I think we found something tonight, though. I could move around and get through traffic really well, and that's what wins or loses these races. I felt like I could do things that I haven't been able to do in weeks with this setup."

Halted by only one caution on Lap 8, Saturday's 30-lapper was full of thick, tight, and troubling lap traffic. After earning a Series-best ninth pole position, Gravel jetted away to a 2.194-second lead at the halfway mark, but then traffic got

tricky.

Once Sweet cleared Schatz for the second spot, he quickly caught Gravel and applied pressure with the #2 struggling to make moves on the backmarkers.

The winning move came on Lap 22 when Sweet aced the bottom of turns one and two and rolled right by Gravel, who was pinned on the high side. The #49 machine immediately checked out and ran to the win unchallenged over the last eight laps, but things got wild for the runner-up position as Gravel, Schatz, McFadden, and Haudenschild went wheel-to-wheel under a blanket and in traffic on the narrow 3/10-mile.

Ultimately, Sweet took the checkered flag ahead by 2.336-seconds.

"Sometimes it's easier to be in second at a track like this," Sweet noted. "It's so much fun to race with guys like David, Donny, and everyone on tour right now. This is the toughest the World of Outlaws has been I think. Hopefully, we can come back tomorrow and get us \$25,000."

Sweet now only has four tracks with 10+ starts and zero wins: Williams Grove (PA), The Dirt Track at Charlotte (NC), Thunderbowl (CA) Raceway, and Tri-State (IN) Speedway. He'll have a shot at the first two later this fall.

Capitalizing on the wild lap traffic action, Donny Schatz clawed back from fourth and ended up second in Saturday's 30-lapper. He's up to eight consecutive top-four finishes aboard the Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing, Ford Performance, Carquest #15.

"That was a high-speed chess match," Schatz said. "The car feels solid, so I think we should be good for tomorrow's big show."

After leading the opening 21 laps, David Gravel of Watertown, CT slipped back to finish third-place for the third-straight race. He slipped back to fourth at one point amid the lap traffic chaos but recovered nicely for his 20th podium of the year in the Big Game Motorsports #2.

"It's a bummer to draw the one on back-to-back nights with zero wins to show for it," Gravel admitted. "We got better today, so hopefully we'll find a little more tomorrow with \$25,000 on the line."

James McFadden, who won Friday's opener at Skagit, finished fourth on Saturday and took home KSE Hard Charger honors in the Kasey Kahne Racing, Karavan Trailers #9. Sheldon Haudenschild

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drove the NOS Energy Drink, Stenhouse Jr. / Marshall Racing #17 to a fifth-straight top-five finish at the Alger, WA track.

Rounding out the top-10 on night two of the Sage Fruit Skagit Nationals was Carson Macedo (6th) in the Jason Johnson Racing #41, Logan Schuchart (7th) in the Drydene Performance Products #1S, Brock Zearfoss (8th) in the Moose's LZ Bar & Grill #3Z, Kasey Kahne (9th) in the Beef Packers #83, and Rico Abreu (10th) in the Rowdy Energy #24.

James McFadden Overcomes All to Win Skagit Debut

The racing gods threw everything they could at the Kasey Kahne Racing #9, but James McFadden was not to be denied.

From Sunday's brutal crash followed by an 18-hour drive to a near-complete re-build of their operation to a spur-of-the-moment engine change, there isn't much that crew members Justin Adams, Gary [Woodman] Patellaro, and Rob Beattie didn't overcome this week.

In the end, all of the blood, sweat, and tears took them to victory lane for the second time this

season, as McFadden conquered Washington's Skagit Speedway upon his first visit to the 3/10-mile bullring.

His opening triumph of the Sage Fruit Skagit Nationals gives him four World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series wins, most notably tying the Northern Territory boy with fellow Australian Ian Madsen of New South Wales for 68th on the All-Time Wins List.

In a positive spin of the evening for Enumclaw, WA's Kasey Kahne – who ran 13th in his Outlaws debut at his home track – he still made it to victory lane as a team owner. In fact, KKR's fifth win at the Alger, WA facility (2 with Saldana, 2 with Pittman) makes them the winningest team at the track.

"It's rewarding to rebound like this, especially after the big drama at the last race," McFadden mentioned. "These guys worked their butts off this week. The long drive here, then the day we had yesterday, then the motor change, just so much has happened. How fast they changed that motor tonight might've won us this race."

Indeed, the timing of the engine change ended up playing a huge role in McFadden's win. They began the process following the second of three Hot Lap sessions and barely beat the clock to make it to staging for their 14th qualifying spot. McFadden ultimately timed in fourth-quick.

From there he transferred to the DIRTvision Fast Pass Dash and then finished second to earn his fourth front row start of the year.

Before James gave his baby boy Maverick McFadden his first-ever wing dance, he had to survive a relentless attack from Sheldon Haudenschild. J-Mac officially led all 30 laps, but it wasn't without a ferocious challenge from the NOS Energy Drink #17.

The duo ran 1-2 for the entirety of the race, splitting their battles between lap traffic and clean air restarts. Haudenschild got close on Lap 10 with the aid of backmarkers but struggled to find room to make his move on the #9. He had another shot on Lap 22 with more traffic looming, but a caution set the stage for an eight-lap dash to the finish.

With both gassers committed to the tall cushion, Haudenschild stalked McFadden and patiently waited to strike at the right time. He saved his moment for the 30th and final lap, following McFadden to the curb in turn one and setting himself up for a last-corner slide job at the win. However, the #17 slipped over the cushion in turn two and caught the wall, killing Haudenschild's momentum and taking away his chance at a sneak attack.

Ultimately, Haudenschild fell short of McFadden by 0.514-seconds at the checkered flag.

"I could hear him," McFadden said of Haudenschild's run. "Obviously, Sheldon is gonna pound it, so I knew getting the start was crucial. I thought if I could short-slide myself and hit the cushion coming off that I would be okay. I've never raced here, but it seems pretty narrow and I tried to play that to my ad-

vantage as the leader. I wanted to run a little harder, but felt I should protect at the end."

It wasn't back-to-back wins, but Sheldon Haudenschild did extend his wildly impressive four-race top-two streak by claiming runner-up honors. The NOS Energy Drink #17 has been firing on all cylinders recently with crew members Kyle Ripper, Drew Brenner and Stephen Hamm-Reilly clicking down the homestretch.

"James did an awesome job, a near-perfect race for him," Haudenschild said. "I wanted to get more traffic, but the cautions just fell at the wrong times. I planned on stalking him and waiting for the right shot. I saw the white flag and knew I needed to rip it, but I ruined my run at the slide job when I slipped high and caught the wall."

Rounding out the podium at the Alger, WA 3/10-mile was David Gravel. The Watertown, CT native cut four points off the championship lead, leaving him -116 points behind Sweet with 18 races remaining.

Donny Schatz finished fourth making it seven straight top-four finishes for the 10-time champion. Points leader Brad Sweet rallied from a rough qualifying effort to earn KSE Racing Hard Charger honors with a 10th-to-fifth bid.

Closing out the top-10 on night one of the Sage Fruit Skagit Nationals was Logan Schuchart in sixth, Carson Macedo in seventh, Jacob Allen in eighth, Jason Solwold in ninth, and Rico Abreu in tenth.

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Sheppard Wins the Scorcher at Volunteer Speedway

BULLS GAP, TN - Brandon Sheppard's quest toward World of Outlaws history took another step forward Saturday night at Volunteer Speedway. But without some luck, it might not have happened.

Sheppard was fortunate enough to draw the outside pole, putting him on the front row with Championship rival Chris Madden. The New Berlin, IL driver, used the outside lane to his advantage, launching ahead of Madden in Turn 2 and holding on for his eighth win of the season.

The "Rocket Shepp" gave himself a chance to win after making sure he finished his Drydene Heat Race in a redraw spot.

"I really wanted to win that Heat Race, but I knew as long as I finished in the top two, we'd get into the redraw," Sheppard said. "With this tire rule we're on here this weekend, it's kind of hard to pass, so just getting a good starting spot and getting out front early has been key all weekend."

The win is Sheppard's 77th World of Outlaws triumph—one win away from tying Josh Richards at the top of the all-time wins list (78). Even though he's knocking at history's door, it's not something that's on his mind.

"It's really cool, but I just try not to think about it, you know, because when you think about it, it's gets in your head, and then you want to win too bad, and then it messes you up," Sheppard said.

Madden crossed the line second, but not without adversity. The Feature needed three attempts at the initial green flag, including one where the Gray Court, SC driver, received severe body damage to the left side of his car.

Ricky Weiss wheel-hopped Madden's left rear on one of the attempts, hooking them together as cars wrecked behind them. Both drivers continued, but Madden was upset with what happened despite the runner-up finish.

"Me and [Sheppard] tried two or three times and had perfect starts with no problems," Madden said. "It's just the guys behind us can't do what they're supposed to do."

Michael Chilton rounded out the

podium for the Salvisa, KY driver's best career World of Outlaws finish.

While most of the field was running the top, Chilton was one of the few cars taking a chance on the bottom.

"I was just beating the hell out of the cushion in [Turn 1 and 2], and then I kind of found a brown streak down in the bottom of [Turn 3 and 4]," Chilton said. "I could make some speed down there, and it seemed like no one else was down there; I had clean air down there, and I got a good drive off the corner and made some ground on some guys."

Tyler Bruening finished fourth—his second top-five of the weekend. Dennis Erb Jr. crossed the line fifth.

Brandon Sheppard has six races left in 2021 to try and grab a piece of World of Outlaws history. Even though he's on the doorstep, Rocket1 Racing is taking things one race at a time.

"We just keep on doing our thing and keep racing, and the wins are going to come whenever they come," Sheppard said.

UP NEXT: The Most Powerful Late Models on the Planet travel to The Rev in Monroe, LA, for a doubleheader on Sept. 24-25.

Watkins Scores First Career World of Outlaws Win at Lancaster Speedway

LAVONIA, GA - In 2019, Ben Watkins blew a tire while leading a World of Outlaws Feature at Lancaster Speedway. It's the heartbreak he thought he'd never fix.

Watkins finally got his redemption Friday night at Lavonia Speedway, leading all 40 laps to win the Charlie Mize Memorial. He's the fifth driver to win his first career World of Outlaws Feature in 2021.

Watkins started on the outside pole next to Rookie of the Year contender Tyler Bruening, searching for his first World of Outlaws win. When the green flag dropped, the two thundered into Turns 1 and 2 side by side before Watkins carried his momentum around the 16 car, rocketing to the top spot down the back straightaway.

That wasn't the last time Watkins saw Bruening, as the Dec-



Brandon Sheppard celebrates in victory lane after winning the Scorcher at Volunteer Speedway. (Michael Moats photo)

orah, IA driver peeked underneath him, pulling even with him in lap traffic on Lap 19. A caution on Lap 24 gave Watkins some breathing room, allowing him to take the race one lap at a time.

"When we caught lap traffic, they were two wide, and they were racing," Watkins said. "With the dirty track, it kind of upset my car a little bit, and it was hard to maneuver through them. The way the cautions played out, I was not upset."

Three cautions plagued the second half of the 40 lap Feature, but they couldn't have come at a better time for Watkins. He knew he had just enough laps to avoid dealing with traffic and another potential battle with Bruening.

"We had that restart with 11 [laps] to go, I believe it was, and I was hoping that was just enough time we wouldn't catch lap traffic too bad," Watkins said. "Right at the end, we caught them and had

just enough of a lead to kind of settle in there, and it played out perfectly for us."

Bruening, the top Rookie of the race, finished second, his best finish of the season. The Decorah, IA driver, knew he had his work cut out for him on the initial start since he was on the bottom.

"It was just a little slimy on the bottom, and you really just wanted to be on that outside groove," Bruening said. "We put a whole night together, just one spot short in the end. We were really good all night long, and I'm really proud of the effort to come back from [Thursday]."

Three-time and defending champion Brandon Sheppard crossed the line third, his 22nd podium finish of 2021. The New Berlin, IL driver, thought he might have had a chance if Watkins spent more time battling traffic.

"I felt like we had a strong car, (Continued Next Page)



Ben Watkins raced his way to victory lane at Lancaster Speedway for the first time in his career with the World of Outlaws Late Models. (Jacy Norgaard photo)

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and once we got strung out there, it was hard to pass," Sheppard said. "I was hoping for more time in lap traffic than what we had, just to be able to dice things up a little bit, but all in all, we're happy with a top three."

One night after winning \$40,000 Cherokee Speedway, Brandon Overton finished fourth, and Zack Mitchell rounded out

the top five.

Ben Watkins earned his redemption Friday at Lavonia Speedway. It's an opportunity he thought may never happen again and one he'll cherish for the rest of his career.

"I didn't really think I'd ever get another chance at it; these opportunities come few and far between," Watkins said.

Overton Wins Rock Gault Memorial at Cherokee

GAFFNEY, SC - Brandon Overton had one thing on his mind as the laps dwindled Thursday night at Cherokee Speedway. He replayed an old race at the South Carolina venue. One he lost on the final corner because he mismanaged his tires.

This time, he wouldn't let it happen again. The Evans, GA driver, played the tire game perfectly, holding on to win the inaugural Rock Gault Memorial—worth \$40,000.

While "Big Sexy" saved his tires enough for the end of the race, worry still sank in the last few laps. Especially when he saw Jonathan Davenport and Chris Ferguson, who were in the top-five, go to the pits.

"I was behind [Jonathan Davenport] the whole time, and I was like he really wasn't that sideways," Overton said. "That worried me, so I just slowed down as much as I could and was just trying to baby it to the end."

"I lost a race over here for 10 grand coming to the checkered, so that was playing back through my mind, and I was like, slow down and don't blow the tire off."

Before Davenport's tire blew, the start of the race saw Kyle Larson take the early lead with "Superman" in his tire tracks and Overton lurk-



Brandon Overton celebrates in victory lane after racing to the win at Cherokee Speedway Thursday night. (Jacy Norgaard photo)

ing behind them. When Larson eventually slipped off the bottom in Turn 1, Davenport darted under the #6 car to steal the lead and brought Overton with him.

Then, Davenport and Overton waged an epic war for the lead. Overton took several peeks to the outside of Davenport for the top spot before making his move on a Lap 48 restart.

"Big Sexy" rolled to the outside of Davenport in Turn 3, using his momentum to pull even. He flexed his muscles even more in Turn 4, propelling his Longhorn Chassis past Davenport and into the race lead.

"It was latched good on that restart, and I said man, I ain't got nothing to lose," Overton said. "I just blasted her in there, and I got me a good run, and as soon as I cleared him, I got back down."

The win is Overton's fourth World of Outlaws triumph of the season and the 17th Series win of his career. The \$40,000 check adds to Overton's list of high-paying wins in 2021, including more than \$300,000 between the Dirt Late Model Dreams and Firecracker 100.

Davenport, whose chance at a podium finish ended with tire problems, finished 19th. The tire wear in the Feature surprised the Blairsville, GA driver, throwing him a curveball.

"I never really thought tire wear would be an issue after the Heat Race, so we probably cut ours up too much," Davenport said. "I was just not really balanced enough to drive off the right front like I needed to because I tightened my car up a little bit, thinking we didn't need to worry about tire wear issues."

Chris Madden finished second, grabbing a podium finish in front of his home state fans. The Gray

Court, SC driver stated tire wear affected his ability to make a run at Overton in the last few laps.

"We had to use a little bit of tire to get there, and we just didn't have enough tire there at the end to put on a charge," Madden said.

Jimmy Owens crossed the line third after starting ninth. The Newport, TN driver bided his time working through the field, knowing he'd have to save his equipment for the end.

"We just took our time early in the race because we knew we had to have a lot of tire left at the end there," Owens said. "We had a pretty decent car; we made a whole lot of adjustments, and it was a whole lot better there for the Feature than it was in the Heat Race."

Trent Ivey finished fourth and Larson finished fifth—his third top five with the World of Outlaws in four starts this season.

Brandon Overton's experience at Cherokee and what to do when his tires were going away paid off, leading to the \$40,000 Victory. It's that experience that helps him add to accolades in 2021, especially when there's big money on the line.

World of Outlaws Roll into October with Southeast Doubleheader

GAFFNEY, SC - As the leaves start to change, the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models move closer to the end of their season with a return to the Southeast.

The two-track, two-state, weekend includes two 40-lap, \$10,000-to-win Morton Buildings Features.

The doubleheader kicks off with the Mike Duvall Memorial at Cherokee Speedway in Gaffney, SC, on Friday, Oct. 1. It's the Series third appearance at "The Place Your Mama Warned You About" in 2021 and the second visit in 30 days.

In March, Jimmy Owens and Brandon Sheppard won 25-lap split-field Features as part of the Rock Gault Memorial. Sheppard's victory came in thrilling finish as the New Berlin, IL driver made a last lap pass around the outside of Dale McDowell to steal the victory.

The race will give Gray Court, SC's Chris Madden another chance to bring home state fans to their feet. "Smokey" has 27 victories at the Palmetto State venue, including a win with the Drydene Xtreme DIRTcar Series earlier this year. However, he's still searching for his first World of Outlaws win at his home track.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Series will make its final stop in the Volunteer State in 2021 with a trip to 411 Speedway in Seymour, TN. Last season, Madden held off a hard-charging Sheppard and Ricky Weiss through lap traffic to earn one of his two wins. If he can pull off the feat again, it would be his second Tennessee win this season. His first came at Smoky Mountain Speedway in March.

Madden will have to contend with several hungry competitors, including championship rival and reigning Series champion Brandon Sheppard. The "Rocket Shepp" hopes to put an exclamation point on the 2021 season as part of his climb toward World of Outlaws history. Sheppard needs two more wins to tie Josh Richards for the most all-time (78).

He'll also tie Richards for the most titles in Series history (4) if he holds on to his 178-point advantage over Madden.

The two championship contenders will also have to fight off challenges from Weiss, three-time winner Dennis Erb Jr., Boom Briggs, Tyler Bruening, Ryan Gustin and more.

If you can't make it to the track, watch all the action live on DIRTVision – either online on with the DIRTVision App.

Tim McCreadie Takes Portsmouth River Days Rumble

PORTSMOUTH, OH - Current Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Championship point leader, Tim McCreadie, won his second consecutive series race as he took the top spot in the River Days Rumble – presented by Pepsi on Saturday night at Portsmouth Raceway

Park. McCreadie's win was his fifth this season.

Devin Moran finished second to McCreadie with Ricky Thornton Jr., Tyler Erb, and Jimmy Owens rounding out the top five.

Kyle Bronson led the first four laps of the race until Bronson, Moran, and McCreadie went three-wide for the lead on lap five, with McCreadie emerging as the new first place car. Moran was able to challenge McCreadie after several of the restarts.

Despite ten caution flags that slowed the action, McCreadie held the lead to the checkers by 2.8 seconds, for his 27th career series victory.

In Lucas Oil Victory Lane McCreadie was already thinking about the next race in the quest for his first Lucas Oil title. "It's great to win here that's for sure, but I am just going one race at a time. The car was pretty much flawless tonight, we are always working to make it better. This group of drivers are so tough. There are still a lot of races left to go in the season. I want to thank my car owners Donald and Gena Bradsher, they have given me everything I need. They are supportive whether we win or not; we could run second, fifth, or whatever and they are always positive. That is a great feeling to know that."

"With that many cautions you just have to be patient. It's tough to start and get going and then the caution would come out. Taking the lead there early on was important. I just went for it, and it worked out. I figured maybe Devin or Kyle would go back to the outside and get by me, but no one ever did. It's great to win in front of this crowd. Sometimes during the other races, I will come up there and sit with some of you. I remember sitting in the grandstands and rooting for my dad for several years."

Moran, looking for his third career Lucas Oil win and his first of the season, came home in second. "Our car was good for most of the race, we kind of faded there at the end, but we held on for second. I was able to stay with Timmy there for a long time, but those cautions kind of hurt my momentum. That one restart we went to the top and was running him down. I would go into one a little lower than him and we would make up even more ground. To finish second here hopefully gives us some good notes for when we come back here in October."

Thornton Jr., the top Eibach Springs rookie this season in the series pitted during one of the caution flags to change a flat tire but came back to round out the podium. Yes, it was a nice comeback for us to come back to get third. The car was really good the last part of the race. We could get up there and run with Devin and I thought we had a shot to get second for a moment. To come from the back, I have to thank my crew for getting me back on the track after the flat."

The winner's Donald and Gena Bradsher Paylor Motorsports Longhorn Chassis is powered by a Cornett Racing Engine and sponsored by Mega Plumbing of the Carolinas, Bilstein Shocks, D&E Marine, Racing for Heroes, and The Aesthetic Haus.

Completing the top ten were Hudson O'Neal, Spencer Hughes, Jonathan Davenport, Rod Conley, and Clint Keenan.

Hillbilly Hundred Postponed Until Spring 2022

MIDDLEBOURNE, WV - Steady overnight rain has left the grounds at Tyler County Speedway heavily saturated, making the pit area and other parts of the facility impassable.

With showers forecasted to continue throughout the day, Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series officials, Hillbilly Hundred promotor Carl Short, and Tyler County Speedway officials have jointly agreed to postpone the 53rd Annual Hillbilly Hundred.

The 53rd running of the Hillbilly Hundred will now be contested on Friday, April 8, 2022. This event will



Tim McCreadie raced his way to victory lane in the River Days Rumble Saturday night at Portsmouth Raceway. (lucasdirt.com photo)

precede an already scheduled double header weekend at Hagerstown Speedway on Saturday, April 9, 2022, and Port Royal Speedway on Sunday, April 10, 2022.

Fans that have purchased a three-day ticket, please keep those to use on April 8, 2022. If you would like to receive a partial refund,

please call the Tyler County Speedway track office at 304-771-5661.

For the latest breaking news concerning the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, including the latest series standings, 2021 tour schedule, driver information, and more visit the official website at: www.lucasdirt.com.

Logan Forler Wins ASCS Frontier Region Showdown at Desert Thunder Raceway

PRICE, UT - Ending the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region swing through Wyoming and Utah; Logan Forler raced from sixth to capture his fourth victory of the season and ninth overall with the series.

Chasing Garen Linder the opening 16 laps, Forler rolled into

the lead the following lap and kept pace over the field by 1.331-seconds at the drop of the checkered flag. Kory Wermling grabbed second with Linder, who had slipped back to fifth, rebounding to third. Ned Powers crossed fourth, with Trevor Kirkland making up five spots to finish fifth.

Tyler Driever sixth was followed by Washington's Darren Smith from 14th. Channing Filler, C.J. Thorne, and Mike Manwill completed the top ten.

Down to the final two rounds of the 2021 season, the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region is at Gallatin Speedway in Belgrade, Mont. on Friday, September 10, and Big Sky Speedway in Billings on Saturday, September 11.

For other news, notes, and information on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the Regional Tours that make up ASCS Nation in 2021, log onto www.ascsracing.com, follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and Twitter (@LucasOilASCS).

Trevor Kirkland Wires ASCS Frontier Field at Desert Thunder Raceway

PRICE, UT - Leading start to finish in the debut of the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region at Utah's Desert Thunder Raceway, Montana's Trevor Kirkland topped Sunday's A-Feature.

Kirkland's second win of the season, and fifth overall with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region, the No. 37 bolted to the lead from pole.

Chased from Lap 4, Garen Linder rarely trailed by much more than a second and would come up shy by 0.413-seconds at the drop of the checkered flag. Ned Powers moved up three for the final podium step, with Kory Wermling going from 10th to fourth. Logan Forler

completed the top five.

Up eight positions from 14th, Tyler Driever crossed sixth with Shad Peterson seventh. C.J. Thorne, Heath Denney, and Michael Bingham made up the top ten.

Victory for Westbrook with American Sprint Car Series at Lake Ozark Speedway

ELDON, MO - Getting his second career victory with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, Canada's Dylan Westbrook topped Sunday's SawBlade.com A-Feature at Lake Ozark Speedway.

Committed to the top most of the race, Westbrook fully committed through the final half. Having to adjust his line as a few rough spots emerged, it was close a few times for Dylan before things finally smoothed out.

Chasing Miles Paulus, the opening seven revolutions, Dylan shot to the lead working Lap 8.

Fending off challenges through numerous restarts, traffic was in play the final five laps. Racing the rim of the Lake Ozark Speedway, Ayrton Gennetten closed rapidly on the Nitro 54 Variety No. 47x. Down to mere car lengths with only a couple laps to go, traffic played back into Dylan's favor, allowing the Hills Racing Team driver to pull away by 1.295-seconds.

Gennetten's best career finish with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, third place Garet Williamson found his



Garen Linder celebrates with his family after racing his way to the win at Sweetwater Speedway with the ASCS Frontier Region. (Andrew Kunas photo)



Logan Forler raced his way to the victory at Desert Thunder Raceway with the ASCS Frontier Region. (Andrew Kunas photo)

way to third from ninth for his second career podium appearance.

Rolling through traffic from 16th, Matt Covington held off the last lap charge of Blake Hahn. Suffering a broken shock and a visit to the work area on Lap 11, after having already rolled 15th to fifth, Hahn missed the last lap advance by 0.112-seconds.

Kyle Bell, in sixth, worked his way through the field from 18th, with Gunner Ramey ending up seventh. Also, having to rebound from a work area visit for a flat right rear, J.J. Hickie came back to finish eighth. Austin O'Neal was ninth, with Ryan Bickett in tenth.

A field of 30 was on hand for Sunday's Lake Ozark Speedway showdown. SCE Gaskets Heat Race wins went to Brenham Crouch, Miles Paulus, Joe B. Miller, and Dylan Westbrook. The BMRS B-Feature was topped by Kaley Gharst. No provisionals were used.

The next event for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network will be Friday, September 10, and Saturday, September 11 at I-80 Speedway in Greenwood, Neb. for the Bobby Parker Memorial and Casey Mid-West Fall

Brawl.

Tim Crawley Digs Up ASCS Mid-South Win at Diamond Park

MURFREESBORO, AR - Getting his eighth career win with the ASCS Mid-South Region, Tim Crawley rolled into Victory Lane Saturday night at Diamond Park Speedway.

Leading start to finish, Crawley dominated by 9.843-seconds. Brandon Hinkle was second with Landon Crawley on the final podium step. Kevin Hinkle and Jason Long made up the top five, with Cody Gardner, Zach Pringle, Paxton Gregory, Mike Vaculik, and Josh McCord rounding out the field.

The next outing for the ASCS Mid-South Region is Saturday, September 11, at I-30 Speedway.

Linder Triumphs with ASCS Frontier at Sweetwater Speedway

ROCK SPRINGS, WY - Able to fend off multiple challenges through Saturday's 25-laps showdown at Sweetwater Speedway, Oregon's Garen Linder made his way to Victory Lane against the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region.

Linder's first win of the season, and third all-time against the Regional Tour, the No. 22 was hunted the entire race by Logan Forler. Keeping the No. 2L at bay through several restarts, Linder was not out of the woods until the checkered flag fell. Only 0.321-seconds ahead of Logan Forler, the Idaho racer held off eighth starting Tyler Driever. Montana's Kory Wermling was fourth, with C.J. Thorne in fifth.

Austyn Gossel moved from 14th to sixth, followed by Ned Powers. Eighth went to Shad Petersen, with Randy Whitman and Channing Filler rounding out the top ten.

Spencer Bayston Rallies Seven Spots to Win \$10,000 Attica Ambush Finale

ATTICA, OH - Despite all teams in attendance being forced to execute hurry mode in hopes of outrunning incoming weather, Lebanon, Indiana's Spencer Bayston was unphased, eventually beating Mother Nature, as well as the best that the Attica Ambush had to offer, ultimately cashing in for a \$10,000 score at Attica Raceway Park in Attica, Ohio. The victory, Bayston's second of the season during FloRacing All Star Circuit of Champions presented Mobil 1 competition, commenced from the outside of row four, slowly picking his way through the field before chasing down Friday night winner Zeb Wise on lap 36. Impressive enough, the \$10,000 score was actually Bayston's second of the season at Attica, as the Mike McGhee & Associates ace won Attica's Brad Doty Classic against the Outlaws for another five-figure payday.

Zeb Wise, who led laps 28 through 35, held on to finish second in Attica's Ambush finale, followed by Tyler Courtney, early leader Craig Mintz, and Justin Peck.

"That was a lot of fun," Spencer Bayston said in All Star victory lane, a fifth-career visit to the All Star winner's circle. "With the rain coming, I knew I had to be as aggressive as I could on the start. I really came to life the last half of that race. I got my wing back and I started to move around. I was starting to get really comfortable with what I was doing. I was really the only one running the top in turns one and two and I could really transition my momentum that way."

Before Bayston was even in the picture, it was the Craig Mintz and Zeb Wise show at the "Home of Ohio's Finest Racing" with Mintz earning the initial command after starting from the outside-pole position. Lap after lap, Wise hounded Mintz for the race lead, showing his nose on multiple occasions before earning the race lead for a single circuit on lap ten. Mintz immediately retook the point, resliding Wise in turn four to lead lap 11.

Although Mintz was able to stretch his legs after regaining the top spot, Wise rebounded and

used slower traffic to his advantage, ultimately tracking down Mintz to a car length by lap 27. The following circuit, Wise was the new man in charge, beating Mintz in a drag race back to the line to officially lead lap 28. Meanwhile, Bayston was beginning to make his presence known, working by Tyler Courtney for third on lap 25 before setting his aim on Wise and Mintz.

By lap 32, Bayston was all over the lead duo, first getting by Mintz on lap 33, then using the turn one and two cushion to power around Wise on lap 36.

"To think, the last two years or so, I was sitting at home watching these races," Bayston added. "I owe it all to Mike McGhee...Sam and Kevin...and to all of the hard work they put into this thing. A big thanks to all of the fans for coming out and sticking out the weather. I'm glad we got it in and hopefully that was fun to watch."

The All Star Circuit of Champions will continue the month of September with the heavily sought-after Tuscarora 50 at Port Royal Speedway in Port Royal, Pennsylvania. The three-day blockbuster, set to headline action on Thursday through Saturday, September 9-11, will feature three complete programs. Commemorating its 54th edition, the 2021 Tuscarora 50 will award a \$54,000 payday.

Zeb Wise Outruns the Wild Child in Closing Laps for \$5,000 Attica Victory

ATTICA, OH - It has not been an easy season for Zeb Wise, but the



Zeb Wise raced his way to victory lane Friday night at Attica Raceway Park. (Paul Arch photo)



Spencer Bayston brought home the win in the Attica Ambush Finale after the race was moved up to avoid a rainy night at Attica Raceway Park on Saturday. (Paul Arch photo)

recent high school graduate shook off the bad luck Friday night at Attica Raceway Park and cashed in for his second FloRacing All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 victory of the 2021 season, outrunning Jac Haudenschild in the closing circuits to do so. In addition, it was a first-ever Attica Raceway Park victory for the Indiana youngster.

Jac Haudenschild hung on to finish second in the Attica Ambush opener, the only non-All Star within the top-five, followed by Skylar Gee, Spencer Bayston, and Hunter Schuerenberg.

"Man, the last month and a half have been so rough...a lot of things within our control, but a lot of things that weren't. I don't think I've ever had a year as rough as this one," Zeb Wise said in Attica victory lane, driver of the Sundollar Restoration, Quick Pits Auto Parts, No. 10. "To stand up here after all of the hard work everyone has done is so rewarding, especially here...I love Attica...I love all of the fans...this place is electric and I love being

here."

Although Wise was the man on top on lap 35, the "Steel City Outlaw" Tim Shaffer was the man in charge for much of the 35-lap contest, leading the first 27 circuits from the outside-pole position. Shaffer set a solid pace, but it was not without challenges, as Buch Motorsports' Justin Peck did his best to outduel Shaffer on many occasions, showing his nose multiple times between laps 16 and 19. Traffic was a factor between laps 11 and 16, but a pair of cautions on laps 17 and 19 cleared the track for Shaffer.

Unfortunately for Peck, any hope for victory came to a halt on lap 24, as a flat tire, discovered while awaiting clean up for a red flag incident, forced the Coastal Race Parts No. 13 to go to the work area.

Meanwhile, Wise, who started fourth, was already on the move, battling by Jac Haudenschild for third at the midpoint before working by Peck for second on lap 23. The lap 24 restart would allow Wise to get a run on Shaffer and show the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania-native his nose, but another red flag incident on lap 27 would halt Wise's potential.

Determined to get by, Wise repeated his pass attempt the following restart, eventually sliding Shaffer between turns three and four to take the lead on lap 28. The main event's final caution would appear on lap 30, this time for Tim Shaffer, who ultimately slowed due to mechanical issues.

From that point forward, it was all Wise at the front of the field, withstanding late race pressure from Jac Haudenschild before stretching his legs in the final three circuits.

Texas

Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Texas Motor Speedway is opening one of its campgrounds free of charge to victims of the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida in Texas and Louisiana.

The campground is located on speedway property off Highway 114, just south of the Lone Star Kartpark. The adjacent shower/restroom facility will be open and

available. Directional signs to the campground will be posted throughout the facility.

Speedway Children's Charities-Texas Chapter is working with the American Red Cross to help collect monetary and blood donations for those affected by the hurricane. Visit <https://www.redcross.org/donate/cm/scc-pub.html/> or <https://www.speedwaycharities.org/texas/> to make a donation. Any physical donations should be made directly to local shelters.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone dealing with the devastating effects of Hurricane Ida so we want to do what we can to provide a safe space for those affected, whatever we can do to help we will." said Texas Motor Speedway Senior Vice President and General Manager Rob Ramage. "We're honored to work with Speedway Children's Charities and the American Red Cross for all their selfless work and the assistance they provide."

Keep track of all of Texas Motor Speedway's events by following on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Keep up with all the latest news and information on the speedway website and TMS mobile app.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - This ain't your granddad's car show. From drift car ride-alongs to lawnmowers racing at speeds in excess of 60 mph, attendees at this weekend's Charlotte AutoFair will have plenty of fun things to see and do as the world's largest automotive extravaganza returns to Charlotte Motor Speedway after a two-year hiatus.

Here's a look at what car enthusiasts, racing fans and visitors of all ages will witness at this weekend's showcase of family-friendly entertainment:

• HEY, HEY, IT'S THE MON-



From a screen-used Monkeemobile and a "The Fast and the Furious" Dodge Charger to lawnmower racing and thrill rides, this weekend's Charlotte AutoFair has something for everyone to enjoy. (CMS photos)

KEEMOBILE: Fans of the 1960s comedy series "The Monkees," or the enduring sounds of the pop-rock band by the same name, will be treated to an iconic piece of television history as the show's famed "Monkeemobile" will be among the attractions.

Designed and built by legendary car designer and fabricator, Dean Jeffries, the customized 1966 Pontiac GTO came complete with a cartoonishly flared front and rear end; unique side exhaust; a tour-car styled, convertible top; an eye-catching 6-71 supercharged engine; and was finished off with a rear parachute. It was one of only two vehicles used to film and promote the show during its two-season run.

• **CATCH A DRIFT:** There's no better place to get "slideways" than at the Charlotte AutoFair, where attendees can ride shotgun with a professional drift car driver and rocket around a custom-designed course for the ride of a lifetime in Dodge Challenger SRT® Hellcat Redeyes and Charger SRT Hellcat vehicles. The Dodge Thrill Rides will be set up just outside the infield Showcase Pavilion offering \$29 rides around tight, closed courses filled with drifts, donuts and a whole lot of burning rubber. Bring the family along (up to three people) for just \$49.

• **FAST AND FURIOUS:** Marking the 20th anniversary of the first film in the legendary "Fast & Furious" saga, Charlotte Motor Speedway will showcase the car that launched the iconic franchise. The Dodge Charger driven by Vin Diesel's character Dom Toretto in the original motion picture, the famous charger was built with a 1969 Dodge Charger as the base, but

using parts from 1968 and 1970 models, and an eye-catching Chuck Taylor Racing Engines-built motor.

Twenty years after gracing the big screen – and on the heels of the ninth "Fast & Furious" film's release earlier this summer, one of only two surviving Chargers will make its way to the Charlotte AutoFair to delight car enthusiasts and movie buffs alike.

• **LORDS OF THE LAWN:** Ready, set, mow! Titans of turf and gladiators of grass are mow-tivated for the return of the Charlotte AutoFair this weekend as the event will mark the long-awaited return of sod-sliding lawn mower racing to Charlotte Mow-ter Speedway.

Amid the mass of classics, customs, hot rods and muscle cars that will surround the famed 1.5-mile superspeedway during the world's largest auto extravaganza, the U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA) will host 10 classes of fescue-frying speed on Saturday at the speedway's fifth-mile dirt oval course, just outside of Turn 3 of the oval. Spectators can take in all the action, as mowers top 60 mph, free with admission to the AutoFair.

• **HONOR AND REMEMBER:** Area veterans and community members, led by Old Armor Beer Company co-founders Kyle Lingafelt and Stefan Perrine, will take part in a 110-story memorial stair climb at Charlotte Motor Speedway to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11. The event will include a brief ceremony, in-

cluding guest speakers and the Charlotte Fire Department Pipe and Drums. The event will take place in and around the grandstands near Turn 1. It is open to the public and does not require Charlotte AutoFair admission to attend.

• **BEST OF THE BEST:** AutoFair officials have scoured the country – from SEMA to Autorama – to find the absolute best-of-the-best, most tricked-out customs that are the envy of car collectors the world over. While the showcase pavilion always highlights the cream of the crop at AutoFair, this year's best-of-the-best display features the very best of the automotive world.

Speaking of the best, Saturday afternoon, the best of the Charlotte AutoFair will be on display during a special awards ceremony in Victory Lane. Fans are invited to watch as the car club best of show winners are announced and the overall Charlotte AutoFair Best of Show vehicle is selected.

TICKETS: Single-day tickets are \$10 on Thursday and \$15 on Friday and Saturday for adults. Admission is FREE for children 12 and under with an adult. Tickets are available online at www.charlotte-motorspeedway.com/tickets, or at the gate.

FOLLOW US: Keep track of Charlotte AutoFair attractions and events by following on Twitter and Instagram or become a Facebook fan. Keep up with all the latest news and information with the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - Lifesaving blood donations will be collected on Friday, September 10, in the third annual Drive For Life Blood Drive Presented by Delta Air Lines.

Atlanta Motor Speedway, the American Red Cross, and Delta have partnered together to host the event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Atlanta Motor Speedway's Tara Ballroom, located within the AMS Condo Building at 1500 Tara Place.

The number of appointments is
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limited and interested donors are encouraged to secure a donation time that works for them as soon as possible.

Appointments can be made using the Blood Donor App or by going to RedCrossBlood.org and using sponsor code "DeltaATL". Appointments can also be made by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

As many as three lives can be saved each time someone donates blood. Red Cross employees have implemented additional precautions to ensure blood drives and donation centers are safe for donors and staff and reduce potential exposure to COVID-19. Face masks are required inside the donation site.

All presenting donors will receive a free Drive for Life t-shirt, a coupon (via email) from Sport Clips for a free haircut, and entry into a drawing to win one of two \$50 gift cards. To prepare to give blood, the Red Cross recommends donors eat iron-rich meals and drink plenty of water. A photo ID will also be needed upon arrival.

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Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - YouTube sensation MrBeast, also known as Jimmy Donaldson, conducted one of his world-famous game contests inside iconic Bristol Motor Speedway recently, offering a \$500,000 first prize to one of 10 finalists who could survive the longest in the world's most lucrative game of Extreme Tag.

The video of the event, which can be viewed by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uocETPj4Jx4> made its debut on YouTube on Saturday, Sept. 4, and is currently trending No. 1 worldwide with 25,218,723 views as of Monday, Sept. 6.

The 10 finalists spread out all around the vast Bristol Motor Speedway stadium while Donaldson and his squad set out on a mission to hunt them down. One by one they tagged each contestant over a two day span until there was

one remaining and that person earned half a million dollars. The other contestants were presented cash and cars as prizes.

MrBeast and the contestants spent more than 48 hours inside Bristol Motor Speedway playing the Extreme Game of Tag. MrBeast is one of the world's top YouTubers with more than 68.4 million subscribers. He began posting YouTube videos in 2012 at the age of 13. His videos started to go viral in 2017 and today his team has grown to 30 people.

It is the second YouTube event that BMS has hosted this year as the famed NASCAR short track also was the setting for Dude Perfect's bucket-list event called Chaos at the Colosseum in June.

zMAX Dragway

CONCORD, NC - As NHRA teams gear up for the Countdown to the Championship playoffs, Camping World Drag Racing Pro Stock competitors will return to competition at the Bellagio of Drag Strips, zMAX Dragway, at the 2021 DEWALT NHRA Carolina Nationals, Sept. 17-19.

zMAX Dragway, has seen incredible competition from the stars of the Pro Stock category including reigning Pro Stock champion Erica Enders, three-time winner Greg Anderson, and NHRA rookie Dallas Glenn, who scooped up his first career win this year in Charlotte at the NGK NTK NHRA Four-Wide Nationals. Fans of the area will be treated to competition from these ultra-sophisticated machines and some of the stars of the NHRA Camping World Drag Racing Series circuit.

With the return of Pro Stock racing to zMAX Dragway, the weekend will feature three action-packed days of racing from all four pro classes (Top Fuel, Funny Car, Pro Stock and Pro Stock Motorcycle), as well as Pro Mod, Top Alcohol and a full slate of sportsman classes.

The 11,000-horsepower, 330+ mph excitement kicks off on Friday, Sept. 17 with the opening round of qualifying for all four pro classes. The final two qualifying sessions on Saturday, Sept. 18 will set the field for Sunday, Sept. 19's pivotal elimination rounds. New for 2021, Sunday's eliminations will kick off at 10:30 a.m.

TICKETS: Three-day passes for the DEWALT NHRA Carolina Nationals start at just \$99, and are available online at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com. Kids 12 and under get in FREE all weekend.

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Jimmie Johnson knows Texas Motor Speedway like no other, with a track-record seven NASCAR Cup Series wins to his credit, but his first laps on an oval behind the wheel of an IndyCar created a completely new race track for the seven-time series champion.

Johnson and his No. 48 Chip Ganassi Racing NTT INDYCAR SERIES team conducted a seven-hour test at No Limits, Texas, which began at 6 a.m. CT. in the relative cool (75 degrees Fahrenheit at sunrise) and finished just after 1 p.m. with a heat index of nearly 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Six-time and reigning NTT INDYCAR Champion Scott Dixon drove the initial laps around the 1.5-mile tri-oval, using the knowledge that's taken him to five victories at TMS, including the 2021 GENENSYS 300 on May 1.

"To know that I could come here and test and experience it as a driver was important to me," said Johnson. "Let's go to the tough one. It's one thing by myself. I feel like I can control my environment, and I'm very thankful that I'm able to go out here and do it. The way INDYCAR has advanced their safety and certainly what the tracks have done to increase the safety, my concerns are much less and that's why we're here today. Now that my concerns are at a certain point, now it's time to get in the car and see what my point of view is from there."

"The car drives way different. It's much more responsive so I've found the majority of the day just trying to acclimate to this new environment, one that's much faster and certainly a bit more sensitive to the inputs that the driver gives to the car. But it's been really nice to be on a familiar track. I know where I am, I know what to do, I know the line around this place, and even down to simple things like knowing where the hotel was last night or knowing how to drive into the tunnel and get into the infield. There's been some small wins that are nice to have."

In addition to Dixon, on-hand for Johnson's maiden IndyCar voyage were a current and a former Chip Ganassi Racing IndyCar driver to offer insight and encouragement: Tony Kanaan (2004 series champion, 2004 TMS race winner, and Johnson's current co-driver of the No. 48); and three-time series champion and 2011 TMS winner Dario Franchitti.

"It's a challenging thing that Jimmie's doing as I say, but so far he's

done very well," said Franchitti. "Track conditions were a little nicer this morning at 6 AM when Scott (Dixon) went out and those early runs Jimmie did, but it's heated up now, and he's learning a little bit about how the Indy car slides around a bit when it gets hot."

"It's all about the subtleties. It would be like a person that plays cricket and plays for the English team or whatever ... it's got a bat, it's got a ball. Then I'm going to play baseball. It's got a bat, it's got a ball. Everything else is different, and I think that's the difference between a stock car and an Indy car. Everything you learn on the way up, and everything you learn when you're the top in either of those fields, doesn't prepare you in any way to do the other. In fact, it hurts you."

TICKETS: Tickets for the June 16-17 NASCAR Cup Series Auto-trader EchoPark Automotive 500 weekend, are on sale now at <http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com>.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

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Evans said racers from across the country are expected with participate, with competitors as young as 10 years old powering their customized mowers to speeds up to 60 mph in hopes of claiming victory at the same facility where legendary NASCAR drivers like Jeff Gordon, Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt have raced.

"Charlotte is on the bucket list of every lawnmower racer," Evans said. "Everybody wants to come. It's exciting for us to have that many spectators. They do a great job on the track. It's great to experience that atmosphere. It's really exciting for all the racers. And for the fans, you can watch us on TV – on YouTube – all day long, but until you're standing there trackside, you can't fully appreciate it."

Clinton County Speedway

MILL HALL, PA - Williamsport's Matt Cochran parked his number 16 Limited Late Model in victory lane for the second consecutive year for the Lenny Stroud Jr. Memorial race, earning \$1,450 for the night. Other winners included Brandon Moser in the Pro Stocks, Timmy Bittner in the 270 Micro Sprints, Trevor Teats in the 600 Micro

Sprints and Blake Snyder in the 4 Cylinders.

Cochran and Joe Loffredo led the field of Limited Late Models to the green flag for the 25 lap main event. The Lenny Stroud Memorial Jr. Memorial was also the final points race for the Limited Late Models, as three drivers were in contention for the season championship including points leader Andrew Yoder, Mike Smith, and Jim Yoder.

Cochran took the early lead with Loffredo and Jim Yoder on his back bumper. The field with slowed on lap three for a spin in turn two. The caution came out again on lap four when three cars tangled in turn four. By the completion of lap number six Cochran was leading Jim Yoder, Loffredo, Andrew Yoder, Jennea Piper, Jakob Piper and Smith.

On lap number nine, Smith's car slowed coming down the front stretch to bring out the caution. Smith took his car back to the pit area, ending his chances of contending for the championship.

Upon the restart, Cochran raced into turn one with Jim Yoder, Joe Loffredo, Andrew Yoder and Jakob Piper in the top five. By lap 15, the leaders started to encounter lapped traffic. Andrew Yoder took the third spot away on lap number 16 and Piper took the fourth spot away shuffling Loffredo back to fifth.

With three laps remaining, the Yoders while battling for second briefly touched. Andrew Yoder stopped on the front stretch to bring out the caution. Andrew took his car to the pit area, but rejoined the back of field for the restart. With Andrew Yoder being able to restart, with three laps to go the championship battled would require his uncle Jim Yoder to win to claim the championship.

As the drivers came back to green flag racing, Cochran again

executed a flawless restart with Jim Yoder glued to his back bumper. Andrew Yoder, coming from the tail of the field, passed a few cars down the front stretch, however, as he headed into turn number one something mechanical in the steering broke crashing his #2 race car into the turn one wall. The driver was ok, but was a misfortune as the points races would be decided by the outcome of the final three laps.

The restart had Cochran, Yoder, Jakob Piper, Jennea Piper and Loffredo in the top five. The final three circuits, the top five remained unchanged as Cochran claimed the victory.

"It's been a rough season," said an emotional Cochran in victory lane. "We hurt a motor early in the season and it was difficult to get the needed parts. It feel great to get a win, especially when it's the Stroud Memorial." Jim Yoder was recognized as the 2021 champion in the Late Model division. Sixth through tenth were Nick Loffredo, Tom Decker, Jr, Denny Fournery, Tim Luben, and Marvin Williams.

Heat races were won by Smith and Andrew Yoder.

Gary Mellott and Robert Tressler led the field of Pro Stocks for their Summer Championship presented by Leonard Landscape Supply to the green flag. Tressler took the early lead with third place starter, AJ Stroup trying to chase him down. At the completion of lap number five, Tressler led Stoup, AJ Hoffman, Brandon Moser and AY Schilling. Stoup made a pass for the lead and took the top spot by the completion of lap number six. At the half way mark of the event, Moser passed Tressler for the runner up position. On lap number 16, the events only caution occurred when Gary Mellot slowed on the back stretch. The restart would make for an interesting finish among the top runners with Stroup leading Moser, Tressler, Hoffman and Cory Long. For the final four laps, Moser would try to pass Stroup in a drag race to the start-finish line. Stroup edged Moser by a nose on every lap. One again on the final lap the two raced each other hard looking to win the race. At the finish, Moser claimed the victory by a mere .018 seconds over Stroup, Tressler, Long and Hoffman. Sixth through tenth were AY Schilling, Noah Jenson, Tommy Dawson, Rich Fye and Todd Geyer. Heats were won by Jensen and Tressler.

Tyler Clowes and Mathew Dixon started on the front row of the 270

Micro Sprint feature. Dickson led the first circuit with Clowes taking the lead by the completion of lap number two. The caution waved on lap number 5 for an accident in turn four involving Dixson and Mike Shuckers. The restart had Clowes leading Logan Hammaker, Shawn Musser, Timmy Bittner and Denny Rhinehimer. Clowes continued to pace the field as Bittner began to move his way to the front. On lap number 11, Bittner made the winning pass. Bittner would take the checkered flag over Clowes, Rhinehimer, Jeffery Weaver, and Nick Whitesel. Sixth through tenth were Skeetz Hockenbrock, Hammaker, Troy Whitesel, Mitchell Holden, and Corey Stanley. Heat races were won by Shuckers, Hammaker, and Nick Whitesel.

In 600 Micros Sprint action, Trevor Teats and Derek Swartz led the field to the start. Teats took the lead with fourth place starter Timmy Bittner running in second. Fifth place starter Johnny Smith moved into thrived position on lap number five. At the midway mark ,Teats lead Bittner, Smith, Dexter Strawser, and Dustin Roberts. The event ran caution free, with Teats leading every lap. Smith took second away from Bittner on lap number twelve. At the finish it as Teats, Smith Bittner, Stawser and Jeffrey Weaver. Sixth through tenth were Roberts, Jeff Gyuina, Stone Keller, Mitchell Holden and Dan Tripoli. Heat races were won by Bittner and Smith.

Coty Maines and Josh Thompson started on the front row of the 4 Cylinder feature event. Maines took the lead with 6th place starter Tim Raup taking the second spot. On lap number five, the caution came out for Jimmy Moyer whose car caught on fire. The driver was ok. Maines and Raup continued to lead the field, with Blake Snyder, Dillan Craft and Ryan Unger in the top five. The top five would remain unchanged in the race to the checkered. Following post race inspections, Maines and Raup were disqualified. Snyder was credited with the win over Craft, Unger, Maddox Smith and Thompson. Sixth through tenth were Damon Hand, Anthony Potter, Jimmy Moyer, Dillan Hoover and Andrew Ricketts. Heats were won by Moyer, Chris Small and Smith.

The Clinton County Speedway returns this Friday with another 5 division show featuring the Race-Saver Sprints, Pro Stocks, 270 Micro Sprints, 600 Micro Sprints and the Four Cylinders. Gates Open at 5PM, Hotlaps at 7PM and

Racing at 7:30. For more speedway information visit www.ClintonCountySpeedway.com.

Goodyear All American Speedway

JACKSONVILLE, NC - Goodyear All American Speedway, Solid Rock Carriers, Racing Realty, and Rooms Unlimited are stepping up to help people in Louisiana and on the Gulf Coast who have been impacted by catastrophic Hurricane Ida.

Solid Rock Carriers has donated a trailer to be filled with supplies, which will be taken down to the Gulf Coast in the coming days. Beginning on Tuesday, Goodyear All American Speedway will be accepting donations on site, such as bottled water, batteries, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, paper products, non-perishable food and other essential items to be loaded up and delivered to residents of Louisiana.

On top of a drop-off site at Goodyear All American Speedway in Jacksonville, Roger Burns from Racing Realty and Jessica and Tyler Harth from Rooms Unlimited are also stepping up to assist with drop-off locations at their businesses.

"Louisiana needs our help and we need the local community's help," Tonya Goodyear said. "We don't know what Louisiana needs but it will probably be what we needed when Hurricane Florence paid us an unwelcome visit a few years ago. Thanks to Kirk Ipock and Solid Rock Carriers, we have a trailer to fill up for our neighbors so we hope the local community can help us help Louisiana."

Hurricane Ida made landfall on Sunday as a catastrophic category four (4) hurricane, one of the strongest storms to ever hit the United States, on the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The devastation in the wake of Hurricane Ida is expected to be severe for the gulf coast, which is still recovering from Katrina and from Hurricane Laura, another catastrophic storm that hit a year ago.

Goodyear All American Speedway will be open from 10am-5pm as a drop off. Residents who wish to drop supplies off after 5pm can give the track a call at (910) 708-0202 in advance so racetrack staff can stay late to collect supplies. Rooms Unlimited and Racing Realty will be accepting donations until 7pm, and will allow supplies to be dropped off on their front porch after hours.

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Goodyear All American Speedway is located at 4744 Richlands Hwy. in Jacksonville, Racing Realty is located at 241 Norris Rd. in Swansboro, and Rooms Unlimited is located at 441 Cedar Point Blvd. in Cedar Point.

Goodyear All American Speedway is Jacksonville's Action Attraction featuring racing and other

events. For more information about Goodyear All American Speedway, check out the speedway's website, like/follow "Goodyear All American Speedway" on Facebook, or follow the track on Instagram.

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Ryan Lilick, behind the wheel of the Dennis and Debbie Becker-owned No. 49, avoided all accidents in the caution filled 30-lap 358 NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series T.P. Trailers Modified feature on Saturday night at Grandview Speedway to score his first career victory in the division. Prior to switching to the Modified division a few years ago, he had won seven Sportsman features.

The T.P. Truck Equipment 25-lap Sportsman feature was also marred with several cautions. At the conclusion defending champion Brian Hirthler put the Green Lane/Wm. Penn/4-Star Lettering mount in victory lane for his fifth win of the season by a comfortable margin over runner-up Jimmy Leiby.

The ARDC 20-lap Midget feature was a photo finish down-to-the wire race between winner Tommy Kunsman and second-place finisher Steve Buckwalter.

Bobby Gunther Walsh led the early laps of the Modified feature once it got underway after a backstretch tangle that brought out the red since the track was blocked before any laps could be recorded.

The yellow came out again on the fourth lap when Jeff Strunk was in the third turn wall and had a right and left flat tire and Kevin Hirthler sustained a left front flat tire. Strunk was through for the night, but Hirthler continued. Gunther Walsh continued his pace on the restart with Ron Kline putting in his bids for the lead.

On the seventh lap restart caused when Cory Merkel stopped in the third turn, Kline, the 2005 Late Model point champion, took to the outside lane and charged into the lead. Lilick followed through for second at the same time to pressure him.

A multi-car fourth turn mishap on the 12th lap brought out the yellow. On this restart Lilick charged to the front of the pack followed by Brad Grim, Doug Manmiller, Craig Von Dohren and Kline. Trying to break into the top five was Brett Kressley, who was involved in the opening red that sent him pit side. He was able to rejoin the rear of the field when he returned.

The final caution was with 10 laps to go after Jesse Leiby got into the wall between turns three and four. Before the race went green again Brad Brightbill, last week's feature winner, dropped out of competition. The running order behind Lilick on the restart now consisted of Manmiller, Von Dohren, B. Grim and Duane Howard.

Lilick never looked back once he became the new leader, but he kept a watch on the scoreboard so he knew who was running where. The finishing order certainly changed as Kressley was on the move and finished second followed by current point leader and defending champion Von Dohren, Manmiller and Howard. Rounding out the top ten were B. Grim, Mike Lisowski, Kline, Justin Grim and Brad Arnold.

Heats were won by Gunther Walsh, Kline and Joe Funk. Jared Umbenhauer won the consi.

Polesitter Colten Perry took the early lead at the wave of the green in the Sportsman feature trailed by B.J. Joly, coming off from a win in the Outlaw Sportsman Vintage feature at the track the previous night; Adrianna Delliponti, Joey Vaccaro and Tyler James.

Lap 13 was a lucky one for Joly as he was able to overtake Perry to become the new pacesetter.

Jimmy Leiby took over second on the 15th lap to challenge Joly, but the next time around Hirthler was in the runner-up position.

Perry spun between the first and second turn bringing out the yellow on the 17th circuit. On the restart Hirthler and Leiby were one and two with Joly, current point leader Kenny Gilmore and Vaccaro now third through fifth.

In no time Hirthler had a comfortable lead built up and continued to claim his 12th career win. Following him across the line were Leiby, Gilmore, Dylan Hoch and

Joly. Sixth through tenth were Ryan Beltz, Vaccaro, Dakota Kohler, Tyler James and Chris Esposito.

Heats were won by Cole Stangle, Vaccaro and Delliponti. Beltz won the consi.

The final NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series point standings will be decided on Saturday, September 11, with the running of the Hope Mortgage Team Championship Night for Modifieds and Sportsman. And there will be a fireworks display to go with the expected fireworks on the track. It will all get started at 7:30 p.m.

Zach Curtis led one lap of the Midget feature before Kunsman motored into the lead on the second lap followed for second by Brett Wanner.

At the half-way point, Kunsman was first, but now Buckwalter was in second in pursuit of the leader.

Kunsman's sizeable lead was erased when Steve Craig slowed in the second turn for the only caution on lap 15.

The last five laps Kunsman and Buckwalter ran side-by-side battling for the lead. Buckwalter overtook the lead on the white flag lap, but coming in for the checkered Kunsman made a bold move to regain control as the pair crossed the line by a mere .012 seconds difference. Wanner was third followed by Kevin Woody, Curtis, Mike Markey, J.R. Booth, Shannon Mousteller, Craig and Mark Sokol.

Buckwalter and Kunsman were the heat winners.

Coming events include Saturday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. Hope Mortgage Team Championship Night for Modifieds and Sportsman-Jeff Strunk, Justin Grim and Lex Shive take part in Meet & Greet. \$5,000 in bonus bucks for race winners, hard luck drivers, hard chargers and more. A GREAT FIREWORKS SHOW- Adults \$15. Youngsters 11 and under admitted free.

Friday, September 17: 7:30 p.m. Freedom38 for Sportsman plus Modifieds practicing. Both nights Gary Balough, winner of hundreds of Modified and Late Model features, will have his most famous race car on display, the Batmobile. He will also be autographing copies of his book, "A Checkered Past: My Story, Gary Balough".

Saturday, September 18: 7 p.m. 51st Annual Freedom 76 for Modifieds paying \$30,000 to win—Chapel service has been moved outside of main gate area starting at 2:45 p.m. BRING YOUR BLANKET OR CHAIR. Entry blanks for this event can be found at

www.grandviewspeedway.com under the rules and forms section.

In the first turn pavilion area Pete Knappenberger and his Madie Pearl Band will be entertaining fans from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT. Lap and qualifying event sponsorships are available for the 51st Annual Freedom 76 set for September 18th. The winner will walk off with at least \$30,000. For info contact Tina Rogers or Tommy Kramer at the track or telephone Ernie Saxton at 267.934.7286.

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - For the second year in a row the Hope Mortgage Team will be sponsoring the Championship Night at Grandview Speedway. The Saturday, September 11 doubleheader card of stock car racing will feature the T.P. Trailers NASCAR Modifieds and T.P.Truck Equipment Sportsman in their final point events of the 2021 season.

To make the night of racing, the battle for the titles and improving final positions in the standings, even more interesting, Conshohocken based the Hope Mortgage Team at Finance of America, will be posting \$5,000 in cash awards. Topping the list of awards will be \$1,000 going to the winner of the 30-lap Modified feature making for a total of \$3,800 including track prize money and \$300 from T.P.Trailers of Limerick, PA.

The winner of the 25-lap Sportsman feature will receive \$1,000 from the Hope Team along with the regular prize money and \$200 from T.P.Truck Equipment for a first place offering of \$1,800.

Heat winners in each division of competition on the Hope Mortgage Team Championship Night will receive money based on the number of qualifying events run.

Each division will have a Hard Luck award of \$250 while the Hard Charger in each division will take home an extra \$250.

And five non-qualifiers in each division, randomly selected, will receive \$100 of the Hope Mortgage Team money.

Going into the final night of NASCAR points racing, part of the Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series of NASCAR racing, 11-time and defending champion Craig Von Dohren sits on top of the Modified standings while Kenny Gilmore holds the number one spot for Sportsman.

The Hope Mortgage Team Championship Night will include a

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full series of qualifying events for each division topped by a 30-lap feature for the Modifieds and 25-lap feature for Sportsman. Fireworks will be included in the night of excitement. Adult admission is \$15 while youngsters 11 and under are admitted free.

For information on Grandview Speedway visit www.grandviewsspeedway.com,

check in on Facebook or telephone 610.754.7688.

Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - Temperatures soared in the Catawba Valley and on the racetrack Saturday night as the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returned to action on 84 Lumber Night at the Races.

Leading off the night's action would be the Heritage Finance Late Models in race one of their Twin 40 lap features. Jacob Heafner in the #95 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Mitch Walker in the #6 to his outside. Kaylee Bryson in the #1 and Landon Huffman in the #75 would make up row two for the start. Heafner would move to the early lead while Walker would face a challenge from Bryson second. Walker would secure the spot as Huffman would drive to Bryson's bumper to give chase for third.

Daison Pursley in the #12 would throw his hat into the ring to make it a three way battle for third. Bryson and Huffman would create their own battle for several laps until Bryson would nose ahead. Pursley would move around Huffman for fourth. Heafner would drive out to a commanding lead and hang on for the win. Walker would finish 2nd and Bryson would take 3rd. Pursley would come home in 4th and Huffman would take 5th after a hard fought battle with the #19 of Jessica Cann.

The Super Trucks would roll off next for 35 laps of racing action. Charlie Watson in the #9 would top time trials and start from the point with Jacob Weidman in the #77 to his outside. Row two would see Ricky Dennie in the #6 and Allen Huffman in the #51 side by side for the start. Watson would move to the early lead with Weidman facing a challenge from Dennie for second. As they would come down the



Jacob Heafner swept the Heritage Finance Late Model Twin 40s at Hickory Motor Speedway. (Sherri Starns Photography photo)

front stretch after lap one contact would see the trucks of Dennie and Weidman hard into the wall, collecting Huffman as well. All three challengers would hit pit road for major repairs.

The restart would see Watson and the #65 of Josh Goble bring the field back to the restart. Watson would move quickly to the lead with Goble in second. The halfway point would see Watson, Goble, the #4 of Zac Fowler, Joey Shuryan in the #30, and Duane Cook in the #17 as the top five. Cook would look inside Shuryan for position as the pair would race side by side sideways for multiple laps. Watson would drive on to take the win. Goble would finish 2nd and Fowler would take 3rd. Shuryan would come home 4th and Cook would finish 5th.

Next up would be the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models for their 35 lap slugfest. Bryson Ruff in the #24 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Mason Maggie in the #12 to his outside. Max Price in the #22 and Josh Stark in the #32 would make up row two for the start. The start would see Ruff nose ahead with Maggie glued to his bumper. John Reynolds Jr. in the #55 would get in the wall and bring out the caution after one lap.

Ruff and Maggie would lead the field back to the restart. Ruff would move to the early lead with Price challenging Maggie for second. Lap 5 would see the caution fly a second time as Andy Holt in the #00 would spin coming off of turn four. Ruff and Maggie would bring the field back to the green flag. Ruff would move quickly to the lead as Price would move around Maggie for second. The caution would fly on lap 7 for a single car spin in turn four. Ruff and Price would bring the

field back to the green flag. Ruff would pull to the lead as Maggio would challenge Price for second.

The halfway point would see Ruff, Maggio, Price, Zack Bruenger in the #54, and Josh Stark in the #32 as the top five. Maggio and Price would give chase, but Ruff would prove too tough and drive on to the win. Maggio would take 2nd and Price would get 3rd. Bruenger would finish 4th and Stark would take 5th.

The Heritage Finance Street Stocks would pound the pavement on the historic 3/8 mile oval next. Marlin Yoder in the #08 would top time trials and start from the point with Cody DeMarmels in the #12 to his outside. Row two would see Drew Cox in the #21 and Derek Fowler in the #31 side by side for the start. The first two rows would race be side by side until the caution would fly on lap 4 for a spin coming out of turn two by the #56 of John Guker. Yoder and DeMarmels would bring the field back to the restart. Yoder would move back to the lead as DeMarmels would run close behind in second. The caution would fly on lap 8 as the #33 of DJ Little would spin in turn two. Yoder and DeMarmels would bring the field back to the restart.

Yoder would pull back to the lead with DeMarmels in second. Lap 20 would see DeMarmels make his way around Yoder for the lead. Fowler would follow suit and move around Yoder for second. Fowler would look under DeMarmels for the lead with three laps to go. Fowler would make the pass for the lead with two laps to go as DeMarmels would look to retake the top spot. Fowler would hang on and take his first Hickory Motor Speedway victory. DeMarmels would finish 2nd and be the first to

congratulate Fowler as Jesse Clark in the #5 would finish 3rd and be the second person to congratulate his teammate Fowler. Cox would finish 4th and DJ Hamby in the #17 would come home in 5th.

Rolling off next would be the 4-Cylinders for their 25 lap feature. Qualifying would see Curtis Pardue in the the #17 take the top spot with Cody Combs in the #9 to his outside. Robert Trivette in the #11 and Dennis Trivette in the #11 would make up row two. Pardue would pull to the early lead with Robert Trivette following him to second. Pardue and Robert Trivette would duel for the top spot with Pardue maintaining the lead by a car length. Pardue would hang on and take the win. Robert Trivette would take 2nd, Combs would finish 3rd, and Dennis Trivette would take 4th.

Closing out the evening's festivities would be the Heritage Finance Late Models in the second of their Twin 40 lap features. After the invert from the finishing order of race one, Jessie Cann in the #19 and Landon Huffman in the #75 would roll off from the front row. Row two would see Daison Pursley in the #12 and Kaylee Bryson in the #1 door to door for the green flag. Huffman would take the early lead as Cann and Bryson would battle for second. The #95 of Jacob Heafner would move around both cars to take the second spot on lap four. Lap 10 would see Heafner make the pass on Huffman for the top spot. Mitch Walker in the #6 would move around Cann for third. The halfway point would see Heafner, Huffman, Walker, Cann, and Pursley as the top five.

Walker would move around Huffman for second on lap 31. Heafner would drive on to the win. Walker would finish 2nd with Huffman in 3rd. Pursley would finish 4th and Cann would finish 5th.

For more info check us out at www.hickorymotorspeedway.com, Facebook, Twitter, or call 828-464-3655.

Lake View Motor Speedway

LAKE VIEW, SC - Andy Stewart and Ed Mason raced to grassroots wins worth \$3,000 each Saturday night at Lake View Motor Speedway. Stewart was the Mid-East Street Stock winner, while Mason claimed the win in Stock V8 division.

After starting from the outside pole, Stewart quickly jumped into the lead over polesitter Cameron Norris, IV in the 30-lap Mid-East

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Street Stock feature. The first caution of the night waved on lap two when last week's Lake View winner, Cameron Holloway went for a spin in turn four. Stewart continued to lead through several restarts, including lap six when top five runner Rocky Gasque spun on the frontstretch and got into the inside guardrail. Once again, Stewart excelled on restarts opening up a 10-car length advantage at times over Norris and Everette Dunlap. On lap 14, the caution waved again when Walker Cockerill spun in turn four with Darryl Moran riding over the hood of Cockerill's machine. Stewart dominated to take the win over Dunlap, Hank Taylor, Dalton Pannell, and Mike Manes. Rounding out the top 10 were Dustin Watkins, Chris Powers, Michael Marlowe, Bubba Kolb, and Michael Butler.

Ian Padgett appeared to be the Stock V8 winner, but after post-race tech Ed Mason was awarded with the win. James Smith and Padgett led the field to green for the 30-lap race, with Smith getting the advantage to lead lap one. The first caution of the race waved at the completion of the first lap when Seth Outlaw and Caleb Dunlap spun in turn four. Smith continued to lead until lap 16 when he bobbled in turn three, allowing Padgett to slip by for the lead. One lap later, contact with Jaden Locklear sent Smith spinning in turn one. Padgett led the rest of the way, but with the disqualification, Mason inherited the win over Smith, John Charles, Brandon Grimsley, and Daniel Wallace.

Roanoke Rapids, NC driver Willie Milliken started from the pole and dominated to take his second straight Late Model win at Lake View. The only major incident occurred on a restart when Blake Sanderson spun and made hard contact with the frontstretch guardrail. Following Milliken at the finish were Colby Jenerette, Johnny Pridgen, Dustin Perritt, and Jeffery Johnson.

Following contact on the last lap between leaders Daniel Adam and Eddie Daniels, Jason Locklear prevailed for his first Legends win

The next event at Lake View Motor Speedway will feature the

Blue Ridge Outlaw Late Models, 602 Open Wheel Modifieds, CRUSA Street Stocks, Stock V-8, and the Morrisonbuilt Performance SCDRA Sport Compacts. For more information, please "Like" Lake View Motor Speedway on Facebook, follow @LakeViewDirt on Twitter or by visiting lakeviewmotorspeedway.com.

South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Saturday was a night of double celebration for Peyton Sellers at South Boston Speedway.

The Ringgold, Virginia resident checked off one of his goals for the 2021 season, capturing the South Boston Speedway NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division title and capped the South Boston Speedway points season with a victory in the 100-lap NASCAR Late Model Stock Car Division race that headlined Saturday night's Danville Toyota Championship Night presented by Ad Nerds Media event at South Boston Speedway.

The win, Sellers' fourth straight win and his ninth victory in 17 starts this season at "America's Hometown Track," gives him an opportunity to extend his lead in the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series national point standings and inch closer to capturing his second career NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series national championship.

"To cap off a championship night with a win is unbelievable," Sellers said after winning the race and scoring his 21st victory of the NASCAR national points season. "It's a good thing, that's for sure."

This is the fourth season in a row that Sellers has won the South Boston Speedway NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series track championship at South Boston Speedway.

"To win four straight championships here at South Boston Speedway is something I am very proud of," Sellers remarked. "Knowing how many names that have won championships here at South Boston Speedway and how many legends have won championships here, to be in that same list now is pretty special to me."

Sellers has won six career South Boston Speedway NASCAR track championships, leaving him one title shy of tying seven-time track champion David Blankenship of Moseley, Virginia for the most career NASCAR track championships at South Boston Speedway.

There was no easy path to victory for Sellers in Saturday night's 100-lap NASCAR Late Model Stock Car Division race. He led twice for a total of 65 laps, taking the lead from Jacob Borst of Elon, North Carolina on the 76th lap after muscling his way out of a tense four-car battle that followed the race's final restart with 28 laps to go.

Borst hung on to finish second,

1.695 seconds behind Sellers, with Chris Denny of Timberlake, North Carolina finishing third. National rookie points leader Landon Pemberton of Amelia, Virginia finished fourth and John Goin, a regular competitor at Dominion Raceway in Thornburg, Virginia, rounded out the top five finishers in the 18-car field.

There were three lead changes between Sellers and Borst in the race that was slowed by four caution periods and one red flag.

Daniel Moss Wins SBS Limited Sportsman Division Championship

In one of the closest championship points battles South Boston Speedway has had in its NASCAR Limited Sportsman Division, Daniel Moss of Danville, Virginia won his first career NASCAR track championship, edging Jason Myers of Hurt, Virginia by a slim two-point margin for the title.

Entering Saturday's 50-lap Limited Sportsman Division race, Moss held a narrow 13-point edge over Drew Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia and a 22-point margin over Myers, who had rallied up to third place in the points chase on the strength of three straight wins.

Moss got off to a good start in Saturday night's race only to have his car start fading just past the midway point of the race. He hung on to finish seventh, but both Myers and Dawson finish ahead of him.

Eric Winslow of Pelham, North Carolina took the lead from Ryan Joyner of Lucama, North Carolina on the 14th lap and led the final 36 circuits to win the race and earn his third victory of the season at South Boston Speedway this season.

Winslow edged J.D. Eversole of North Chesterfield, Virginia by .403-second in taking the win with Myers, who started at the rear of the 15-car field, finishing third. Dawson finished fourth and Daniel Crews of Long Island, Virginia rounded out the top five finishers.

There were two lead changes in the race between Winslow and Joyner.

Nathan Crews Wins Budweiser Pure Stock Division Title

Nathan Crews had double reason to celebrate following Saturday night's 30-lap Budweiser Pure Stock Division race.

The Long Island, Virginia resident took the lead from teammate Daniel Shelton of Hurt, Virginia with three laps to go as the engine in Shelton's car soured and won the 30-lap race and the 2021 South Boston Speedway Budweiser Pure Stock Division championship.

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Peyton Sellers (second from the left) is congratulated in Victory Lane by South Boston Speedway General Manager Cathy Rice (left), South Boston Speedway Assistant General Manager Chase Brashears (third from the left) and Kevin Nevalainen, NASCAR Senior Director of Weekly Racing Operations, after capturing the South Boston Speedway NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division championship Saturday night. Sellers won the 100-lap NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division race to earn his ninth win of the season at "America's Hometown Track." (Joe Chandler/South Boston Speedway photo)

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This marks the second straight Budweiser Pure Stock Division championship for Crews and the third straight title for his family-owned race team. Shelton won the title in 2018 driving Crews' car.

Saturday night's win was his 11th victory in 13 starts this season at South Boston Speedway. It was his fourth win in his last five starts. He edged runner-up Bruce Mayo of Halifax, Virginia by 5.867 seconds, with Shelton limping his ailing car home for a third-place finish. B.J. Reaves finished fourth in his Budweiser Pure Stock Division debut and Jimmy Wade of Halifax, Virginia rounded out the top five finishers.

Josh Dawson Captures Budweiser Hornets Division Championship

Josh Dawson of Halifax, Virginia was among the trio of drivers to enjoy double celebrations Saturday night as he won the 15-lap Budweiser Hornets Division race and also captured the 2021 South Boston Speedway Budweiser Hornets Division title.

It was Dawson's first career NASCAR championship, with Dawson topping his cousin, Jared Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia for the title.

Josh Dawson started at the rear of the 11-car field and grabbed the lead from Andrea Ruotolo of South Boston, Virginia with two laps to go to take the victory. The win was Josh Dawson's eighth victory in 10 starts this season at South Boston Speedway.

Ruotolo finished second in what was his best outing of the season. Former division champion Kevin Currin of Chase City, Virginia finished third with Kendall Milam of Keeling, Virginia and Jared Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia completing the top five finishers.

Stacy Puryear, Danny Bond Score Wins In Southern Ground Pounders Race

Stacy Puryear of South Boston, Virginia won the Sportsman Division trophy while Danny Bond of Dinwiddie, Virginia won the Modified Division trophy in Saturday night's race for the Southern Ground Pounders Vintage Racing Club.

Chris Werner of Mooresville, North Carolina was the runner-up in the Sportsman Division and Den-



Nathan Crews (center) is congratulated by South Boston Speedway General Manager Cathy Rice (left) and South Boston Speedway Assistant General Manager Chase Brashears (right) after winning the Budweiser Pure Stock Division championship at South Boston Speedway. Crews won Saturday night's 30-lap Budweiser Pure Stock Division race along with winning the division championship. (Joe Chandler/South Boston Speedway photo)

nis Werner of Southport, North Carolina took the runner-up spot in the Modified Division.

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Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR weekly racing action with the Late Model division taking center stage with their extra distance Paradiso Insurance Late Model 50 feature event. Wayne Coury, Jr. took the lead on lap-20 and then led the rest of the way to win the Paradiso Insurance Late Model 50.

Other feature winners on the evening included Stephen Kopcik, who recorded his second consecutive and fourth overall win of the 2021 season in the SK Modified®

feature, Brian Sullivan scored his third win of the season in the SK Light feature, Matt Scappini came up as a first time Stafford feature winner in the Limited Late Model feature, and Frank L'Etoile, Jr. notched his fifth win of the season with a comeback drive through the field after spinning on the second lap of the Street Stock feature.

In the Paradiso Insurance 50-lap Late Model feature, Paul Varricchio, Jr. took the lead at the green with Paul Arute, John Blake, Wayne Coury, Jr., and Tom Fearn lined up behind him. Arute was hounding Varricchio for the lead and he made a pass in turn 4 to take the lead on lap-8. The order remained the same until lap-13 when Coury made a move to take third from Blake. Blake then slid back to ninth place as Fearn, Adam Gray, Michael Bennett, Kevin Gambacorta, and Tyler Leary all got by Blake.

Coury took second from Varricchio on lap-17 and Varricchio got shuffled back to seventh place as Fearn, Gray, Bennett, and Gambacorta all went by. Gray took third place from Fearn on lap-19 and that move allowed Bennett and Gambacorta to follow him by Fearn to drop Fearn back to sixth place. While all that position shuffling was going on, Coury had caught Arute and was applying heavy pressure for the lead. Coury made a pass on lap-20 to take over the lead with Arute settling into second.

Gray was able to get alongside Arute on lap-24 and he took second place. Bennett took third from Arute on lap-25 and Gambacorta and Fearn also got by Arute to move into fourth and fifth to kick Arute back to sixth. Leary got by Arute on lap-26 to take over sixth place and drop Arute back to seventh.

Coury was starting to pull away from Gray with 30 laps complete while Bennett and Gambacorta were lined up right behind Gray in a three-car fight for second place. Gambacorta was able to get by Bennett to take over third place on lap-38 while Coury was still comfortably in the lead with Gray still holding second place.

Just as Coury looked to be comfortable in the lead, Gray started to slowly reel Coury in and with 44 laps complete, Gray was within two car lengths of Coury with Gambacorta and Bennett still right behind him. Gray couldn't get close enough to Coury to make a bid for the lead as Coury took down his second win of the 2021 season. Gray came home in second with Gambacorta, Bennett, and Fearn rounding out the top-5.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature, Doug Meservey, Jr. took the lead at the green flag with Marcello Rufrano in second. Tyler Hines was third followed by Michael Gervais, Jr. and Bryan Narducci. Hines and Rufrano were racing side by side for second and they were still side by side when Meservey's car broke loose with a flat right front tire in turn 4 and headed into the wall to bring the caution out with 6 laps complete.

Rufrano took the lead on the restart but Hines charged his way into the lead going by Rufrano on lap-9. Gervais took second on lap-10 with Rufrano settling into third. David Arute was up to fourth with Narducci back in fifth. Just behind Narducci was the side by side duo of Todd Owen and Teddy Hodgdon. Owen got clear into sixth



Wayne Coury Jr. raced his way to victory lane in the Paradiso Insurance 50 Lap Late Model feature at Stafford Motor Soeedway. (SMS photo)

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place on lap-12 while Arute was looking for a way to get by Rufrano for third. Arute spun in turn 4 to bring the caution out with 14 laps complete and Narducci was sent to the rear of the field by Stafford officials for making contact with Arute.

Hines took the lead back under green with Gervais in second. Owen took to the outside lane to get

around Rufrano to move into third place with Rufrano slotting into fourth just in front of Stephen Kopicik. Owen was applying heavy pressure to the back bumper of Gervais for second while Kopicik got around Rufrano to move up to fourth as Hines continued to lead the race.

Owen made a move to the inside of Gervais on lap-22 and he took second place on lap-23. Kopicik took third from Gervais on lap-25 while Rufrano was still in fifth and Hines was still out front. The caution came back out with 26 laps complete for spins in turn 1 by Geoff Nooney and Chris Viens.

Hines again took the lead back under green with Kopicik taking second from Owen after a lap of side by side racing. Gervais was now side by side with Owen for third on lap-28 with Rufrano still in fifth. Kopicik made a move to the inside of Hines and both cars drifted up the track in turn 4, which allowed Owen to streak into the lead. Hines fell back to sixth place but Kopicik remained in second and he was side by side with Owen for the lead on lap-32.

With 5 laps to go Kopicik was back in front with Owen all over his back bumper in second. Gervais was third in line with Michael Christopher, Jr. up to fourth and Hines fifth. Kopicik was able to hold off the challenges of Owen until the white flag lap. Owen made a move to the outside of Kopicik coming through turns 3+4 on the final lap but couldn't find a way to take the lead as Kopicik scored his second consecutive victory and his fourth win of the 2021 season. Owen finished second with Gervais, Christopher, and Hines rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature, Peter Bennett took the lead at the green with Meghan Fuller and Amanda West side by side behind



Matt Scappini raced his way to the win in the 20 lap Limited Late Model event, his first career win at Stafford Motor Speedway. (SMS photo)

him but the caution came out with 1 lap complete for a spin on the backstretch by Mark Bakaj that collected several other cars including George Bessette, Jr., Tyler Chapman, Chris Bagnall and Nick Anglace.

Bennett took the lead on the restart with Tyler Barry, West, and Fuller behind him. Barry, West, and Fuller went 3-wide coming down the frontstretch with 2 laps complete and touched wheels, sending Fuller and Barry into the wall and collecting the car of Derek Debbis to bring the caution right back out.

Brian Sullivan took the lead from Bennett on the restart but the field only completed one lap before the caution came back out for spins coming out of turn 4 by Ed Chicowski, Anglace, and Glenn Bartkowski.

Sullivan took the lead with Bennett in second. Anthony Bello took third with Steven Chapman and West side by side for fourth place and Chris Matthews right behind them in sixth. Chapman cleared West for fourth place on lap-7 with Matthews moving into fifth and Alexander Pearl taking sixth as West fell back to seventh.

Bello took second from Bennett and on lap-11 Chapman took third from Bennett with Matthews and the side by side duo of Pearl and Bob Charland right behind them. Sullivan led Bello to the checkered flag to pick up his third win of the 2021 season. Pearl charged his way up to third at the finish with Chapman and Matthews rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature, Matt Scappini took the lead at the drop of the green flag with Alexandra Fearn quickly working her way through traffic to come up to second place. Gary Patnode was all over the back bumper of

Matt Clement for third and Patnode took third from Clement on lap-4 with Rich Hammann in fifth. Clement fell back to sixth as Hammann took fourth and Jeremy Lavoie took fifth on lap-5.

At the halfway point of the race, the top-3 cars of Scappini, Fearn, and Patnode were lined up nose to tail with Hammann and Lavoie several car lengths back in fourth and fifth. Scappini began to slowly stretch out his lead over Fearn in the closing laps and he couldn't be caught as he notched his first career win at Stafford. Patnode got by Fearn in the closing laps to finish second with Hammann and Lavoie rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature, Daltin McCarthy took the lead from Chris Danielczuk on the first lap before the caution flew for a spin in turn 1 by Frank L'Etoile, Jr. Tyler Trott was sent to the rear of the field by Stafford officials for making contact with L'Etoile.

The lap 2 restart saw Marvin Minkler lose a hood but the race stayed green with McCarthy taking the lead. Chris Meyer quickly took second and he then took the lead from McCarthy on lap-3. Meyer's move saw McCarthy drop back to seventh place as Bert Ouellette and Adrien Paradis, III were side by side for second, Bobby Stirk, III and Nickolas Hovey were side by side for fourth and Travis Hydar was sixth before Ouellette spun in turn 1 to bring the caution flag back out with 4 laps complete.

Meyer took the lead back under green with Stirk and Paradis going side by side for second. Hydar was fourth with Hovey and Brandon Michael side by side for fifth. Hydar worked his way up to second on lap-7 with Paradis third, Hovey fourth, and Stirk fifth. The caution came back out with 10 laps complete for a multi car spin in turn 3 in-

volving David Macha, Sr., Tyler Trott, and several other cars.

Meyer took the lead on the restart but Paradis was all over his back bumper. Paradis took the lead from Meyer on lap-12 but that pass was negated by the caution flag, which came back out for a spin coming out of turn 4 by McCarthy. Under the caution, Meyer, the Street Stock points leader, dropped off the pace and parked his car on pit road, done for the evening. Meyer's misfortune put Paradis and Hydar on the front row for the restart.

Hydar and Paradis were fighting side by side for the lead when the caution came back out with 13 laps complete for a multi car incident coming out of turn 4 that involved the cars of Ouellette, Kyle Johnson, Danielczuk, Christopher Phelps, McCarthy, and Alexander Fuller.

Paradis took the lead ahead of Stirk back under green while L'Etoile, who spun early in the race, was all the way back up to third place with a pass on Travis Hydar on lap-16. Hovey was fifth in line with Michael right on his back bumper in sixth. Stirk was applying heavy pressure to Paradis and he was able to make a move to the inside of Paradis and he took the lead by a nose at the line as the cars took the white flag. L'Etoile went by both Stirk and Paradis in turns 1+2 on the final lap and emerged with the lead going down the backstretch. L'Etoile led the field back to the checkered flag to pick up a spin and win victory, his fifth win of the 2021 season. Stirk came out of the final lap scramble in second with Paradis, Hydar, and Hovey rounding out the top-5.

For more information, visit www.staffordspeedway.com, checkout Stafford Speedway on Facebook or Twitter, or contact the track office at 860-684-2783.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway will host the 4th Annual TC 13 Shootout on Friday, September 10 with the support of multiple purse partners. The 13-lap race is a tribute to Ted Christopher, Stafford's all-time winningest driver with 109 career SK Modified® wins, 131 overall feature wins, and 9 SK Modified® track championships. This year's TC 13 Shootout currently boasts a purse of nearly \$4,000 thanks to contributions from Justin & Tabitha Manafort, Big Haus USA Racing Products, Gaston Racing Enterprises, LifeCare Family

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Chiropractic with Dr. Sean Noel, NorthEast Race Cars and Speed, Tri-Track Modified Series, and anonymous donors. Stafford Speedway is still accepting contributions for the TC 13 Shootout so the purse could be even higher when the cars take to the track on Sept. 10.

In addition to the TC 13 purse, Quinn Christopher, wife of the late Ted Christopher, will be distributing RS7C LTWT Bell Helmets to 5 lucky drivers on September 10th as part of the Ted Christopher Safety Initiative program. At the conclusion of each Stafford weekly feature event, a drawing will take place in NAPA Victory Lane to determine which driver from each division will win a new helmet. Quinn will also be selling newly designed TC t-shirts behind Section A, the Ted Christopher section, of the main grandstand. The tee-shirt highlights the numerous wins and accomplishments that TC amassed throughout his racing career with proceeds going back into the Ted Christopher Safety Initiative Fund. Also, Stafford Speedway is selling TC 13 flags with a portion of the proceeds being contributed to the TC Safety Initiative Fund. Flags are \$50 each and can be pre-ordered.

The TC 13 Shoot Out debuted in 2018 with Glen Reen winning the race in a Dan Avery owned car that carried the same black and gold paint scheme that Christopher made famous on his #13 car. The 2019 TC 13 was won by Keith Rocco, who broke into racing as a crew member for Christopher's #13 team before setting out on his own career. Todd Owen scored an impressive double win last season by winning both the regularly scheduled 40-lap SK Modified® feature as well as the TC 13 Shoot Out.

The 2021 TC 13 Shootout starting field will once again be set by the top-13 finishers in the regularly scheduled 40-lap SK Modified® feature on Sept. 10. The race winner will draw a number from 1 to 13 to determine how many drivers will be inverted from the feature finish for the TC 13 starting lineup. If 13 is drawn, the 13th place finisher will start on the pole of the shootout.

Any individual or business interested in supporting the TC 13

Shootout event may contact the track office at 860-684-2783.

The TC 13 SK Modified® Shootout and 40-lap SK Modified® feature will be paired with Stafford's Late Models, SK Lights, Limited Late Models, and Street Stocks for a full night of Stafford Weekly Racing. With September 10th also serving as First Responder Night, all first responder personnel with proper I.D. can get a general admission ticket for \$10.00. Regular tickets for the TC 13 SK Shootout are priced at \$20.00 for adult general admission, \$5.00 for children ages 6-14, and children ages 5 and under are admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult. Reserved seating is priced at \$25.00 for all ages and pit passes are \$35.00 with a valid 2021 Stafford Competition License and \$40.00 without a Stafford license. If you are unable to attend the event, tune into the live stream on FloRacing, the official streaming partner of Stafford Speedway. Tickets for the September 10th TC 13 Shoot Out are on sale through the Stafford Speedway website.

For more information, contact the Stafford Motor Speedway track office at 860-684-2783 or visit us on the web at www.staffordspeedway.com.

Wake County Speedway

RALEIGH, NC - The finest stars and cars of the Carolina's and Virginia roared into Wake County Speedway your NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Racing Series track for the Capital City 165.

Carson Haislip won the 2nd Legends feature in a 3 wide photo finish as America's "Favorite" Bullring was the place to be Friday night. We had a special guest at the track Friday evening to kick off the evening and the Make A Wish young man had a great time, winning a race, meeting drivers/ getting driver autographs, trophy and goodie bag to start off the evening.

The INEX Legends feature #1 of a twin bill was won by Trevor Thacker over Zack Brown from Raleigh and Carson Haislip from Apex to kick off the night's action. Car #27 and #21 rounded out your top 5 positions.

The Walls Towing 4 Cylinder feature was a battle with Brandon Clements from Swansboro grabbing the victory over AJ Sanders from Mocksville and Joseph Pittman from Lucama. Car #54 and #42 were your 4th and 5th place finishers. Clements thanked his team, family and fans from Leith-Cars.com victory lane.

The Bandolero feature was won by Ryley Music from Va.; Music has had a great season and his Bando is for sale, the 5th generation speedster held off Brody Marinko for the win. Phoenix Kimball ran 3rd followed by car # 87.

The Bomber feature was a wild one, Denny's Grand Slam caution early for a racecar up on the wall but Brian Craver was a man on a mission winning the feature over Chris "Candyman" Vestal.

The 2nd Legends feature was a barnburner, best of the year as INEX Legends Young Lion driver with Dillon Spain Motorsports, Apex Chessecakes, DSM and Crippin Ain't Easy wheelman Carson Haislip from Raleigh winning the 3 wide photo finish. Zack Brown was 2nd in his Zaxby's machine with Trevor Thacker at the stripe in the fantastic finish! Haislip thanked his family, friends, sponsors and fans from victory lane.

Boo Boo Dalton from Liberty held off Fuquay driver Ethan Johnson to win the Solid Rock Carriers Late Model race. Daniel Vuncannon, the #55 and #31 Clay Jones rounded out the top 5.

Wake County Speedway, 2109 Simpkins Road, Raleigh NC. September 10th is the place to be. A full card of action, twin races for the Late Models, Pro 4 Mods, Legends, Bandos and Bombers will make up the card. Bring your family, friends out for a fun filled Friday night; Wake County Speedway sells Sunoco Racing Fuel, Hoosier Racing Tires, Track Rental and Advertising Opps are all available. Follow <http://www.wcspeedway.com> and all media outlets. By the grace of God and 600 horsepower, see you at the races.

Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Brent Marks led flag to flag to pick up the \$6,088 victory in Friday night's Todd Shaffer Tribute Race for 410 sprint cars at Williams Grove Speedway.

The special event saw three-time track champion Shaffer of Millerstown feted before and during the event that he capped off by serving as honorary starter.

Marks drew the pole for the start of the 25-lap tribute race and jetted into control over TJ Stutts and Brian Brown as soon as Shaffer

dropped the green flag.

The first caution flag of the race appeared with four laps completed for a stopped Freddie Rahmer.

Brown wrestled second away from Stutts on the restart but failed to close on Marks as both Danny Dietrich and Lance Dewease started advancing.

By lap 11 Marks was working the backmarkers as Dietrich was working Brown for second.

The pair battled for the spot, swapping it a times, until lap 17 when Dietrich finally seized it for good.

With Dewease now up to third, Dietrich was trying to run down Marks in traffic with the second and final yellow of the race unfurled with three laps to go.

Marks got away on the restart to pick up the win by 1.481 seconds.

It was the second of the season for Marks at Williams Grove and his 10th overall victory of the season.

"My car was really good," Marks said, "To get our 10th win of the year is really special."

"I raced against Todd for a few years when I got started. He was my mom's favorite driver when I was growing up. It's great to win a race in his honor."

Dietrich was second followed by Dewease, Anthony Macri and Brown.

Sixth through 10th went to Steve Buckwalter, TJ Stutts, Chase Dietz, Matt Campbell and Lucas Wolfe.

Campbell won the "Mr. Excitement" Hard Charger Award worth \$550 as posted by members of Shaffer's pit crew during his entire career.

Campbell advanced to ninth at the finish after starting the race 19th in the field.

Heats went to Stutts, Marks and Wolfe

Macri set fast time with a lap of 17.000 seconds.

Derek Locke won for the seventh time this season in the 358 sprint car division.

He took the lead from Matt Findley on the seventh lap after starting third in the field.

Locke has been the only driver to win at the track this season.

Findley finished second followed by Chris Frank, Justin Foster and Tyler Brehm.

Heats went to Justin Foster and Matt Findley.

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