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Last Chance for the Chase

Joey Logano's situation is clear: He has to win Saturday night at the Richmond International Raceway or he won't be in the Chase for the Championship next week.

The same goes for Clint Bowyer, Dale Earnhardt Jr.,

Erik Jones, Daniel Suarez, Trevor Bayne, Paul Menard and anyone else in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series without a victory this year.

Since Chase Elliott, Jamie McMurray and Matt Kenseth tentatively have qualified for the playoffs on points, the 400-lap race at the three-quarter-mile speedway will be one of strategy and stress. They will have their own race within a race to make sure they aren't the lowest of the three in the rankings in case a non-winner takes an automatic spot with a victory at Richmond.

Logano talked briefly of his precarious position following a 18th-place finish Sunday night at the Darlington Raceway. While his answer was short, it spoke volumes.

"It's pretty simple," he said. "You could almost write an article without talking to me. We're on to the next one."

The playoffs were created to generate interest during the football season. The win-and-you're-in format forced teams to take more chances with race strategies. In the process, it created some unexpected winners that locked up automatic spots in the Chase like Austin Dillon at Charlotte, Kasey Kahne at Indianapolis, Ryan Newman at Phoenix, and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. at Talladega and Daytona.

Since they won't be part of the championship race, some of the sport's biggest names are in trouble to be relevant in the final 10 races of the season.

And none of those names are bigger than Earnhardt, the sport's most-popular driver for the past 13 years. Since his car has lacked speed most of the year, he seems to have accepted the fact his final 10 races before retirement won't be under the spotlight.

"I'm not overly worried, I mean, it will either work out for us or it won't," he said. "I have been in this situation before and I have certainly come to terms with how my season has went."



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"Am I happy about it? No. Am I satisfied? No. What we are as a team trying to steer ourselves in the right direction positively. With a good attitude. I have seen this situation in the past and teams that I've even been in fall apart and it just goes worse and spirals

out of control. So, we are dumping buckets of water out of this ship trying to figure out how to get going and get it right."

Bowyer's hopes to sneak in on points went up in smoke – literally – Sunday when his engine blew up after just 18 laps. Like everyone else in his situation, he knows the only way to consider 2017 a success is to win at Richmond.

With two career wins in 23 starts at Richmond, he's trying to remain optimistic.

"The way the playoffs look right now, we're not out of this thing," Bowyer said. "We've still got a good race track coming up for us. We'll just go there and do the best we can and put all the cards on the table over there."

What also works against many of the non-winners is Toyota's late-season surge. Martin Truex Jr., Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch have combined to win six of the last eight races. Bowyer and Bayne drive a Ford – a company that hasn't won since Stenhouse at Daytona on July 1 – while Earnhardt hasn't had a top-10 finish since June 25 on the road course at Sonoma, Calif.

Jones and Suarez both are in Toyotas, but both are series rookies. Elliott is 14th in points, followed by Kenseth and McMurray. All three are separated by just three points.

"Well, you are never comfortable," Elliott said. "We are certainly in a tight spot. I don't exactly know 100 percent where we are, but I know we are one of the last few spots of non-winners that are still in. That is not a comfortable position to be in because there is always an opportunity for a guy on the outside to win a race and bump you back another position. So, it's



Joey Logano starts 2017 with a win in the Clash at Daytona, but that one didn't count for the playoffs. Richmond will be his last chance to make the Chase. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

tight for sure where we are at.

"We feel like we need a victory to feel good about it. I mean, heck, we are not many from having a full playoff list of winners. So, yeah, no, we aren't real comfortable with it just because in that position you are not really guaranteed anything."

The feeling of desperation is shared by so many other drivers.

"You come to all these race tracks with an urgency to win, just like we did at the Daytona 500," Bowyer said.

But unlike Daytona, there won't be any other chances after Richmond to qualify for the playoffs.

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Denny Hamlin Sweeps Throwback Weekend at Darlington with Dramatic Win

By REID SPENCER
DARLINGTON, SC - Denny Hamlin made a huge mistake on Sunday night.

Then the driver of the No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota made an even bigger comeback to win one of

NASCAR's most prestigious races.

Running down race leader Martin Truex Jr. from 20 seconds back after missing the entrance to pit road on Lap 313 of 367, Hamlin won the Bojangles' Southern 500 for the second time, finishing off a sweep of the throwback Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series/NASCAR XFINITY Series weekend at Darlington Raceway.

On tires that were 10 laps fresher than Truex's, Hamlin exited pit road in 14th-place on Lap 315 after missing the entrance the first time and methodically began to chop into Truex's lead. With just over two laps left, Hamlin was closing fast, as Truex was fighting to maintain control of his car on worn-out rubber.

Truex grazed the wall on Lap 365, then cut a tire and bounced off the wall again as Hamlin rushed past. Two laps later Hamlin had his second victory of the season and the 31st of his career.

Hamlin beat JGR teammate Kyle Busch to the finish line by 2.599 seconds as Truex faded to eighth after clinching the regular-season championship by winning the first two stages of the race.

"That's as hard as I can drive," said Hamlin, whose Camry sported a paint scheme paying tribute to renowned modified driver Ray Hendrick. "What can I say--it's the flying 11. It means everything to me. I mean, as far as I'm concerned, this is a throwback to my history - this is for Ray Hendrick, Bugs Hairfield, Wayne Patterson, Eddie Johnson, the short track guys that I grew up watching.

"This was a throwback to them. Back in 1985 and 1989, I was at Southside Speedway in the stands watching them race and learning everything I could from them, and this is a throwback to them and their history."

Hamlin last won the Bojangles'

Southern 500 in 2010, when he also achieved a two-race sweep. In the last seven runnings of the event, Hamlin has finished in the top six on six occasions.

But, under the circumstances, Sunday night's win was one to savor.

"This one's sweeter," he acknowledged, "going through the adversity we did."

Hamlin was pushing hard to get to pit road on Lap 313 when he came in too hot and had to steer his car back onto the track to avoid a commitment violation or contact with the barrels at the head of pit road. Hamlin termed it "kind of a rookie move," but over the closing laps he more than atoned for the mistake.

Truex didn't have the dominant car in the first two stages, but he won both, despite leading just 34 of the first 200 laps. And when Truex took the green/checkered flag under caution at the end of the second 100-lap stage, he clinched the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series regular-season championship.

With a 15-playoff-point bonus for that accomplishment, Truex increased his playoff point total to a series-best 52, giving the driver of the No. 78 Furniture Row Racing Toyota a huge leg up toward advancing through the early rounds of the playoff.

But Truex, the defending winner of the event, was disappointed he couldn't hold on to the top spot for two more laps.

"It was definitely a bittersweet night for us, to come up just two laps short there, blow a tire at the end after having no issues with tires all night and having such a good race car," Truex said. "I don't know if that last run was the longest one we made all night. I'm not really sure to be honest. I was kind of out there caught up driving my guts out at the end trying to hang on.

"It's unfortunate we blew the tire, but really proud of everybody on this team for an amazing season so far, and to lock up the regular-season points is a huge accomplishment for us, for our team. I feel like we've come a long way in just a few years together and continue to climb."

Clint Bowyer suffered an engine



Denny Hamlin is all smiles in Darlington Raceway's victory lane showing off the unique "Throwback" trophy. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

failure and fell out of the race after 18 laps, leaving the No. 14 Stewart-Haas Racing team with but one path into the playoffs—a victory next Saturday night at Richmond.

"It just blew up," Bowyer lamented after taking his Ford to the garage. "It's a pretty inopportune time to have it happen, but it's never a good time. Doug Yates and all the guys over at his (Roush-Yates Engines) shop do such a good job of bringing us reliable, good horsepower, and it was just my time.

"It was my turn, and there isn't much you can do about it. Obviously, the way the playoffs look right now, we're not out of this thing. We've still got a good race track coming up for us. We'll just go there and do the best we can and put all the cards on the table over there."

Notes: Dale Earnhardt Jr. had a flat tire with 30 laps left and finished 22nd in his last Southern 500 in the No. 88 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet... Eight cars finished on the lead lap, the fewest in the event since the 1998 race produced an equal number... The race ended on a 102-lap green-flag run, the first time the race has ended on a run of 100 laps or more since the 2006 edition closed with 115 green-flag laps... Chase Elliott, Matt Kenseth and Jamie McMurray leave Darlington seventh, eighth and ninth in the standings, respectively. Though winless this season, all three drivers will qualify for the playoff if there's not another unique winner below them in the standings. If there is such a unique winner, only two of the three will make the playoff. Elliott has 737 points, Kenseth 735 and McMurray 734.

"Throwback Move" Puts Denny Hamlin in Victory Lane at Darlington

By REID SPENCER
 DARLINGTON, SC - On a throwback weekend at Darlington Raceway, with a move he termed "a throwback to Dale Earnhardt," Denny Hamlin won his fifth NASCAR XFINITY Series event

at the Lady in Black—all from the pole.

The driver of the No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota grabbed the lead from Joey Logano after a restart on Lap 147 of 148—one beyond the scheduled distance—and when Logano got inside position on the final circuit and surged ahead into Turn 3, Hamlin responded with a crossover move, retook the top spot off Turn 4 and won a drag race to the finish line.

"I didn't anticipate the 22 (Logano) getting back to us like that," said Hamlin, who has finished either first or second in his last eight starts at Darlington. "I think that was a throwback to Dale Earnhardt in (Turns) 3 and 4."

Logano trailed Hamlin at the stripe by .185 seconds.

"I got underneath him off of (Turn) 2 there coming to the last lap," Logano said. "I went into (Turn) 3. He knew my play. I knew his play. He knew I was going to slide up. That was kind of the only one I had, so he checked up and turned down underneath me."

"I was hoping I would get to the wall and carry some momentum.

Maybe I should have just kept it to the wood and rode the wall, I don't know, but overall I guess second always stinks, but probably a pretty good finish considering where we

to Logano's 58—and winning the first two stages of the race. A disastrous restart on Lap 142, after the eighth caution for Dakoda Armstrong's spin in Turn 2, buried Harvick in fifth-place for the final green flag.

"It just didn't wind up working out there at the end," Harvick said. "I wound up on the bottom, and I kept my foot in it over there, got loose underneath the 20 (Erik Jones). We weren't the strongest for five or 10 laps, and that didn't really work out

that's all you can ask for."

Jones came home fourth, followed by William Byron and Brennan Poole.

Both Brennan Poole and Daniel Hemric join Elliott Sadler, William Byron, Justin Allgaier and Ryan Reed as the six drivers that have clinched spots in the NASCAR XFINITY Series Playoffs early.

Elliott Sadler's crash into the Turn 1 wall caused the final caution on Lap 143 and postponed the veteran driver's regular-season-



Race winner Denny Hamlin takes a long cold drink of Coca-Cola in Darlington Raceway's victory lane Saturday afternoon. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

were in practice and where we qualified (10th). We maximized our day. I just wish it was a win."

Kevin Harvick finished third despite leading 54 laps—second only

with that short run there at the end, and we got stuck on the bottom.

"We got loose and then we got freight-trained, but just a great car. It wound up being a great race, and

championship clinching party at least until Richmond next weekend. Sadler finished 33rd but still holds a 91-point lead over second-place Byron in the series standings.



Denny Hamlin (18) takes the lead from Joey Logano (22) before the final shootout down the straight-away. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

Austin Cindric Clinches Playoff Spot with Win in Canada

By **STEPHANIE WALLCRAFT**

BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO - Canadian Tire Motorsport Park has a knack for hosting dramatic finishes, and Austin Cindric created one of his own in today's Chevrolet Silverado

250 at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.

A dramatic last-lap incident saw Cindric push his No. 19 Brad Keselowski Racing Ford into the back of the No. 33 GMS Racing Chevrolet of Kaz Grala to push his way past and punch his ticket into the NASCAR Camping World Truck

Series playoffs by claiming his first victory of the year.

Cindric started the final lap of the 64-lap race less than a truck length behind Grala, and by the time the two rookie racers had reached the back of the circuit at Turn 5 they were nose to tailgate. Cindric made square front-to-back contact with Grala and sent him sideways, which allowed him to move past into the lead and, eventually, into Victory Lane.

"I wanted to pass him clean because I'm all about that," Cindric said. "I feel like this is what NASCAR racing is about. You have to win to make a playoff position. You can't finish second.

"Everyone (who has won at

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park) made the move in the last corner. I figured I might as well change that."

Noah Gragson in the No. 18 Kyle Busch Motorsports Toyota squeezed by Grala's skid to finish in second-place, while Grala recovered and ended the day in third.

"He didn't even attempt to pass," Grala said of the incident. "He just drove right in there and used me as his brakes, turned me straight around and gave me no opportunity.

"Just a dirty move. I've got a lot of respect for him as a road course racer but lost a lot today."

Cindric's victory was made all the more remarkable by how much ground he was forced to recover due to a mid-race penalty. After starting on the pole and winning a caution-free first stage – which earned him his first playoff point of the season – he pitted on Lap 32 and left his stall with the fuel canister still attached, drawing a stop-

and-go penalty. Due to the length of the 2.45-mile road course he was able to stay on the lead lap, but he rejoined deep in the field.

By five laps in to the final stage, he had worked his way back into top 10. Five laps later, he was back in the top five. And after he pushed his way past Gragson for second on lap 61, he was able to make steady gains over the final three laps to position himself to make his move on Grala.

Rounding out the top 10 were Justin Haley, Ryan Truex, Johnny Sauter, Chase Briscoe, Parker Kligerman, Austin Wayne Self, and Ben Rhodes.

The Chevrolet Silverado 250 was the second-last race before the start of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series playoffs. The final chance for drivers to earn a berth comes in two weeks at the Chicagoland 225, which will run on Friday, September 15th.



The gang is all here for the victory celebration at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. Austin Cindric took the honors after a last-lap bump and go, to win his first NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race of the season. (TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Preece Keeps Up His Winning Ways

OSWEGO, NY - A spectacular summer for Ryan Preece continued Saturday night at Oswego Speedway in the Toyota Mod Classic 150 presented by McDonald's.

The Berlin, Connecticut, native took his fifth checkered flag of the season. Preece took the lead from Matt Hirschman on Lap 114 and never looked back.

"We came in and made a little bit of an adjustment because I felt he [Hirschman] was better in the first half," said Preece of the halftime stop. "We were good. Just kind of tried to make him go hard the whole time."

The victory was the 20th of Preece's Whelen Modified Tour career and the first at Oswego. Preece ran up front all race long. After qualifying fourth, Preece quickly made his way up to second. On Lap 114, Preece dove underneath Hirschman in turn three. After taking the lead, Preece pulled away, with no one able to challenge the 25-year-old.

Preece took the checkers 2.849 seconds ahead of Hirschman. Earlier in the day, Hirschman won his second straight Coors Light Pole Award and went to lead a race-high 117 laps.

Preece also extended his point lead to nine over Doug Coby. Rowan Pennink is third, 16 points behind Preece and one ahead of Timmy Solomito.

Justin Bonsignore was sixth at Oswego and is six points behind Solomito. Craig Lutz, Max Zachem, Dave Sapienza and Pennink rounded out the top 10 at Oswego.

The Toyota Mod Classic 150 will air on NBCSN Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour returns to the track Saturday, Sept. 16, at Riverhead Raceway in New York.

Lacroix Leaves No Doubt With CTMP Sweep

BOWMANVILLE, ONT - Since Kevin Lacroix figured out Canadian Tire Motorsport Park last fall, he has been nothing short of unstoppable on the historic road course. He continued his CTMP domination Sunday in winning the Total Quartz

200 on Sunday. The Saint-Eustache, Quebec, driver won the E3 Spark Plug Pole Award with a record lap Saturday and then led 40 laps Sunday en route to his third consecutive win at the 2.459-mile road course. Lacroix put everyone but the top six a lap down in the 51-lap event and out-distanced runner-up Alex Tagliani by 26.805 seconds.

It was Lacroix's fourth win of 2017 and eighth of his career. He won four of the five road-course events, and became the first driver since Andrew Ranger to win three straight events at a race track.

This race was the first NASCAR Pinty's Series event to run caution free since the 2015 Ecko Unlimited 100 at Circuit ICAR, which was also won by Kevin Lacroix.

Lacroix's No.74 Bumper to Bumper/Total/Gates/Gofast Dodge took the lead from Anthony Simone on lap 36 and didn't look back, pulling away almost instantly.

Tagliani, who won the other road-course at Grand Prix Trois Rivieres, and Ranger completed the podium.

Anthony Simone, who qualified second, led 11 laps and gambled on pit strategy -- staying out the entire race -- and finished fourth. LP Dumoulin rounded out the top five.

Championship points leader Alex Labbe started at the back of the field and worked his way up to sixth, the least car on the lead lap. He was able to maintain a 26-point



Ryan Preece celebrates his fifth NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour victory of the season Saturday night at New York's Oswego Speedway. (Jim & Denise Dupont/NASCAR photo)

cushion on Lacroix in the championship standings with two races remaining. Defending series champion Cayden Lapcevich finished 11th and fell to 48 points back of Labbe. Lapcevich is a point ahead of Kennington and four points in front of LP Dumoulin.

Marc-Antoine Camirand was

seventh, followed by Gary Klutt, D.J Kennington and Josten's Rookie of the Year candidate Adam Andretti completed the top 10.

The NASCAR Pinty's Series will be back in action Saturday, Sept. 9 for the Lucas Oil 250 presented by Bumper to Bumper & Coors Light at Autodrome Saint-Eustache.



Kevin Lacroix celebrates his fourth NASCAR Pinty's Series win after winning the Total Quartz 200 at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. (Matthew Manor/NASCAR photo)

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Theriault Takes Another ARCA Thriller

DuQUOIN, IL - Fort Kent, Maine's Austin Theriault put an exclamation point on a picture-perfect day for Ken Schrader Racing Monday afternoon at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds mile dirt.

Right after boss-man Ken Schrader wheeled his own No. 9 Federated Auto Parts Modified to Victory Lane -- holding off Tony Stewart for the win -- Theriault steered Schrader's No. 52 Federated Auto Parts Toyota to the winner's circle in the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards General Tire GRABBER 100, the 64th edition of the Southern Illinois 100.

Theriault, from outside row one, out-hustled leader Shane Lee into turn one during the second green-white-checker attempt and pulled away while Lee got the chrome horn from Sheldon Creed. While Creed and Lee banged around back and forth, Theriault drove away from everyone, winning by just over a second at the final stripe.

"We got a good restart," said Theriault. "I had to get him on that restart...other than that we would have ended up in the fence."

Both Lee and Creed could have ended up in the "fence" when Lee got a shot from behind from Creed before Lee paid it back with a shot of his own.

"It was just hard racing there, all going for the win," said Creed. "My plan was to push the 22 (Lee) and

get him in front of the 52. It didn't pan out like we wanted. Me and Lee were going for our first win...it was just hard racing."

Creed, in the No. 78 United Rentals-Mason Mitchell Motorsports Chevrolet, came home second, a career-best for the Alpine, Calif. driver.

If it ended up a decent day for Creed, it was pure heartbreak for Lee who, not only led the most laps (48), had a three-second lead inside of 10 laps to go before late-race cautions bunched up the field for two back-to-back green-white-checker (GWC) restarts. Lee had a different version of what happened on the final restart.

"I knew when he (Creed) started third behind us, I knew our day was done," said Lee, who backed up to sixth in the final running order. "He always drives like that. We took the best car and finished sixth."

The green-white-checker finish that preceded the final GWC played out even worse for several potential winners. It happened when the field got three-wide in turn one and then ran out of room coming off turn two. The crash involved General Tire Polesitter Will Kimmel, Tanner Thorson, Brandon Grosso, Tyler Dippel, Riley Herbst and Ryan Unzicker. While Kimmel, Unzicker and Grosso were able to continue, the rest were through for the day. The biggest beneficiary in the ordeal was Gus Dean who managed to clear the carnage with an evasive, bonsai-style move on the bottom. Dean also held on to finish third in the No. 32 GREE Cooling Products Toyota.



Austin Theriault is joined by crew and friends after winning the General Tire GRABBER 100 at DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. (ARCA RACING photo)

"A lucky day like this is what we needed," said Dean. "I'd rather be lucky than good."

Dean fought a variety of issues all day from radiator problems that caused him to start in the back to brake issues during the race.

"With the brake issues we had, I had back up the corners, but this Win-Tron team kept fighting and got our situation much better. I was really lucky with that wreck...I just barely got underneath that."

Unzicker, who also caught a piece of the crash, finished fourth in Bill Hendren's RJR Transportation Toyota.

"The car really came around at the end," said Unzicker. "The track really took rubber and we started getting tight. We had a ton of tire left...I might have saved too much but all in all it's pretty cool to be standing here."

The win, his fifth of the season, helped pad Theriault's championship lead with just four races remaining.

"It's almost unbelievable when you think about it," Theriault added. "The 22 and the 78 were fighting for the bottom and I saw an opening...that's when we got a run on the outside. There's a lot of patience that goes with these dirt races. You have to adjust your lines corner to corner...gotta be able to hang it out there and keep it there. Today was not easy but it was fun. The line was all over the place, which makes it fun. But we didn't walk away with this one."

Grosso finished fifth in his career-first start in a second Ken Schrader Racing entry with Lee finishing sixth in the Big Tine Ford. Kimmel soldered home in seventh in the FASS Fuel-Team Construction-Laramie Jewelers Ford with Dalton Sargeant trailing in eighth in the Big Tine Ford. Local favorite Joe Cooksey, with his engine going up in smoke, finished ninth in the Hot2Go Pizza Ford. Tom Hessert finished 10th in the Musselman's Apple Sauce Toyota.

Pollard Gets 100th Win at Crisp Motorsports Park

CORDELE, GA - The Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco held its penultimate event of the 2017 season Saturday night at Crisp Motorsports Park (GA). Continuing an indomitable hot streak, it may be fitting that a

Peach Tree State driver parked his car in victory lane, accomplishing

yet another milestone in his long-held career.

Bubba Pollard climbed out of his No. 26 machine to celebrate a well-earned win in the Watermelon 125. The occasion marked the Senoia, GA driver's 100th Late Model victory in extended-distance races of 100 laps or more, a sentimental feat he was glad to accomplish in the place he calls home.

"It's pretty cool to get our hundredth win here, especially in the state of Georgia," Pollard said. "I raced Legend cars down here for years, but there's not much racing left in the state. This is where I grew up and I always enjoy coming back."

Despite having made it look easy, Pollard admitted his competi-

tion didn't go down without a fight. Hungry for his first win, Chandler Smith wore on Pollard's back bumper early in the race, taking over the lead for a period of 14 laps.

Multiple restarts later in the feature would again test Pollard, repeatedly pitting him against Stephen Nasse, a worthy contender he fought to keep in his rearview mirror.

"I didn't have it easy by any means," Pollard said. "Those guys were breathing down my throat. We had a good race car tonight, but so did those guys. All those restarts at the end made it tough, that's for sure."

In a sport that requires just the right formulation of talent, skill and

luck, Pollard managed to find all three, reflecting greatly on his unparalleled performance.

Soaked with sweat in second was Stephen Nasse, who felt the heat rising every restart he would go head-to-head with Pollard.

"Those last few cautions made for a hot ride there at the end," Nasse said. "It was a long, hot one but we were able to pull through."

Pollard had maintained the advantage every caution, pulling away in great strides as the laps continued to wind down. Slow traffic played no factor as the No. 26 machine wove around, beginning to fade from Nasse's sight.

"Obviously, [Pollard] was the class of the field tonight," Nasse said matter-of-factly.

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Daryn Pittman Surges Late for Thrilling Win at Skagit

ALGER, WA - Former World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Champion Daryn Pittman is hitting stride and that is not a good sign for the rest of the competition. A night after being collected in an accident going for the lead, Pittman convincingly charged forward late to pocket \$12,000 in the Outlaw Energy

Showdown at Skagit Speedway. David Gravel picked up KSE Hard Charger honors finishing second with Brad Sweet completing the podium.

In open air, Jason Johnson set a torrid pace. Timely caution flags helped Johnson led the first 34 laps before giving way to Pittman on the 35th circuit. The longer the race stayed under Green Flag conditions, the better Pittman was. Pittman's surge to the front happened in a matter of laps. With the top five cars under a blanket, Pittman surged from fourth to the lead in a span of six laps around the tight 3/10th racing surface.

"Man, I can't say enough about this Great Clips team. I messed up early and kept losing spots on those restarts," Pittman said upon exiting his Kasey Kahne Racing No.9 machine.

One of the biggest storylines of the 2017 World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series was Pittman having no wins heading into the month of August. Now, Pittman has three wins - the most of any driver since August - to his credit. "I'm not sure I've ever had more fun driving this race car. It's fast every time it hits the track," a relieved Pittman said in a rare appearance racing in front of his friends and family.

Pittman excelled in turns three and four after getting a big run down the short backstretch. I saw Jason [Johnson] was struggling in traffic. When I got in opening in [turn] three and four, I took it and luckily it was good enough to hold on," the Owasso, OK native said about his race-winning pass.

As Pittman made his charge to the lead, Gravel was equally as fast coming from fifth to second in a span of three laps. By the time Gravel reached second on lap 38, Pittman had already extended a sizeable lead. "We were able to re-ally charge at the end. First through

sixth was a hell of a battle and a lot of fun as a race car driver. Just happy to end the race on a good note," Gravel said.

Brad Sweet and Johnson settled for third and fourth respectively with Donny Schatz completing the top five. Shane Stewart, Sheldon Haudenschild, Jason Sides, Paul McMahan and Logan Schuchart completed the all World of Outlaws regular top ten. There was an open red for a fuel leakage on lap 15 after Skagit 360 Sprint Car points leader Robbie Price had nowhere to go after Clyde Knipp and Jacob Allen got together battling. All three were uninjured in the accident.

Shane Stewart Inherits Lead and Never Looks Back for 6th Win of Season at Skagit

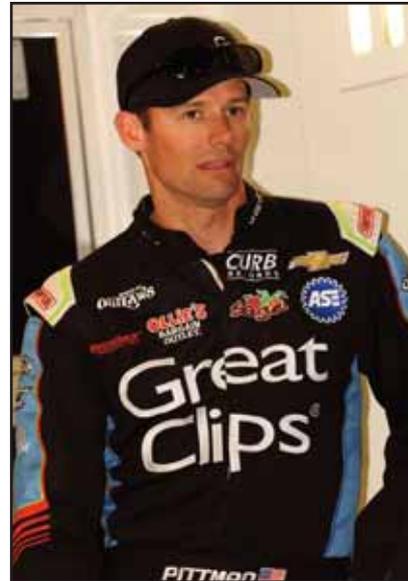
ALGER, WA - Brad Sweet led the first eight laps before getting together with a slower car and collecting second place running Daryn Pittman. Shane Stewart assumed the lead and never looked back, scoring his sixth win of the 2017 season. Jason Johnson and Jac Haudenschild completed the podium on Night 1 of the Outlaw Energy Showdown at Skagit Speedway with the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Cars.

With an inversion of six, Sweet and Kraig Kinser shared the front row of the Craftsman Club Dash. In an action-packed event Sweet powered around Kinser earning the pole position for the 30-lap Feature.

In the Feature, Sweet was strong early as was his Kasey Kahne Racing teammate, Pittman. Pittman made his bid for the lead on the backstretch of the eighth circuit but Sweet muscled back ahead to lead the lap.

The following lap, off of turn four, a chain reaction sent the slower car of Austen Wheatley into the front end of Brad Sweet's Ollie's Bargain Outlet No. 49 ultimately sending the car down the track into his teammate Pittman. Pittman and Clyde Knipp, who was also a lapped down, had nowhere to go on the tight 3/10th mile racing surface.

Both Pittman and Sweet were able to make repairs and return to the rear of the field. Shane Stewart, who was just inches away from being collected as well, assumed the lead with Kinser, Jason Johnson and Jac Haudenschild in tow.



Daryn Pittman raced his way to victory lane at Skagit Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

'The Wild Child' used a great restart on the top to shoot into the runner-up position and begin chasing down Stewart for the lead.

A pair of double-file restarts, for

cautions on lap 10 and 18 respectively, gave Haudenschild a chance for the lead but the Wooster, Ohio veteran couldn't get close enough to mount a serious challenge. With seven to go, Haudenschild took a chance ultimately opening the door for Johnson to squeeze by for second.

A yellow with five to go gave the field one last chance to steal the win from Stewart. To no avail as the Bixby, OK native piloted the Larson/Marks Racing No.2 to Victory Lane for the sixth time in 2017. Johnson, who has never finished worse than fourth at Skagit, settled for second with Haudenschild scoring a strong podium finish in the Stenhouse Jr./Wood Racing No. 17. Donny Schatz and Jac's son, Sheldon, completed the top five. Greg Wilson picked up KSE Hard Charger honors coming from 14th to sixth. Pittman and Sweet made it back forward to tenth and 12th, respectively.

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Jeff Rine Claims First Career Series Win

SELINGSGROVE, PA - Jeff Rine made the short trip to Selinsgrove Speedway from his nearby hometown of Danville, PA to claim his first ever career win with the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series in a flag-to-flag victory during the Late Model National Open.

"Man, this is just freaking awesome," said Rine. "I kind of felt like the race was going to be won on the first lap so I knew I wanted to do whatever I could to get up there...It doesn't get much better than this. This is where we grew up racing and I get an awful lot of boos here on a Saturday night but I don't care how many of you all boo me here tonight because this is awesome."

Rine, who started on the outside of the pole, was able to claim the lead on the first lap from pole sitter and fellow Pennsylvanian, Rick Eckert. Neither Rine nor Eckert are strangers to the half-mile dirt oval. Eckert cut his teeth in Late Model racing at Selinsgrove Speedway while Rine has won 10 consecutive points championships (2007-2016) with 12 total (1998 and 2004) at the track.

By lap 13, Brandon Sheppard and Chris Madden were able to find their way around Eckert pushing him back to fourth. On lap 26, Madden got out of the groove and nearly into the guardrail allowing Eckert to sneak past to reclaim third.

Simultaneously, Sheppard began to gain ground on the race leader who had once held nearly three seconds over the field. The young dominate driver found himself at Rine's bumper on lap 28. Rine slammed the door on the hard charging Rocket #1 as the pair came out of turn four only being separated by 0.265 at the flag stand.

On that same lap, Eckert slowed on the backstretch bringing out the caution. He then hopped out of his Paul Crowl Racing Longhorn and onto the track to check out the damages. Eckert suffered from a broken drive shaft which forced him to retire early from the race.

Sheppard was next to bring out the caution on lap 29 with a right rear flat which sent him from sec-

ond to the tail of the field. Then uncharacteristically for the Rocket Chassis House car, on lap 33 Sheppard began to overheat which sidelined him for the rest of the event.

For the remainder of the feature, Rine was never seriously challenged for the lead.

Madden held onto second from a sixth position start finishing 1.354 seconds behind Rine by the time the checkers fell.

"Congratulations to Jeff and them guys," said Madden. "It's awesome for them to be able to win a race like this in front of the fans that support him and thanks to everyone who came out here to support all of us."

Rookie of the Year contender, Devin Moran rounded out the podium at Selinsgrove Speedway, totaling three top-five finishes in the last three Series races for the young gun.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series is taking a break for the World 100 at Eldora Speedway on Sept. 7-9 and will return to action on Sept. 22-24 for a swing through Kansas and Oklahoma.

Working Man 50 at Lernerville Speedway Canceled

SARVER, PA - Morning rain with continued inclement weather forecasted throughout the day has forced the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series Officials and Lernerville staff to cancel Saturday night's Working Man 50.

Prepaid tickets for the event can be exchanged for the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Commonwealth Clash at the box office on Sept. 23 or can be returned by mail to where they were purchased: Lernerville Speedway at 313 N Pike Rd, Sarver, PA 16055 or the World of Outlaws headquarters at 7575-D West Winds Blvd NW, Concord, NC 28027.

Third Quarter Recap of 2017 Season

CONCORD, NC - The World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series is beginning its stretch run to the World Finals season finale November 2-3-4 at the Dirt Track at Charlotte Motor Speedway. All dirt roads lead to Charlotte, and 36 races have led us to this point in the season.

Current points leader Brandon

Sheppard, of New Berlin, IL, has undoubtedly been the most dominant driver in the nation this year, ranking No. 1 on Dirt on Dirt's Top-25 National Power Rankings for the past 10 weeks and 25 weeks total this year.

"Honestly, we're just taking it day-by-day," Sheppard said. "We just want to win races and stay in the top three and be as consistent as we can be. At the end of the day everyone out here is just trying to make a living, so we just have to make sure we run consistent."

Sheppard's consistency throughout the season has earned him 30 top-five finishes in 36 races. He has also collected an impressive 14 wins so far, putting him only four wins behind the single-seasons wins record of 18. The record was set in 2016 during World Finals by his predecessor in the Rocket Chassis #1 machine, Josh Richards.

"It's on my mind; it's on all of our minds, but it's nothing we're really focused on. Mark is more worried about getting fast time every night," said Sheppard. "If it happens, it happens; if it doesn't there's always next year. But you know, we might not be this good next year. The way Mark Richards runs his program, it doesn't make it easier, but it does give us a better chance at winning. We always know that, night in and night out, we are going to have top-notch equipment and that nothing on this car is going to go unseen or untouched."

After Sheppard's recent win at Eriez Speedway on Aug. 20, Rocket Chassis President and Rocket 1 Racing owner Mark Richards commented on how well Sheppard has filled the shoes of four-time World of Outlaws Champion Josh Richards.

"[Brandon] has done an incredible job this year," Mark Richards said.

"When Josh decided he was going to go take that other ride, we knew Brandon was the guy that was going to take that seat. And he has lived up to it. You know, there's a lot of nights spent in Victory Lane that I can't tell the difference."

Sheppard not only has top-of-the-line equipment, he has a lot of luck on his side as well. He has transferred into the redraw from the heat races 30 times and has pulled the pole position nine times and drawn outside of the pole five times.

Sitting second in the points race, Chris Madden of Gray Court, SC feels as though the redraw has been one of the biggest hindrances

of his 2017 season.

Madden has redrawn the seventh and eighth starting positions each four times. On most occasions during the redraw, series announcer Rick Eshelman calls on children in the stands to draw the drivers' starting numbers. Although Madden hasn't had much luck, he always smiles and gives the young fan a high-five, no matter what fate they chose for him.

Madden sits tied with veteran Shane Clanton for total number of wins collected this season. Clanton and Madden both hold five Series wins, collecting their fifth during the same weekend at Merritt Speedway: Clanton on Aug. 26 and Madden on Aug. 27. They tied for second on the series win list of the season behind Sheppard. Madden currently leads Clanton in the points race by 50 points.

With 13 seasons in the books with the World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series, Clanton, the 2015 champion, has been patiently making his way through the points race all season. Early on he fell as far as 11th in the points race after Whynot Speedway on March 24. He has now made his way to third and is steadily working to cut Madden's points lead in this final quarter of the season.

Rookie of the Year Contender Devin Moran currently sits with two wins so far, which ties him with Austin Hubbard (2010) and Billy Moyer Jr. (2016) for most wins collected during a rookie season. Moran's two wins came from Atomic Speedway on May 26 and Georgetown Speedway on Aug. 17. His consistent runs have boosted him to fourth in the points race, ahead of a tie for fifth between 2011 champion Rick Eckert and young gun Tyler Erb.

Eckert joins Moran with two wins, while Erb is still searching for his first career win with the Outlaws during his sophomore season. Since the halfway point of the season, Erb has continued to battle in the highly competitive points race, finding himself tied for fifth and hoping to gain.

Eric Wells, Chub Frank, Frank Heckenast Jr., and Morgan Bagley join Erb in the search for Victory Lane. All five drivers have appeared on the podium this season but finished short of claiming the checkers.

A mere 16 points lie between Frank in eighth, Heckenast in ninth, and Bagley in 10th. With plenty of time left in the season, any given race night is likely to scramble the points standings.

Ross Bailes Puts ICONic Car Owner Back In Victory Lane

GAFFNEY, SC - Ross Bailes visited Cherokee Speedway for the Stick Elliott Memorial Race on August 5, 2017 having fun doing what he loves to do – racing late models. After a very successful year in 2016 with Carolina Clash as the series runner-up, Bailes entered the

2017 season hoping to carry that momentum with more feature wins than the year before. So far, in 12 races, Bailes has notched three – just one shy of tying his win total from the previous year. These three wins have been different from last year, when most of them came while behind the wheel of the #87 Felony Farms/Ronnie McCarter/Bailes Construction ride in that car. The first win of 2017 finally came in the #87 during the August Stick Elliott Memorial at Cherokee.

Then, things began to change rapidly for Bailes after getting the nod from legendary car owner/chassis designer and builder Barry Wright of Cowpens, South Carolina. He was asked to come over and consider getting into the 40th anniversary ICON by Barry Wright, which had recently been vacated by Jonathan Davenport. Bailes was quick to show success with two second-place finishes in mid-August.

Bailes then stepped aside for one weekend to drive for long-time friend Billy Hicks in the H&H Auto Sales of Mt. Airy, NC/Galax, VA #79 team for a Carolina Clash event at Fayetteville Motor Speedway. Bailes, who admittedly experienced previous struggles at Fayetteville, used his experience in Hicks' #79 to power his way to his first Boom City win last weekend. Hicks scored the win as a driver of another owners car in 2014 and as an owner of another driver at Fayetteville in 2017.

They would then set sights on the Lancaster/Cherokee weekend with Clash back with BWRC. The disappointing cancellation of the Lancaster event left them with only the Cherokee race to prepare for. Lancaster Super Speedway, a track where Bailes first experienced success in a limited late model Barry Wright Race Car way back in 2007, would have been the

perfect highlight reel for Bailes to bring Barry Wright his first win in super late models in over a year – at a track where Wright has had cars with numerous wins in late model racing over the past three decades. However, Lancaster Speedway track management determined that due to threatening weather, it was best to cancel the event the day before. Plans for a make-up event have not been finalized as of this release.

With the Cherokee event on slate as planned, the Carolina Clash st up for race #12 of the season in front of a large crowd and over 150 total cars in attendance for a classic Sunday night show-down, including 19 Carolina Clash attendees.

Johnny Pursley is the defending Carolina Clash champion and made it very clear that he was not finished with success in 2017. After an up and down season since his season-opening win at the Skyler Trull Memorial Race, Pursley was very fast – super fast – pushing his #09 Longhorn powered by Clements sponsored by Farmer's Service Center and Pursley Grading. He would go on to set the Heintz Performance Fast Time of the Race with a lap of 15.295 and would start on the front row alongside Ross Bailes, who scored a lap speed of 15.411.

Tim Allen of Kannapolis, NC has been teaming up with Nichols Plumbing of Fayetteville, NC and steadily improving in the #5. He qualified third for the race, but his time was voided after not meeting required weight after qualifying. That moved Brett Hamm up into third and Anthony Sanders of Spartanburg, SC into fourth, locking them into the feature. Sanders has been very fast lately and showing a much improved average starting spot this season.

TOP FIVE FINISHERS:

WINNER: Ross Bailes: Ross Bailes started from the inside of the front row. He was in an epic battle with Michael Brown in the opening 10 laps of the main. Pursley, Bailes and Brown held the top three in the first quarter of the event. Bailes cleared Brown for second on lap 7 and then set sights on Pursley. He made the run on Pursley on lap 10 and cleared for the outright lead on lap 11. The C&H Paving and Asphalt, B&A Pallet Division ICON by



Ross Bailes celebrates in victory lane after winning at Cherokee Speedway. (Photo courtesy of Kenny Conyers)

Barry Wright powered by Clements pulled away to lead the remainder of the 40 lap feature.

RUNNER-UP: Michael Brown: Michael Brown is the Clarendon Auto Parts/Carquest Rookie of the Year points leader and is currently second in points after the Cherokee race. He carries the colors of McCloud Motorsports in the #2,4D Rocket XR1 powered by Clements with sponsorship from Black Crest Farms, Piggly Wiggly Food Stores and Southeast Collision Center. He captured the win in the Hoosier Tires Heat Race #1. Brown started fifth in the event and was in a raging battle with Johnny Pursley for second and third over most of the first half of the race. On a lap 27 restart, Brown slipped back to fourth and nearly lost to fifth, but most gain his composure and race back to a solid second-place Cherokee finish – twice a second in two Cherokee races.

THIRD: Donald Bradsher: Donald Bradsher of Burlington, NC in the #93 Mega Plumbing of the Carolinas Longhorn powered by Vic Hill Race Engines started in the middle of the field. He made a power move around Michael Brown on lap 27 for second place, before Brown speed to his inside for the final pass of the race off turn two on lap 37. Bradsher scored a very solid third-place run.

FOURTH: Dennis Franklin: Three-time Carolina Clash champion Dennis Franklin continues to carry the banner for M&W Towing and scored another top five finish with Clash after winning the American Racer Heat Race #2. Franklin had raced his way into third on lap 28 and challenged for second momentarily, but settled in for a solid fourth-place run. The event at

Cherokee Speedway feature the Hall of Fame induction for Franklin's father, Dick Franklin, for his many years of contributions and support of the legendary Cherokee County oval.

FIFTH: Brent Dixon: Elberton, GA native Brent Dixon made his third start with the Carolina Clash at Cherokee Speedway and managed to claw his way into the top five after a myriad of mechanical failures plagued several top ten cars fell off pace middle-to-late in the feature. He charged from a 13th starting spot to fifth, missing the Safety Kleen Hard Charger of the. His run up eight spots was only bested by Jeremy Conaway, who started 18th and finished 9th. Dixon is sponsored by Swiftco Group and Jacky Jones Automotive.

OTHER NOTABLES:

Johnny Pursley had a drive shaft failure on lap 26 while running third. He went on to finish 14th in the final results.

Jeff Smith ran 7th and 8th over the second-half of the feature in the Chaos Cages, Plexus Healthcare by Heather #00. He currently is fourth in championship point standings.

John Henderson of North Augusta, SC scored his second top ten with Carolina Clash and finished 6th.

Brett Hamm was fast early, but fell to 9th by halfway. He managed to use a few strategic moves to make his way back to 6th. He landed 7th in the final results.

Springfield, Illinois Jeremy Conaway, who recently teamed with Concord, NC racer Derrick Ramey survived for a 9th place finish in his CKS Racing, IHOP and Parkland Environmental and Diamond Towing team car.

Caleb Helms Claims First-Ever Arctic Cat All Star Victory During Pete Jacobs Memorial

ORRVILLE, OH - Finally etching his name in the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions history books, Findlay, Ohio's Caleb Helms is an Arctic Cat All Star main event winner, earning \$10,000 during the annual Pete

Jacobs Memorial at Wayne County Speedway in Orrville, Ohio. The victory, undoubtedly the largest payday of his young career, was a first-ever during Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions competition.

The pilot of the Big Jerk Premium Jerky/Helms and Sons Excavating/Ferguson/Tommy Tire Sales/No. 17 charged from the inside of row five to claim his spot on top of the feature podium, withstanding multiple charges from former Arctic Cat All Star champion, Tim Shaffer, and Lockbourne, Ohio's Cole Duncan during the closing circuits.

"Man...I'm really happy to be here," Caleb Helms said with relief in victory lane. "I couldn't have done it without my family; my dad, my grandpa, my wife, my boys. I've been believing I could be here. It has been a long time coming it feels like, but I'm so happy we are finally here."

Joey Saldana and Chad Kemenah led the feature field to green on Sunday night at Wayne County Speedway. Saldana earned the early advantage, leading Kemenah and Danny Mumaw by the flag stand for the first time. Five cautions interrupted the first eight circuits of the 35-lap main event. During that time, Saldana remained in control, keeping the tight battle for second through fourth between Caleb Helms, Danny Mumaw and Chad Kemenah in his rear-view mirror.

During the lap eight restart, Mumaw, who worked by Helms the circuit prior, drove under Saldana for the lead in turn one. Despite Saldana's attempt to retake the top spot in turns three and four with a slidejob, Mumaw maintained in command. All momentum would soon be lost once again as caution flags reappeared on lap nine.

Mumaw led the feature field back to green with Joey Saldana

right on his tail tank. The nearby Wooster, Ohio, native attempted to run away from the field, but Saldana never allowed it, keeping just a few car lengths between himself and Mumaw. As the pair reached the back of the field, Mumaw's lead diminished completely, soon finding himself on the back bumper of lapped traffic with Saldana on his heels. Unfortunately for Mumaw, his lead would end in traffic as contact with a lapped car sent him skating into the the infield, also collecting Joey Saldana. Helms, who battled his way into third just before the incident, inherited the top spot.

Green flag conditions returned with Helms now in control over Tim Shaffer and Cole Duncan. Utilizing the very topside of the speedway, Helms was able to maintain momentum over the other front-runners, but not without some added pressure from the "Steel City Outlaw" Tim Shaffer. When Helms and Shaffer entered traffic on lap 25, the gap between the two disappeared completely, battling nearly side-by-side for four circuits from laps 26 to 29. Luckily for Helms, caution flags flew once again, ultimately setting up a clear track and clean air the remaining distance.

"That late caution definitely helped us," Caleb Helms explained. "I felt like we were finally starting to hit stride. I was able to get my wing back a little bit further and figure out where I needed to enter the corners. Andy Potter did a great job with this car. We keep



Caleb Helms celebrates his first career win with the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions in victory lane at Wayne County Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

learning night in and night out."

"He did a really good job tonight. Caleb ran a really good race," said Tim Shaffer. "Caleb did everything he needed to do. Those guys work really hard and deserved this one."

With their Labor Day weekend swing through the Buckeye State officially in the books, the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions will now trek back across state lines, this time setting the compass toward Central Pennsylvania where "America's Series" will challenge the notorious Pennsylvania Posse for two consecutive nights of competition at the Port Royal Speedway "Speed Palace."

In conjunction with the 163rd Juniata County Fair, the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions will invade Port Royal Speedway in Port Royal, Pennsylvania, for back-to-back events on Friday and Saturday, September 8-9. The 50th Annual Tuscarora 50 will be the main attraction, awarding \$50,000 on Saturday, September 9. The

Night Before The 50 preliminary program, awarding \$5,000, will kick start the historic weekend on Friday, September 8.

Those seeking additional news and notes pertaining to Port Royal Speedway should visit the "Speed Palace" live on the Web at www.portroyalspeedway.com.

Tim Shaffer Claims Ohio Sprint Speedweek Make-Up Feature Victory

ATTICA, OH - Enduring a three-car battle with Travis Philo and Chad Kemenah during the closing circuits of the main event, the "Steel City Outlaw" Tim Shaffer drove on to score \$5,000 on Saturday evening at Attica (OH) Raceway Park, this time earning the Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket make-up feature victory that was originally scheduled for Friday, June 16.

In addition to his \$5,000 paycheck, Shaffer will also collect a \$3,000 bonus for earning three Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket main event victories in 2017. Shaffer's other Ohio Sprint Speedweek triumphs were accomplished at Waynesfield Raceway Park and the historic Eldora Speedway.

"This has been a great year. I can't say enough about this team and what we have been able to accomplish," Tim Shaffer explained, pilot of the No. 49X. "Cody Jacobs works his butt off. We still have a lot left on our schedule this year. Hopefully we can keep this momentum going in the right direction."

Shaffer started fourth on the feature grid and made his first
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Tim Shaffer takes the checkered flag at Attica Raceway Park for the Ohio Sprint Speedweek make-up feature originally scheduled for June 16th. (Paul Arch photo)

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appearance inside the top-three on lap ten. By the midpoint of the 35-lap program, Shaffer had already moved into second and actively worked his way to the back bumper of race leader, Travis Philo. Shaffer and Philo battled for ten circuits before the first and only caution appeared on lap 30.

Despite heavy pressure, driving wing to wing with Philo during certain segments of his ten lap battle, it was the caution that allowed Shaffer to make his move. The Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, native took command officially on lap 31, ending his battle with Philo, and soon thereafter Chad Kemenah, after the lap 30 restart.

Following Shaffer by Philo, defending Arctic Cat All Star champion, Chad Kemenah, finished second during the Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket make-up feature, followed to the final checkers by Cale Conley, Rob Chaney and Cole Duncan.

Saldana Steals the Show From Cole Duncan for Dirt Classic Ohio Title

ATTICA, OH - The "Brownsburg Bullet" Joey Saldana stole the show on Saturday night at Attica (OH) Raceway Park, taking the top spot away from race leader, Cole Duncan, during a lap 37 restart to lead the final four circuits of the 40-lapper, ultimately claiming Dirt Classic Ohio top honors, as well as the \$10,000 top prize.

The victory, his second of the 2017 season against the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions, raises Saldana's career win total to 73 with "America's Series," five of which occurring at the home of "Ohio's Finest Racing."

After leading the first 36 circuits, Cole Duncan held on to finish second to help close out the 2017 Attica Raceway Park season, followed by Cap Henry, Travis Philo and Chris Andrews.

"I can't thank Betsy and Bernie enough for giving me the opportunity to race these cars," Saldana said, pilot of the Indy Race Parts, No. 71. "They are so expensive to race and be competitive. They definitely give me a car that is competitive enough to win every night.

Tonight we showed everyone we had those capabilities."

Cole Duncan and Joey Saldana led the 26-car field to green on Saturday night for the Dirt Classic Ohio main event. Duncan earned the early jump, leading Joey Saldana and Cap Henry by the flag stand for the first time. It was not until lap seven when Duncan reached traffic for the first time. His efforts through the back of the field were short lived as the main event's first caution flag appeared on lap nine.

After a pair of cautions on lap nine, Duncan led the field back to power, quickly returning to a lengthy advantage ahead of Joey Saldana and Cap Henry. Duncan's lead was interrupted again on lap 15 as red flag conditions took over the speedway, this time for Carson Macedo, who was battling for a top-five position just before losing control at the exit of turn two. Macedo was unharmed, but would not return.

Green flag conditions returned over the speedway once again with Duncan still in control over Saldana and Henry. As the trio raced into turn one, Saldana made an impressive bid for the top spot, sliding across the nose wing of Duncan as they raced through turns one and two. Duncan was able to drive back by Saldana, only to be slid again as the pair raced into turn three. Like before, Duncan was able to turn down the race track and cross back underneath Saldana, beating the Brownsburg, Indiana, native in a drag race back to the start/finish line.

After a quick battle with Saldana, Duncan drove off, quickly gaining ground on the field for the next several circuits. Unfortunately for Duncan, all momentum would soon be lost as red flag conditions returned to the speedway once again on lap 21, this time for sprint car youngster, Justin Peck. Peck ended his night upside-down, but was unharmed.

Duncan paced the running order back to life once again, still keeping Saldana and Henry in his rear-view mirror. A pair of cautions, the first on lap 34 and the second on lap 37, allowed Saldana to set up his eventual takeover of the point position. His first attempt during the lap 34 restart was unsuccessful, but fortunately enough, caution flags flew again on lap 37. It was then when Saldana made his \$10,000 move.

At the drop of the green flag, the "Brownsburg Bullet" chased Duncan by the cone and drove hard into the first corner, eventually slid-



Joey Saldana celebrates with his family and crew in victory lane for the Dirt Classic Ohio Title at Attica Raceway Park. (Paul Arch photo)

ing by the Lockbourne, Ohio, native as the duo battled near the exit of turn four. Unlike prior attempts, this time Saldana made it stick, solidifying his place on top of the feature podium.

"The biggest thing with Cole [Duncan] is that he has a really good car. He drove one hell of a race and did a great job," Saldana explained. "He has a great dad who is teaching him how to race and that is exactly where I was a few years ago with my dad when I was trying to make it in racing. It wasn't that he did anything wrong, I just

figured out how to back my corner up on the restart just a little bit and get a run on him. Him and I had a really good battle there toward the beginning, but tonight was good, clean racing. Luckily, we had that restart with four to go that gave us a shot at the win."

"Getting that first win at Attica keeps eluding us," Cole Duncan said in disappointment. "Congratulations to Joey [Saldana] and their team. They have been a rocket all season. That No. 71 car has always been fast, but Joey takes it to a whole new level."

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M I D D L E - BOURNE, WV - Jonathan Davenport held off Tim McCreadie at the finish line to win the 49th Annual Hillbilly Hundred on Sunday night at the Tyler County Speedway. Davenport took the lead from race-long leader, Jimmy Owens on lap 83 and then held off a hard-charging McCreadie to claim his first-career win in the historic event. After starting 17th, McCreadie went to the outside of Davenport coming off turn four, but Davenport held him off by one-car length to secure the \$25,000 victory.

The 2015 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Champion; Davenport; became the 16th different winner this year in series competition. McCreadie moved to second in the points behind Josh Richards with his second-place finish. Jimmy Owens took third. Completing the top five were Don O'Neal and Richards.

"I passed for second like three times there then there would be another caution. I want to apologize to Jimmy Owens, I went in hot and locked up the brakes. I want to first

thank G.R. Smith, for someone to step out of their own car and to let someone else drive it, says a lot about him. I have to thank Josh Richards, he helped me out before the start of the race. The right rear shock wasn't where I wanted it to be and he tuned on it."

"These Rocket cars are great. I thought I had this win last year. I really like this place," said the 33-year-old racer in Lucas Oil Victory Lane for the first time this season. The winners Rocket Chassis car is powered by a Cornett Racing Engine and sponsored by: Victory Circle Auto Sales, B&A Pallet, Victory Circle Auto Mall, FK Rod Ends, and Behrent's.

McCreadie started alongside Scott Bloomquist in row nine and charged through the field to take the runner-up spot at the finish. "It was so tough to come up through there in this field of cars. It was just a little narrow out there tonight. The outside restarts were good. Yes, we are happy with this finish," said the driver of the Sweeteners Plus, Longhorn entry.

Owens was in control of the race until he relinquished the lead to Davenport. "We had a really good car tonight. There were a lot of restarts. I don't know how that played into the end. But we were



Jonathan Davenport takes the checkered flag at Tyler County Speedway for the 49th Annual Hillbilly Hundred victory on Sunday night. (LOLMDS photo)

slipping up. We moved down there and it seemed to help," said Owens about his podium finish.

Completing the top ten were Chris Ferguson, Austin Hubbard, Darrell Lanigan, Jared Hawkins, and Mason Zeigler.

Saturday's Event at Portsmouth Raceway Park Canceled

PORTSMOUTH, OH - Saturday night's Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series-sanctioned, Bob Miller Memorial at Portsmouth Raceway

Park has been canceled. With the forecast for continued heavy rain throughout the overnight and much of the day on Saturday, Speedway and Series officials have agreed to cancel the event.

"We hate to lose this event in honor of Bob Miller," said Rick Schwallie, Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Director. "However, heavy rain from the remnants of Hurricane Harvey look to continue well into the afternoon on Saturday. We look forward to seeing everyone at Tyler County Speedway on Sunday."

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Logan Forler Wraps Up The Montana Round-up at Electric City Speedway

GREAT FALLS, MT - The Montana Round-up wrapped up on Sunday night with Idaho's Logan Forler putting on a show with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region and NSA Sprint Series with a run from seventh to win at the Electric City Speedway.

Finishing better each night, Forler started off with a fourth place run on Friday to third Saturday, and finally victory on Sunday.

Posting his second podium of the weekend, Washington's Chance Crum finished second from fifth with Kelly Miller tearing through the field to third from the 18th starting spot. Bill Boyce fourth was followed by J.J. Hickle to end out the top-five. Montana's Jerry Brey was sixth with David Hoiness, Bryan Brown, David Miller, and Nick Tresmaker making up the top-ten.

The Brodix ASCS Frontier Region is in action again on Friday, September 8 at Gallatin Speedway in Belgrade, Mont. for the Big Sky Super Nationals.

For continued updates on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the seven regional tours that make up the over 150 dates across the ASCS Nation in 2017, log onto <http://www.ascsracing.com>.

Chance Crum Wins Night 2 of the Montana Roundup at Electric City Speedway

GREAT FALLS, MT - The 30th driver to find their way to Victory Lane with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region, the regional showdown with the NSA Sprint Series went the way of Washington's Chance Crum during the second night of the Montana Roundup at Electric City Speedway.

Winning from the eighth starting spot, Crum piloted the Peterson Motorsports No. 23n to his second Sprint Car win of the season.

At the drop of the checkered flag, Logan Forler was second with Montana's Mindy McCord third to post her best career finish with the Frontier Region in the McCune Motorsports No. 11. Canada's Kelly Miller was fourth with Chris Schmelzle fifth.

Friday night winner, J.J. Hickle was sixth after starting 13th with Bill Boyce charging ahead 10 spots to finish seventh. Casey Adams, David Miller, and Jerry Brey made up the top-ten.

ASCS Mid-South at "The Ditch" Falls To Rain

WEST MEMPHIS, AR - With the remains of Hurricane Harvey moving across the southern United States, it accompanying rains has proven too much for the Riverside International Speedway as officials have been forced to call off tonight's ASCS Mid-South event.

While Saturday's forecast is desirable, the track and pits are saturated to the point that attempting a race would be futile as teams and fans would have nowhere to park. At this time, ASCS Mid-South and Riverside International Speedway officials are looking at a date to reschedule.

For now, the next events on the lineup for the ASCS Mid-South Region is at I-30 Speedway in Little Rock, Ark. on Saturday, September 9 and Diamond Park Speedway in Murfreesboro, Ark. on Sunday, September 10.

Sam Hafertepe, Jr. Pockets \$10,000 at Jackson Motorplex

JACKSON, MN - Parking his Hwy. 79 Collision No. 15h in Victory Lane for the 13th time in 2017 with



Sam Hafertepe, Jr. picked up win No. 13 on the season with the Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour, along with the night's \$10,000 payday at Jackson Motorplex. (ASCS/Jeff Bylsma photo)



Logan Forler celebrates in victory lane after racing from seventh to the win at Electric City Speedway. (ASCS photo)

the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series National Tour presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. came out on top of a torrid battle with Tim Kaeding for Saturday's \$10,000 Fall Classic payday at the Jackson Motorplex.

"It just got a little dirty up where he [Tim Kaeding] was running and being the leader in that situation, he had it all to lose. It's hard because he ran a hell of a first half to this race. He drove a good race at the end too, just didn't know where the track was going and when you're running second, you can move around and that's what we were doing," said Hafertepe of the race with the Lunstra Motorsports No. 3.

With the first start called back, the restart went to Tim Kaeding who outran Matt Covington into the first two turns. Taking second from the T&L Foundry No. 95 through the third and fourth turns, Hafertepe focused his attention on run-

ning down the Dammer Trucking No. 3.

Slowed on Lap 10, the start was called off as Eric Lutz rolled to a stop. Single file to the green, the leaders hammered the cushion of the Jackson Motorplex to find traffic in only a couple of laps. Held up by slower traffic with a half straight-away advantage, the back bumper of Kaeding's No. 3 was directly in front of Hafertepe in a matter of seconds.

Using lapped cars as picks, the pair began trading slide jobs at both ends of the Jackson Motorplex with Kaeding holding the point at the start/finish line each time before the caution blinked on with 15 laps complete for Scott Winters who stopped on the front stretch. Slowed on Lap 17 for Lee Goos, the green flew with Hafertepe stuck to Tim Kaeding's back bumper.

Tracking Kaeding through the first and second turns, Hafertepe drove the middle groove into turn three. Trail braking the No. 15h up the track with a big head of steam, Hafertepe left little room for error as Kaeding's run on the cushion nearly ended on the wall as the No. 3 hopped the curb.

Nearly giving up second, but able to recover, Kaeding would have one last shot at Sam with a Lap 20 restart, but Sam Hafertepe, Jr. would not be denied his 28th career Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour victory.

Tim Kaeding's runner-up finish was his sixth career podium finish with the Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour with Thomas Kennedy parking his No. 21k on the podium for the first time in his career. Racing back and forth with Matt Covington just over half of the race, then Seth

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Bergman through the final laps, Oklahoma's Wayne Johnson rolled to fourth from seventh with Seth Bergman holding on to finish fifth.

Matt Covington ended up second with Johnny Herrera in tow. Skylar Gee eighth was tailed by Lee Grosz and Blake Hahn to round out the top-ten after starting 16th.

The Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network is in action again on Saturday, September 16 at Duck River Raceway Park in Shelbyville, Tenn.

Jonathan Cornell Tames Traffic For Lake Ozark Speedway Win

ELDON, MO - In a battle of slide jobs through traffic on Sunday night, Sedalia's Jonathan Cornell took the race three with Brian Brown to secure a \$4,000 payday at Lake Ozark Speedway with the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps.

Chasing the Casey's General Store/FVP No. 21 from the start, the pair were nearly inseparable as traffic came into view within the first 10 laps. Beginning a game of cat and mouse, the pair swapped top for bottom several times with Cornell edging Brown for the lead on Lap 22.

Retaking the point one lap later, the A-Main's lone stoppage came while working Lap 24 as Johnny Herrera flipped off the fourth turn. Johnny was unharmed. Reverting back to Lap 23 for the restart, the race for the lead picked up right where it left off with Brown working the cushion on the No. 28 of Cornell.

Back into traffic, Cornell began searching the middle groove of the Lake Ozark Speedway.

Taking the race three deep at both ends of the track, Brown slipped over the cushion just enough off the second turn to give Cornell an edge on Lap 37. Battling back on the cushion, Brown again slipped the line and with it, sealed his fate as Jonathan Cornell sped away by 1.456 seconds at the drop of the checkered flag. Brian Brown second was joined on the podium by Derek Hagar.



Jonathan Cornell celebrates his win at Ozark Speedway with the ASCS Warrior Region Sunday night. (ASCS photo)

Terry McCarl crossed fourth with Tony Bruce, Jr. making up the top-five. Sixth went to Sean McClelland with Kyle Bellm in tow. Tyler Blanked moved from 12th to finish eighth with Blake Hahn ninth. Danny Lasoski from 20th finished tenth.

The Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region will be at Lake Ozark Speedway for the next two Saturday nights.

Terry McCarl Leads The Way With at Lake Ozark Speedway

ELDON, MO - Leading start to finish at Lake Ozark Speedway with the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps, Iowa's Terry McCarl has put himself in the running for the weekend's \$5,000 bonus with a \$2,000 victory to open up the Lake Ozark Speedway ASCS Warrior Region 360 Nationals.

While McCarl has won numerous times in ASCS competition, Saturday's win is his first with the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region. Slowed twice during Saturday's A-Feature, it was not enough to present a shot at McCarl.

While Terry ran away to the win, Jonathan Cornell climbed from fifth to second with Derek Hagar rolling to the final podium step after starting 15th. Brian Brown was fourth with Randy Martin fifth.

Sixth went to Miles Paulus with Ayrton Gennetten seventh. Kade Morton from was eighth with Tyler Blank ninth and Tony Bruce, Jr. completing the top-ten.

Michael Miller Wins at Southern Raceway

MILTON, FL - Picking up his second win of the Labor Day Weekend, Michael Miller parked his No. 4m in Victory Lane Sunday night at

Southern Raceway with the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints.

Miller's 11th career win with the ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints, the Southern Raceway triumph is win No. 3 on the 2017 season.

Winning from the outside of the front row, Miller was chased to the finish by Shane Morgan with Danny Sams III making up Sunday's podium. Kyle Amerson and Butch David completed the top-five. Brandon Blenden, Timmy Thrash, Tristan Lee, Cassidy Lejeune, and Cody Karl completed the top-ten.

The Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints are back in action on Friday, September 15 at Tennessee National Raceway in Hohenwald, Tenn. before joining the Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour on Saturday, September 16 at Duck River Raceway Park in Shelbyville, Tenn.

Shane Morgan On Top With ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints

MILTON, FL - Finding Victory Lane for the 12th time in his career

with the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints, Mississippi's Shane Morgan picked up the win Saturday night at Southern Raceway in Milton, Fla.

The first of two nights with the Southern Outlaw Sprints, Morgan was followed to the finish by Florida's Danny Sams III with A.J. Maddox, Michael Miller, and Kyle Amerson making the top-five.

Cassidy Lejeune was sixth after starting 11th with Butch David following from 12th. Brandon Blenden, Timmy Thrash, and Cody Karl rounded out the top-ten.

Miller Wires ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints at Hattiesburg

HATTIESBURG, MS - Getting a reprieve from the rains that have ravaged the Gulf Coast, the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints hit the Hattiesburg Speedway on Friday night with Michael Miller leading flag to flag.

Trailing Terry Gray and Morgan Turpen on the start, Miller was able to get by both No. 10 entries for the point.

Stopped during the race for a massive crash involving the No. 23b of Brain Bell, the Tennessee native ended up through the catch fence and into the side of Timmy Thrash's trailer. Thankfully no one was injured.

Returning to green, Miller would remain undeterred for his 10th career victory with the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints. Morgan Turpen crossed second with Terry Gray in tow.

Joey Schmidt and Kyle Amerson made the top-five.

Jake Knight, Butch David, Shane Morgan, Nick Snyder, and Tristan Lee completed the top-ten.



Michael Miller outraced the field at Hattiesburg Speedway to celebrate in victory lane Friday night. (ASCS photo)

Darlington Raceway
 DARLINGTON, SC - Success was celebrated on Friday, as students who especially excelled in the Darlington Raceway/Darlington County School District Summer Reading Program were awarded medals by seven-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson.

The program partnership between the raceway and the school district resulted in 771 students – kindergarten through eighth grade – participating. The district-wide program also involved the Darlington County Library system, the TEACH Foundation and South Carolina Future Minds. The four local libraries in Darlington, Hartsville, Lamar and Society Hill hosted students in the program.

Prior to the first practice session for Sunday night's Bojangles' Southern 500, Johnson met with students and awarded 27 medals to the top three readers in kindergarten and grades 1-8, in the Bojangles' Suite overlooking the famed 1.366-mile race track.

"This summer's program was a true community effort," Tharp said. "We can all be proud of what each and every student achieved. And the fact that one of NASCAR's top drivers, Jimmie Johnson, could join us to recognize the program's top readers was a fitting wrap-up to a successful summer for these bright young minds we honored today."

Added Johnson: "We're very happy and honored to be a part of rewarding these kids for their efforts. Our sport does a fantastic job of giving back to the communities where we race. I'm very proud of Darlington Raceway and the 27 smiling kids today when we passed out some awards."

Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - A NASCAR Hauler Parade will be held through the City of Dover on Thursday, Sept. 28 as part of the festivities surrounding the Sept. 29-Oct. 1 NASCAR tripleheader weekend, Dover International Speedway officials announced today.

A line of Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series haulers will travel on some of the city's most prominent streets and near some of Kent County's famous landmarks, including Legislative Hall, Lockerman



Jimmie Johnson's visits with kids from the Darlington County School District who excelled in the Summer Reading Program. (Harrelson Photography photo)

man Street, and State Street on the way toward the Speedway. The parade will begin at 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The hauler parade will begin at Legislative Mall in Downtown Dover and proceed on Legislative Avenue before turning left onto Lockerman Street, then right on South State Street. From there, the haulers will proceed to the track via Leipsic Road and arrive at approximately 5:45 p.m.

The first NASCAR Hauler Parade in Dover was held in 2013, which attracted approximately 10,000 people along the route and featured dozens of 80-foot tractor trailers traveling through the city. Parades were also scheduled in 2014, 2015 and 2016 but were canceled due to inclement weather.

"We're excited to be able to bring back the NASCAR Hauler Parade to the fans," said Mike Tatoian, president and CEO of Dover International Speedway. "Colorful haulers have been a symbol of the sport for decades, and we're pleased to be able to share that tradition with the community."

The Sept. 29-Oct. 1 NASCAR tripleheader weekend includes the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East race on Friday, Sept. 29, the "Use Your Melon. Drive Sober 200" NASCAR XFINITY Series playoff race on Saturday, Sept. 30 and the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoff race on Sunday, Oct. 1.

The Sunday, Oct. 1 race is the first elimination race of the 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoffs. For four of the 16 playoff-eligible drivers, their championship dreams will be over in Dover after 400 grueling laps around the Monster Mile.

For tickets or more information, call (800) 441-RACE or visit DoverSpeedway.com. You can also keep

up with the Monster Mile at Facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway, or on Twitter and Instagram at @MonsterMile.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - A sound all their own, platinum-selling country act Dan + Shay will bring their unique blend of country, rock and pop to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway frontstretch stage on Sunday, Sept. 24. The Nashville-based duo will perform a 45-minute pre-race concert at 11:00 a.m. prior to the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series ISM Connect 300 playoff race.

"I know where I'll be on Sunday at 11 o'clock – rocking out to Dan and Shay on our frontstretch with thousands of our awesome fans," said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of the speedway. "I think what these guys bring to the table and the type of music they play will really provide something for everyone. I am immensely excited to have Dan and Shay be a part of our ISM Connect 300 pre-race festivities."

Dan Smyers and Shay Mooney began their careers after meeting in Nashville in 2012. Smyers attended Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University in his home state of Pennsylvania, while Mooney, a native of Arkansas, began his career as a solo act.

"We're excited and honored to be a part of this event," said Mooney. "NASCAR crowds are some of the most energetic and fun crowds we get to play for, and we know our New Hampshire fans will bring it like they always do."

Dan + Shay's sophomore album

"Obsessed," featuring current single "Road Trippin'," debuted earlier this year and follows their 2014 "Where It All Began," which made them the first new country duo in SoundScan recorded history to debut at No. 1 on Billboard's Country Albums Chart. The album included the debut single, "19 You + Me," which earned RIAA Platinum certification, and their first No. 1 single, "Nothin' Like You," which earned RIAA Gold certification.

Racking up more than 60 million YouTube views, the pair has impressively sold more than 2.2 million digital tracks and more than 620,000 album equivalents to date, including 240 million streams. Their first single off "Obsessed," "From The Ground Up" earned RIAA Gold certification and marked their second to hit the top of the charts. They have earned three consecutive nominations for both ACM Vocal Duo of the Year and CMA's Vocal Duo of the Year award as well as nods for an American Country Countdown Awards, CMT Awards, and Radio Disney Music Awards.

Dan + Shay's stop at New Hampshire Motor Speedway will be a part of their Obsessed Tour.

The concert is free to anyone with a ticket to the ISM Connect 300, while stage-front access can be attained by purchasing a Pre-Race Pit Pass. The ISM Connect 300 is the second race in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoffs and will drop the green flag on NBCSN at 2:00 p.m.

For information on how you can be a part of our ISM Connect 300 September Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race weekend, please stop by our guest relations office, visit our new revamped website at www.nhms.com, or call our ticket hotline at (603) 783-4931

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - In keeping with the Fall Season of Speed, Charlotte Motor Speedway has added a faster-than-ever method for campers to "connect" with the racing world. New to the Camping

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World Racing Resort this fall is high-density Wi-Fi, which will provide campers with high-performance wireless internet access – campers' most requested improvement from last year's events.

This week, the speedway conducted tests for the new Wi-Fi access, which will power 380 campsites and include enterprise-grade access points. The addition of Wi-Fi to the campground joins the family-friendly playground as centerpiece amenities of an unrivaled camping experience for fans of all ages.

"Adding high-speed Wi-Fi to our Camping World Racing Resort allows Charlotte Motor Speedway to continue building on our 'Fans First' initiatives," said Greg Walter, the speedway's executive vice president.

"Race fans now use so many digital platforms to follow their favorite drivers and keep up with the sport. This new campground Wi-Fi will give the very best access to up-to-date information on charlottemotorspeedway.com, our mobile app, social media platforms and so much more during our event weeks."

The high-speed internet Wi-Fi will be available for all major race events including the Sept. 15-17 NHRA Carolina Nationals, the first race in the NHRA's Countdown to the Championship, the Oct. 6-8 Bank of America 500 – NASCAR's annual homecoming spectacle; and the Nov. 2-4 World of Outlaws World Finals at The Dirt Track at Charlotte.

Camping World Racing Resort campsites for the NHRA Carolina Nationals typically sell out before race week, so fans are encouraged to call and reserve their spot while spaces are still available.

TICKETS: For tickets, camping and upgrades to the NHRA Carolina Nationals, the Bank of America 500 or other upcoming speedway events during the Fall Season of Speed, fans can call the ticket office at 1-800-455-FANS (3267) or shop online at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com.

KEEP TRACK: Fans can connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway 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.

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - While JR Nation is expected in force for Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s final NASCAR Cup Series race at Texas Motor Speedway coming Sunday, Nov. 5, in the AAA Texas 500, the appreciation for the series' most popular driver will extend throughout the weekend.

JR Motorsports, the NASCAR XFINITY Series team co-owned by Earnhardt Jr., his sister Kelley Earnhardt Miller and Rick Hendrick, is partnering with Texas Motor Speedway for the JR Nation Appreci88ion Party on Saturday, Nov. 4, beginning at 2 p.m. CT prior to the O'Reilly Auto Parts 300 NASCAR XFINITY Series race.

The JR Nation Appreci88ion Party package features Q&A sessions with JR Motorsports drivers Justin Allgaier, Michael Annett, William Byron and Elliott Sadler as well as race spotters TJ Majors and Brett Griffin in a hospitality area outside of Turn 4 that also will include complimentary snacks and beverages.

In addition to the Q&A session, the \$49 package includes a grandstand ticket to the race to see Allgaier, Annett, Byron and Sadler in action beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Fans that have already purchased an O'Reilly Auto Parts 300 ticket can gain entry to the party for \$20. Kids 12 and under are free if accompanied by an adult with an O'Reilly Auto Parts 300 ticket.

To buy your JR Nation Appreci88ion Party ticket or for more information, visit www.texasmotorspeedway.com or contact the Texas Motor Speedway ticket office at (817) 215-8500.

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Talladega Superspeedway is proud to continue its partnership with Anheuser-Busch with the return of Busch Balcony - premium seating and hospitality that towers over the exit of turn - for the excitement of two nail-biting NASCAR playoff races during the "Wildcard" weekend, Oct. 13-15.

Fans will experience an incredible sight for Sunday's Alabama 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race, featuring six-time Talladega winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. in his final scheduled Talladega start, and Saturday's fred's 250 Powered by Coca-Cola NASCAR Camping World Truck Series event.

Busch, which became the title sponsor of Busch Balcony in May, offers individual fans or groups of up to 20 not only a bird's eye view of three- and four-wide pack racing at 200 mph, with the luxury of relaxation in a 20' X 20' chalet equipped with bistro tables and a private fenced in space. Catering is included with a food and beverage court serving light breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack options.

Ticket packages also include unlimited crisp and cold as a mountain stream - Busch beer - along with a cash bar for liquor options.

Anheuser-Busch, whose roots are in racing, has been a mainstay at Talladega Superspeedway for many years, and the company's products can be found throughout the venue, including the infield, the Fan Zone and grandstand concourses. For fans in the infield and lower grandstands at the exit of turn four, they can't miss the mammoth Busch Balcony signage that lines area.

"The Busch Balcony gave us an incredible opportunity to increase our brand presence at the track and connect with our core consumers," said Tim Ware, Anheuser-Busch InBev Trade Marketing Manager. "We look forward to keep growing our partnership with Talladega Superspeedway and helping each other evolve with new opportunities such as this premium seating option."

Busch Balcony has limited ticket packages remaining to accommodate and entertain small groups or make new friends, including the 2-Day option for Saturday and Sunday or Saturday Only. To find out more information or to purchase Busch Balcony tickets, visit www.talladegasuperspeedway.com or call 855-518-RACE (7223).

Talladega Superspeedway is NASCAR's Most Competitive Track (record 88 lead changes in 188 laps), most banked (33 degrees), and longest (2.66 miles), as well as the most fun and fan-friendly, offering up hundreds of acres of free camping, amazing kids ticket prices and special offers for military members and college students.

The historic venue, built in 1969, is NASCAR's "Party Capital" thanks to the track's infamous infield, which features the traditional Saturday Night Concert and the world-renowned Talladega Blvd, home of the "Big One on the Blvd" party. It is the site of the most comfortable seats in motorsports, large ISM

Vision video viewing boards lining the frontstretch and endless activities for fans throughout its event weekends. Talladega Superspeedway's next NASCAR weekend is set for October 13-15 with the fred's 250 Powered by Coca-Cola NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race and the Alabama 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series event, the second race in the Round of 12 of NASCAR's Playoffs. Log on to www.talladegasuperspeedway.com or call 877-Go2-DEGA for more information.

Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - CDW, a leading provider of technology solutions to business, government, education and healthcare, is partnering with Dover International Speedway to create "Hiring Our Heroes," an exclusive employment program for active-duty military members and veterans on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017. The event coincides with the "Apache Warrior 400 presented by Lucas Oil" Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoff race at the Monster Mile.

Attendees will be treated to an educational showcase from 9-11:30 a.m., including a presentation on "Vets in the Work Force," social media tips, CDW employment information, resume reviews and more. The open house event is designed for job-seekers to learn more about how to promote themselves in today's environment.

All attendees receive a frontstretch ticket to the "Apache Warrior 400 presented by Lucas Oil" Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoff race on Sunday, Oct. 1 (NBCSN, 2 p.m.), which is the first elimination race of the 10-race postseason.

In addition, all attendees receive a free Trackside Access pass, which gives them the chance to explore Dover International Speedway's frontstretch before the big race.

Visit <http://starcite.smarteventcloud.com/dover> to RSVP and register for the event. Attendees are welcome to bring up to three immediate family members to the event by RSVPing for them.

Attendees are encouraged to call 800-441-RACE with any questions.



Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC -

The 41st Annual Paramount Auto Group Bobby Isaac Memorial presented by Black's Tire & Auto Service would see beautiful racing weather and one of the toughest fields of competition in many years. Not only would an awesome trophy and a large check be on the line but this event could have ramifications on

the NASCAR Whelen All American Series National Championship as national championship contenders would make the trip to America's Most Famous Short Track.

First up would see the Catawba Realty & Insurance Classic Sportsmen hit the track with Chris Werner in the #19 starting from the pole. Werner would lead early and often in the event and drive on to take his first checkers. Bill Webb in the #16 would finish 2nd and secure the 2017 Hickory Motor Speedway Catawba Realty & Insurance Classic Sportsman Racing Association Championship. Bill Powell in the #71 Bobby Isaac look alike ride would finish 3rd, Bryan Rogers in the #116 would take 4th, and Robert Webb in the #6 would end up in 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off next for Round 9 of the Paramount Kia "Big 10" Chase for the Championship with pole sitter Monty Cox in the #21 at the point. Cox would lead early and hold the top spot until lap 20 of the 50 lap special when the #51 of Jeremy Pelfrey would work his way to the lead. Pelfrey would pace the field for the next 25 laps until the caution would fly and bunch the field with 5 laps to go. On the restart contact would be made and the cars of Cox and the #18 of Alex Reece would suffer major damage, bringing both cars to the pits for the rest of the night. Pelfrey would hang on and drive on for the win, his 3rd in a row, and lengthening his points lead. Dylan Wilson, honoring the memory of the legendary Bobby Isaac in the #71, would finish in 2nd. Pat Rachels in the #34 would finish 3rd, Mitch Walker in the #29 would take 4th, and Zach Bruenger in the #55 would round out the top 5.

Rolling off next would be the Cosmo Motors Street Stocks for their 30 lap feature with the #77 of



Josh Berry is all smiles after winning the Bobby Isaac Memorial Late Model race at Hickory Motor Speedway. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

Mark Whitten leading the way. Whitten would battle side by side with Cody DeMarmels in the #18 for several laps. DeMarmels would move by for the lead and maintain the top spot, holding on for the win. Hickory Motor Speedway 2016 Street Stock Champion Kevin Townsend in the #10 would make a return visit and finish 2nd while Whitten would end up 3rd. Kevin Eby in the #03 and Ethan Johnson in the #2 would round out the top 5.

With a field made up of 2 former multi-time NASCAR Whelen All-American Series National Champions, numerous track champions, and race winning drivers scattered from the front of the pack all the way to the back of the 20 car field, it is no doubt that Bobby Isaac himself would've been pleased with the turnout for the race named in his memory. Ty Gibbs in the #18 would set the fast time in qualifying and start from the top spot with the #57 of Justin Carroll starting to his outside. Gibbs would take the early lead and set the pace in the 150 lap event. Carroll would make his move to the top spot at lap 85, moving around Gibbs for the lead. Carroll would hold the spot until a caution would bunch the field. Josh Berry in the #88 would move around Carroll for the lead with 50 laps to go. Berry would hold on and add another Bobby Isaac Memorial trophy to his collection. Anthony Alfredo in the #8 would come on strong at the end of the race, finishing 2nd. Carroll, who had won in his four previous starts at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars, would hang on for 3rd. Will Burns in the #82 and Ryan Millington in the #76

would round out the top 5. The #9 of Hickory Motor Speedway Bojangles' Late Model points leader Charlie Watson would suffer damage in an early race incident. Watson would be able to continue but would end up in 14th allowing Millington to close the points gap with the two now tied for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Hickory Motor Speedway Track Championship for the Bojangles' Late Models with 3 events to go.

Next up would see the USAC Midgets hit the track. Nolan Allison in the #16 would set the fast time and lead the field to the green flag. Allison would set a furious pace and drive on to the win in the 35 lap feature. Jagger Parker in the #20 would finish 2nd with #28 of Chris Lamb finishing 3rd. Jessica Bean in the #5 and Neil Allison in the #15 would round out the top 5.

Closing out the night's events would be the Covington Dental Smash & Crash Series and their 10 lap feature, with a twist. As the competitors lined up to start their feature, with their vehicles in various stages of decomposition, a tractor tire was hauled onto the track and unloaded in the middle of turn 4. The tire would serve as a pivot point that everyone would have to circumnavigate after each lap around the track. As the green flag fell the race was on to see who could get back around first and start their trip around the tire. With all the competitors from the earlier events lining pit road to watch, the tire would be the focal point and they would not be disappointed. Several cars had to be retired as a result of the contact they received

at the tire and other cars, but when all the smoke had cleared Justin Austin in the #4 would emerge as the victor and take home the trophy.

With two races remaining in the regular season the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series returns to action next Saturday night with Sheetz Night at the Races presented by Gaston Rentals. Twin 40 lap NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles' Late Model races are on tap with 35 laps for the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models, 35 laps for the One Design Super Trucks, 30 laps for the Cosmo Motors Street Stocks, 20 laps for the Renegades, and 10 laps for the Covington Dental Smash & Crash Series.

Gates open at 5:00pm, Qualifying at 5:30pm, Autograph Session at 6:30pm, and Racing at 7:30pm. Tickets are only \$12.50 Adults, \$10.50 Youth/Seniors, Children 10 & under FREE! For more information check us out at www.hickorymotorspeedway.com, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Southern National Motorsports Park

LUCAMA, NC - The Fast Five Pro Late Model championship will be decided with twin races on Saturday, October 7th during the fourth running of the Spooktacular at Southern National Motorsports Park.

In addition to the Pro Late Model race, the bounty on Colt James, who has won the last seven Fast Five Pro Late Model races, has been increased to \$1,000 – meaning the winner of the race could take home as much as \$4,500.

The Fast Five Pro Late Model Series has drawn big names to the track in 2017. In August, NASCAR Next driver Hailie Deegan competed in a Pro Late Model race along with rising star Jared Fryar, Matt Sever, Jody Measamer and Giovanni Bromante. However, Colt James swept both races on August 19th, prompting Southern National Motorsports Park track owner Michael Diaz to raise the bounty on him.

"I think it's an honor," Pro Late Model points leader James said about the bounty. "It says a lot about us as a team. We got the car figured out. To me, it's an honor. Of course, it's going to bring people in and it might cause some late race drama, but, it says a lot. There are a lot of rental programs and bigger money teams and it

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shows the low budget guys can still get it done.

The addition of the Pro Late Models to the Spooktacular comes after Fast Five Pro Late Model Series races in June and July were rained out. The Spooktacular will feature it's traditional 100 lap Limited Late Model race as well as racing for the Charger, Any Car, Legend Car and Bandolero divisions.

The Spooktacular will be run on Saturday, October 7th.

For more information about Southern National Motorsports Park, check out SNMP's website at www.snmpark.com, "like" Southern National Motorsports Park on Facebook or "follow" @SNM_Park on Twitter.

Antioch Speedway

MORGANTON, NC - John Mcelrath #63 from Marion won the special Gary Oliver Memorial Sri Thunder bomber/ps V8 race Saturday night at Antioch. (The division with the highest car count ran for \$1,000 to win). Todd Bolin #1 got the jump at the drop of the green with Tim Moretz #44 and Dab Saulman #JW in Hot Pursuit. Bolin lead the first part of the event until he spun in turn 2 bringing out a caution. Mcelrath worked his way from deep in the field to take the lead on the restart and Mcelrath held off Moretz at the line to win the thousand dollars, Moretz second Saulman overcame and mid-race Pitstop to finish third, Bolin recovered to finish fourth and A J Lynch

#31 overcame late race flat tire to finish fifth.

John Reynolds #55 from Connelly Springs won his fourth consecutive Heintz performance Renegade V8 race. Reynolds came from the rear of the field (due you to a 3 race win rule) and took the lead from Brian Carswell #69 on the 10th lap. Three laps later Carswell broke a right rear axle on his racer ending his bid for the win. Reynolds would pit under caution with overheating problems but came back to pass Kyle Norwood #3 on the last lap to take the win, Norwood second, David Minton #90 third, David Carswell #C5 fourth and Jonathan Hinson #48 fifth.

Andrew Durham #0 from Jonesville LED flag2flag winning the Heintz performance modified event. Cody Cook #2C second, Shaun Robinson #37 3th, Chris Shower #52 fourth and John Robinson #25 rounded out the top five.

Trent Chatham #9 from Taylorsville passed his brother Trevor #00 on the 4th lap and went on to win the James Wagner welding super stock 4 race. Trevor Chatham second, Jimmy Millsaps #20 out battled Paul Butler #B4 take third Butler 4th and Eddie Brittain #57 fifth.

Benny Peeler #16 from Connelly Springs won a very competitive RPM graphics Pure Stock 4 race. Chris Butler #B9 lead the first 4 circuits until Peeler took the lead for good and went home to take a checkered flag. Butler would later drop from competition allowing Riley Dunford #60 who passed Phillip Benfield #18d with 2 lap remaining to finish 2nd Benfield third, Randy Powell #888 4th and B J Link #21 5th.

David Laney #12 from Lancaster

LED every lap on his way to Victory in the extreme front wheel drive race. Brad McManus #3B second, Keith Woolford #10K 3rd, Zach Gammon #S7 4th and Dan Benson #21c fifth.

Alexus Motes #12 from Fort Mills SC won yet another Maddoc energy drink Young Guns race. Last weeks winner Matthew Wallace #1/2 second, Lance Harrison #45 third, Chesnie Chatham #00 4th and Riley Miller #88 5th.

Next week the World of Outlaws winged sprint cars will be featured at Antioch Speedway.

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Mother Nature forced cancellation of the Saturday night stock car racing action at Grandview Speedway. It marked the eighth time this season that weather has impacted the Saturday night racing action at the Berks County clay oval.

The final NASCAR point event of the season is set for Saturday, September 9th. Included in the night of stock car racing excitement will be twin 30-lap features for the TP Trailers 358 Modifieds along with racing for the BRC Late Models and Sportsman. The triple-header show will close out the Saturday night season of NASCAR racing. Championships will be decided in all three divisions. The Blast from the Past Vintage Racers that had been scheduled have been removed from the schedule and will next be seen at Grandview on September 30th with the Enduro racers.

Craig VonDohren sits on top of the NASCAR Modified standings with 3784 points while Jeff Strunk is second with 3551 counters. Both drivers have been titleholders at Grandview several times. Mike Gular is third with 3550 points and looking for his first championship. Duane Howard is fourth having earned 3506 points without benefit of a feature win while veteran Doug Manmiller has 3318 tallies putting him fifth in the standings. There has been 12 different feature winners during the season in the Modified division so far.

Brian Hirthler leads the Sportsman standings, as he has most of the season, with 2801 points with Craig Whitmoyer and Brad Grim closing in. Whitmoyer sits with 2665 points and Grim has a total of 2641.

And in the Late Models current point leader and defending champion Chuck Schutz has 3585 points, a 300 point edge over Bryon Sipe's 3285. Steve Todorow is third

with 3206.

Adult admission is just \$15 while youngsters 11 and under are admitted free.

Advance tickets for the 47th Annual Freedom 76 Classic in honor of Bruce Rogers will be available on Saturday night. The advance tickets are priced at \$35 each. On race day they will be priced at \$40. The September 16th Classic will pay \$30,000 to the winner and is expected to attract many of the top names in dirt track Modified stock car racing. Action will get underway at 7 p.m.

The night before the Mid-Atlantic Sprint Series will be in action along with the Sportsman racing in the Freedom 38'er offering \$1500 to the winner. Modifieds entered in the Freedom 76 will be allowed to participate in practice sessions. Adult admission is \$12, youngsters 6 thru 11 pay just \$5 and under 6 are admitted free.

The Freedom 76 has a September 23rd rain date while the Friday night events have no rain date.

For additional information check in at www.grandviewspeedway.com and link with Freedom 76. The track phone number is 610.754.7688.

I-30 Speedway

LITTLE ROCK, AR - It's just a short six weeks away. That's when the 30th Annual COMP Cams Short Track Nationals presented by Hoosier Tires at Little Rock's I-30 Speedway is set to take place.

Following a Test 'N Tune session on Wednesday, October 11, more than \$100,000 in winnings will be doled out over the three night stretch from October 12-14 with the October 14 STN championship finale offering up a \$15,000 winner's share with \$2,000 to start the finale.

The 30th rendition of the event will mirror last year's with full fields on each qualifying night. The top three from each preliminary feature will lock into the STN finale with the better of the two qualifying nights into Saturday's card of heats and features.

Driver entry fees will once again cover pit passes for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday portion of the event.

Those unable to catch all the intense action can once again take it all in via PPV with Turn2 Media.

The Red Shirt Dash will be back as well after Godley, TX, racer Claud Estes topped the inaugural edition of the event last year that honors the memory of Lanny Ed

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Joel Mcelrath shows off his winning hardware after taking his #63 Thunder Bomber to victory lane. (ANTIOCH SPEEDWAY photo)

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wards.

Last year, Sprint Car racing legend Sammy Swindell matched Gary Wright atop the all-time STN win charts by racing to his fourth triumph in the prestigious event. Swindell's fourth win, coming ahead of Pennsylvania's Tim Shaffer and reigning Knoxville Nationals champion Jason Johnson, followed previous triumphs in 2013, 2011

and 1990.

Swindell's latest STN triumph followed a previous win by current Craftsman NASCAR truck star Christopher Bell with other past winners including the likes of Paul McMahan, Brad Sweet, Tony Bruce, Jr., Jason Meyers, Jason Johnson, Tim Montgomery, Gary Wright, Jason Sides, Mike Ward, Tim Crawley, Wayne Johnson, Pete Butler, Terry Gray, John Gerloff and Steve Kinser.

The Pertinent Info:

The What: 30th Annual COMP Cams Short Track Nationals presented by Hoosier Tires.

The Where: I-30 Speedway (Little Rock, AR). I-30 Speedway is located seven miles southwest of Little Rock off I-30 Exit 126 (Alexander Road).

The When: October 12-14, 2017, following a Wednesday, October 11, Test 'N Tune session.

The Format: All competitors will be eligible to compete on either or both of the Thursday and Friday qualifying nights (no split field) after a Wednesday night Test 'N Tune.

The top three from each qualifying night will be locked into Saturday night's \$15,000-to-win, \$2,000-to-start STN Championship Finale. Those six drivers will battle it out in Saturday's Pack's Dash for Cash to determine the alignment of the front three rows of the championship main event.

The balance of the field will be aligned in Saturday night heats according to their top qualifying night score. Additional points will be awarded in Saturday heats to set the balance of the Saturday night feature lineups.

Top non-transfers from Saturday night "C" Mains (2 or 3 depending on number of "C" Mains) move on to the "Red Shirt Dash" in honor of Lanny Edwards. The "Red Shirt Dash" will pay \$500, \$100, \$100, \$100, \$100, \$100.

The Tickets: Advance tickets for all three nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) are on sale for just \$55 if paying cash or \$57 if paying via PayPal or credit/debit card.

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

Children's tickets will be available at the event only for just \$2 on Thursday and Friday and then \$5 on Saturday plus a \$1 processing fee per ticket if paying by credit/debit card.

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

Pit passes are \$15 on Wednesday, \$35 on Thursday and Friday and then \$40 on Saturday. Driver pit pass for Thursday/Friday/Saturday is included in the \$150 entry fee if submitted by the deadline.

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

Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action on Friday, September 1st with the Valenti Modified Racing Series in the house for the 8th Annual VMRS 80. Taking down weekly feature wins on the night were Rowan Pennink in the SK Modified® feature, Tom Fearn in the Late Model feature, Glenn Griswold in the SK Light feature, Cliff Saunders in the Limited Late Model feature, and Johnny Walker in the DARE Stock feature.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Glen Reen took the early lead with Keith Rocco in second. Tyler Hines was third with Josh Wood fourth and Matt Galko fifth in the early laps. Rocco hounded Reen for the lead until lap-8 when he was able to make a move going into turn 3 to take over the race lead. Rowan Pennink went around Galko to move into fifth on lap-10 with Hines and Wood still third and fourth.

Ted Christopher got around Wood to move into sixth on lap-13 and he was applying heavy pressure to Pennink for fifth when the caution came out with 17 laps complete for Tommy Membrino, Jr., who spun on the backstretch.

Rocco took the lead back under green with Reen glued to his back bumper. Hines had Pennink to his outside and Christopher on his

bumper in the fight for third with Ronnie Williams and Wood side by side for sixth. Hines got out of shape coming out of turn 4 on lap-20, which allowed Pennink and Christopher to both get past and move up to third and fourth behind Rocco and Reen.

Pennink took second from Reen on lap-23 and Christopher got by Reen to move into third on lap-24 with Rocco still out front. Pennink pulled alongside Rocco and was able to take the lead with a pass in turn 4 on lap-25. Christopher was working Rocco over for second, but Rocco was able to keep Christopher behind as they were both still right behind Pennink in a 3-car fight for the lead. The caution came out with 34 laps complete for debris on the track.

Tom Bolles spun in the middle of turns 1+2 to bring the caution right back out before a lap could be completed. The next restart saw Pennink take the lead with Rocco drifting up the track and falling back to fourth as Reen and Christopher took second and third. The caution came out with 36 laps complete for a multicar incident coming out of turn 4 involving Mike Christopher, Jr., Tony Membrino, Jr., Eric Berndt, and Cam McDermott.

Pennink took the lead with Christopher sliding into second. Todd Owen was third with Ryan Preece up to fourth and Williams in fifth. Coming to the white flag, Christopher had a run to the inside of Pennink and he took the lead with a dive bomb move in turn 1. As the two leaders hit turn 3, Pennink gave Christopher a shot to the bumper and moved him out of the way just enough to take the lead and he took the checkered flag for his first win of the 2017 season. Owen finished third with Preece and Williams rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, Josh Wood took the lead at the green with a nearly 4-wide move in turns 1+2 with Tom Fearn right behind him in second. Fearn took the lead from Wood on lap-2 and Michael Wray took second from Wood as Wood fell back to third in line. Behind Wood was Tyler Leary in fourth, Glen Reen fifth, and Michael Bennett sixth.

Wray was applying heavy pressure to Fearn but Fearn was able to hold him off. Bennett got around Reen and Leary to move into third on lap-7 as Wray continued to give chase to Fearn out front.

At the halfway point of the race, Fearn was still in command with Wray and Bennett behind him.

Leary was fourth with Reen in fifth and Kevin Gambacorta sixth. Fearn led what became a 5-car train to the checkered flag to pick up his third win of the 2017 season. Wray finished second with Bennett, Leary, and Reen rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature event, there was a caution right at the start as Ed Chiccoski and Todd Clark both got into the frontstretch wall.

Glenn Korner took the lead on the start with Glenn Griswold and Todd Douillard fighting side by side for second. George Nocera, Jr. was fourth with Joey Ferrigno in fifth when the caution came out with 2 laps complete for debris on the track.

Griswold took the lead at the line on the restart on the outside of Korner and he got clear into the lead on lap-4. Douillard was third with Ferrigno fourth and Nocera in fifth. Ferrigno pulled alongside Douillard and was able to complete the pass on lap-7 to move into third. Dan Wesson was on the charge as he was up to fifth with Nocera right on his bumper in sixth. Nocera spun in turn 1 to bring the caution out with 9 laps complete.

Griswold took the lead with Korner in tow on the restart but the field could only complete one lap before the caution came right back out for a spin on the backstretch by Cory DiMatteo.

Griswold took the lead on the restart with Korner in tow behind him. Wesson was third with David Arute moving up to fourth and Douillard was fifth. Korner looked high and low for a way to get around Griswold, but Griswold was able to hold him off to the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the 2017 season. Wesson finished third with Arute and Douillard rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature event, Alexandra Fearn took the lead at the line on the outside of Matt Clement and she got clear into the lead on lap-2. Clement slotted into second with Robert Bloxson, III and Jeremy Lavoie side by side for third. Lavoie got loose coming out of turn 2 and slid back to seventh on lap-3 as Cliff Saunders took third,

Duane Provost pulled alongside Al Saunders on the final lap in a fight for second, giving Cliff all the margin he needed to take the checkered flag unchallenged. Saunders beat Provost to the line by a nose to take second with Clement and Bloxson rounding out the top-5. lead.