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Martin Truex Jr. Wins in Sonoma



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Ross Chastain Victorious in St. Louis

Teammates; Oh What Fun!

The finish at last Sunday's race at the Sonoma Raceway wasn't close. No matter how hard television tried to tell us otherwise, Martin Truex Jr.'s easy victory wasn't threatened by his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch.

lead dog at JGR, not NASCAR.

"I think it's a good rivalry. We're obviously teammates," Truex said. "We've known each other a long time. We've been racing together a long time. We've raced each other really hard, but with respect. I think that's part of what's made us good teammates is that we have that mutual respect for each other."

Rivalries aren't new in stock-car racing. In fact, it's been a driving force to building a fan-base. But what makes the current battle of the teamwork stars so unusual is both have a seat at the company's roundtable.



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Richard Petty and David Pearson had a fierce rivalry, but they raced for different teams and manufacturers. Dar-

rell Waltrip never backed down from a high-speed fight with anyone, especially Cale Yarborough or Bobby Allison. Dale Earnhardt had his moments with Jeff Gordon, Geoff Bodine and Bill Elliott.

Gordon and Jimmie Johnson were teammates at Hendrick Motorsports from 2001 until Gordon retired at the end of 2016. While they both had their dominant stretches, others were fast enough to break up the company's supremacy.

Gordon won 58 of his 93 races and all four of his championships before Johnson became a full-time driver in 2002. The only time Johnson and Gordon finished one-two in

Truex's run through the Northern California hills was both dominant and expected. And just like 10 of the first 16 races of the Cup Series season, a Gibbs victory also was dominant and expected.

Busch was nearly a football field behind at the checkered flag.

"I was able to have a big enough gap to settle in and not feel so much pressure," Truex said.

"[Stinks] to finish second to a teammate, but it's good for the company," Busch said. "Overall Martin is really, really good here. I'm just pumped that I actually ran good here."

But what's good for Gibbs isn't necessarily good for the sport. The fact there was very little passing – especially up front – didn't help, either. Lead changes essentially were the result of pit stops.

Certainly, there's a budding rivalry brewing between Truex and Busch. But it's more for being the



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wins was in 2007 when they combined to win 16 of 36 races.

Truex and Busch already have combined to win four times each in the first 16 races. Added with two victories by Denny Hamlin, Gibbs cars already have won 10 of 16.

"Kyle hates to lose. Everybody knows kind of how he is," Truex said. "For me, to me, he's just been an amazing teammate. He's really smart about his racecar, gives great information, helps the team make the cars better. We're all better for it.

"We have that mutual respect where we know we're both fast, we both have great teams, we can push each other to be better. It really elevates the whole company."

Truex said he doesn't keep score in his intra-company rivalry. Everyone else, however, is keeping track.

"I don't. I don't know if he does," Truex said. "I do know they told me in Victory Lane we finished 1-2 seven times. I beat him four out of the seven, so I got the upper hand right now. I had no idea until they told me that."

For now, Gibbs has been able to manage a garage full of alpha-male personalities. But he knows, it can all implode in a single lap.

"Most sports, you got one team, everybody's fighting," Gibbs said. "This sport, which I really appreciate, is four different teams [counting winless Erik Jones]. They have to work together, okay, because

back at the shop and everything we do back there, the crew chiefs are working together, to really be the best you can be.

"Then when you get to the race-track, it becomes pretty much each one of them is after it for their sponsor, for their career, for everybody that's pulling for them."

Gibbs remembers when Hamlin drove Busch into the wall during the 2010 All-Star race.

"It took us two months to settle that thing back down," Gibbs said.

At the same time, Gibbs admitted it is a challenge to keep everyone motivated under the same roof, even if the greatest challenge comes from within.

"We do have very different personalities," Gibbs said. "The four drivers are very different. You got Martin, real kind of cool, easy, calm. Denny is a lot like that, comes across that way, too. You have the young kid with Erik, kind of soaking everything up. Then you got Kyle. I won't use any adjectives with Kyle.

"Those guys, it's interesting to watch them. The way they work together, in our meetings, it's fascinating. Everybody shares everything. Those guys, I'm telling you, they share everything about the racecar, how they drive it. It's kind of amazing to see."

And clearly good for Joe Gibbs Racing.

As for the rest of the sport, who knows?

Take That!

Emotion can play a big part of success in sports. Such was the case for Ross Chastain and the Niece Motorsports team in the NASCAR Gander Truck Series.

Several weeks ago, Ross Chastain made the decision to switch his points declaration from the Xfinity Series to the Gander Truck Series.

At that time, the trucks were already eight races into their "regular season". To qualify for the playoffs in the three top divisions of NASCAR, a driver must be in the top twenty in points. Certainly, that status would be difficult to reach with no points halfway through the truck season. Chastain's earlier win at Kansas in May did not count toward the series title chase.

Fast forward to last week at Iowa Speedway. Chastain and the Niece Motorsports truck team would literally spank the competition to earn the victory. However, their win was short lived. After multiple attempts to get through post-race inspection, the truck was found to be too low in the front end ride heights.

The result would be NASCAR taking the win away and placing Chastain last in the finishing order. Under the new rules NASCAR instituted, the "encumbered win" was a thing of the past. No longer would a driver and team be fined and points deducted, but keep the win.

What made this decision doubly tough was the fact that the Iowa race was the second of three Triple Track Challenge races for the Gander Truck Series. If a driver won one of the Challenge events, a \$50,000 bonus was awarded. Also, winning two of three guaranteed an additional bonus. Greg Biffle won the first Triple Track Challenge race at Texas Motor Speedway.

Niece Motorsports elected to appeal the decision at the track. They argued that minimal damage during the race caused the height situation. The appeal was heard last Wednesday and the original decision was upheld. So, Chastain and Niece Motorsports had to recover from the tough Iowa decision and look to the next race at World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway.

Chastain shared his thoughts after the appeal decision.

"We know that we went and

spanked them," Chastain stated. "Like we stomped them in the dirt. I don't apologize for that. Static tech height for ride heights is not what won us the race. I can sleep good knowing that we're bringing the same truck back to Gateway."

"There's been some very upset people involved, Al (Team Owner Niece) included. For the way things are handled and the way that some people acted that we thought were a little better than that," Chastain added. "I'm not going to get into names. There were some things handled, that's just not how you handle things. I was more upset about the people side, not even the call or the DQ."

"We won straight up because dynamic ride height is on the ground," Chastain concluded. "You're on the race track, scraping the ground, all the way around and everybody is. The, you have to get back up and our's didn't come up. Why it didn't come up? I don't know. They're still trying to figure



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that out."

Team Owner Al Niece commented, "Although our team disagrees with the decision, we have exhausted our options for recourse and must move on. Our sights will remain set on the obstacle in front of us which is making the playoffs. I firmly believe that Ross and this Niece Motorsports Team are capable of rising to the challenge, no matter what gets in our way."

So, that brings us to last Saturday night at Gateway. Chastain and the #45 Niece Motorsports team faced a difficult challenge in their next race. Chastain had very little experience on the 1.25-mile track. Last year, he was a start and park driver in his only previous race at Gateway.

To say that Chastain was focused would be an understatement. Chastain led 21 of the 160 laps and held off primary challenger Christian Eckes to earn the victory. The win was the third race of the Triple Track Challenge and earned a \$50,000 bonus. Chastain took the lead after a late green-flag pit stop when he elected to take fuel only.

"These guys went home and we were mad," Chastain said after the victory. "Felt like we had one taken away from us. Holy cow ... They believed in me. I didn't want to take tires. Then it was up to me to freaking hold them off. I don't know how, but I'm going to take that money

home and they're not taking it from us this time."

Oh, did I forget to mention that Chastain's truck was given the "all clear" signal with no issues in inspection after the race Saturday night.

"I can't believe it, but I can, man," Phil Gould, Crew Chief for Chastain commented. "This is a tough bunch. This has been a tough, tough week for this team and everybody involved. To come back and battle through that adversity, that's pretty damn awesome."

The victory at Gateway checked one requirement for playoff eligibility. Another requirement is finishing in the top twenty of the point standings. Unofficially, the win at Gateway moved Chastain to 26th in the standings, 38 points out of the 20th position.

This week, the Truck Series moves to Chicagoland Speedway for their next event. And, Ross Chastain and the Niece Motorsports Team will continue their quest to be in the top twenty of points.

Each year, there are tons of great "human interest" stories in the world of NASCAR motorsports. Ross Chastain and Niece Motorsports could be the "feel good" story of the season if their success continues. Who knows? Emotion could lead this team to a NASCAR Championship at Homestead in November.



Sheer joy is seen on the face of Ross Chastain after winning this week's NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series race in St. Louis. He redeemed himself after last week. (JEFF CURRY/GETTY IMAGES)

Martin Truex Jr. Holds Off Kyle Busch in Dominant Sonoma Victory

SONOMA, CA - Dominant in defense of last year's victory in the Toyota/Save Mart 350, Martin Truex Jr. held off Kyle Busch, his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate, to win Sunday's Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series event at Sonoma Raceway.

With three-lap fresher tires after the final set of green-flag pit stops at the 2.52-mile road course—which for the first time since 1997 featured use of the carousel connecting Turns 4 and 7—Busch closed an 8.269-second gap to slightly more than a second over the last 24 laps.

But the driver of the No. 18 Toyota could get no closer, given that Truex's No. 19 Camry had better drive off the corners at the 12-turn course and was able to keep Busch at bay. Truex led three times for 59 of the 90 laps, including the final 24.

"I just dug down deep and tried to be smooth and hit my marks," said Truex, who won for the fourth time this season—all in the last eight races—the third time at Sonoma (including two straight, and with three different car owners) and the 23rd time in his career. "Luckily I began with a big enough gap where I could get away and not feel too much pressure.

"It was definitely a battle going on, as far as the race there at the end for us on tires. It felt terrible the last 20 laps. The last 10 it just felt like it was on ice—just no grip anywhere. I'm really proud of all these guys and everyone on this team and everyone back at JGR.

"What a season we've turned this into. This is great, man, unbelievable. Hopefully, we can keep it going."

Joe Gibbs Racing has won 10 of the first 16 races this season. Truex, who moved from now-defunct Furniture Row Racing to JGR this year, has now posted at least four victories in four straight seasons, including the current one.

And with Matt DiBenedetto running a career-best fourth and Stage 2 winner Denny Hamlin driving from 26th to fifth in the final stage

of the race after pitting during the second break, Toyota placed four drivers in the top five.

The only interloper was third-place Ryan Blaney in a Team Penske Ford.

With four laps left, Busch had trimmed Truex's advantage to 1.542 seconds, but Truex ultimately expanded the edge to 1.861 seconds at the finish.

"Yeah, any time I had to lean on the left rear, I just didn't have the drive that I needed," Busch said. "Actually tried to hold on to it, trying to save it. I knew that was going to be our problem—that had been our problem all day long. You get closer, you're like, 'Okay, I can get him, I better go, pounce on him fast, so then he doesn't have the time to pick up the pace.'

"But it didn't work. He was obviously saving a lot. I knew he was going to be saving a lot, have enough to be able to most likely hold us off. I was right. I still tried everything I could to get there and ran real hard.... Sucks to finish second to a teammate, but it's good for the company. Overall Martin is really, really good here. I'm just



Martin Truex Jr. (19) keeps his healthy lead over Kyle Busch (18) throughout the closing laps of the Toyota/Save Mart 300. (RUSTY JARRETT/NKP photo)

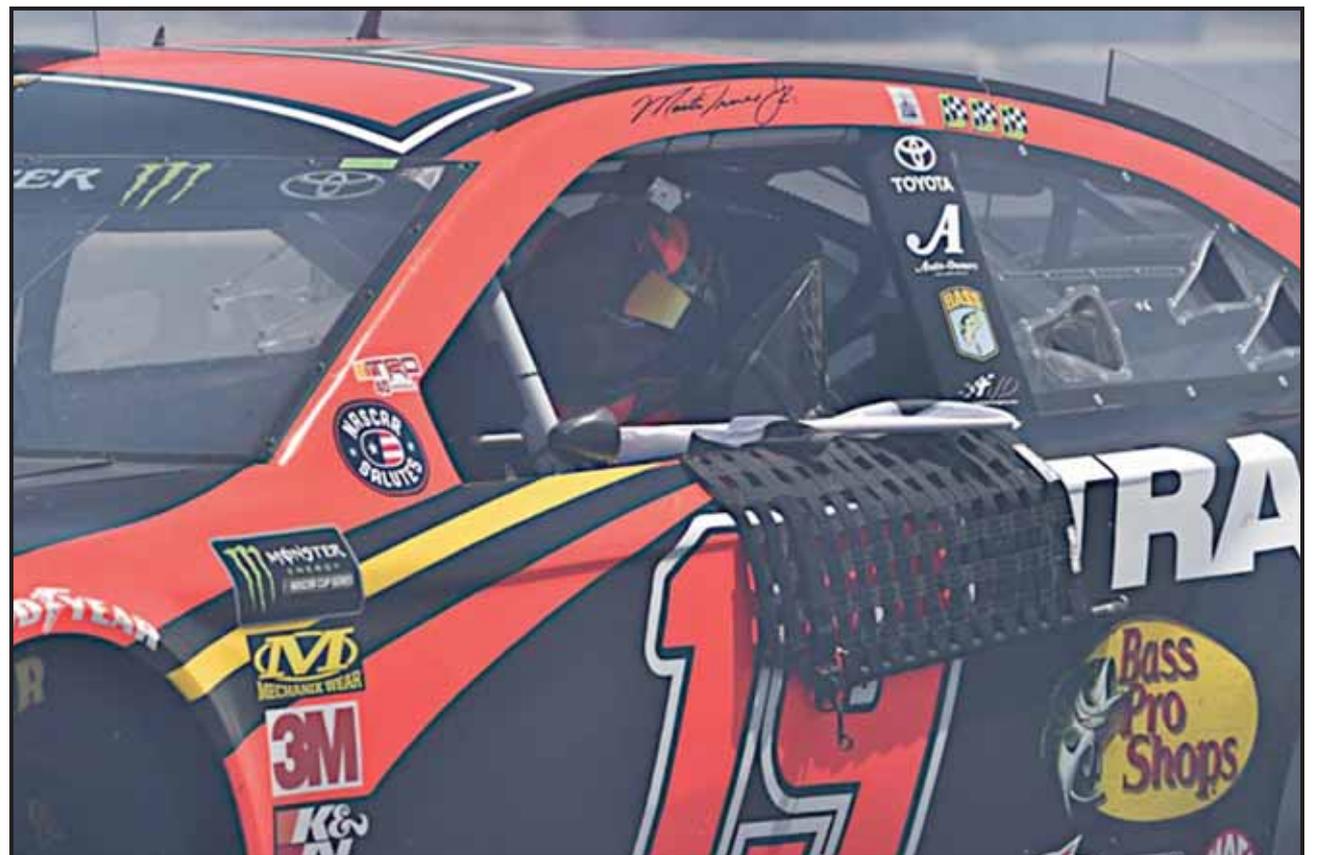
pumped that I actually ran good here."

Kevin Harvick and Ryan Newman claimed the sixth and seventh spots. Erik Jones, who started from the rear of the field after his team made repairs to the left rear quarter of his car post-qualifying, was eighth in the fourth JGR Toyota.

Aric Almirola and polesitter Kyle Larson completed the top 10. The

winner of three straight poles at Sonoma, Larson posted his best finish at the road course.

The race ran caution-free, except for the two stage breaks. Front-row starter William Byron grabbed the lead from Larson on the first lap and won the stage wire-to-wire, but he lost track position while pitting under caution during the stage break and finished 19th.



Race winner Martin Truex Jr. completes making his victory burnout at Sonoma Raceway Sunday. His win was a dominant through the newly configured road course. (RUSTY JARRETT/NKP photo)

Ross Chastain Earns Redemption in Thrilling Gateway Finish

MADISON, IL - A week after having their NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series win stripped due to a post-race technical inspection failure at Iowa Speedway, Ross Chastain

and his Niece Motorsports rebutted the disqualification with a thrilling victory in Saturday night's CarShield 200 presented by CK Power at World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway.

While a contender for the win throughout the event's third stage, it was a gutsy fuel only call by crew chief Phil Gould on Lap 133 that allowed Chastain to gain the track position ahead of former leader Christian Eckes.

But when the caution flag flew with 13 laps remaining for Harrison Burton, Chastain's nearly one-second lead had been evaporated and put Eckes, Stewart Friesen and Todd Gilliland all with fresher tires in the footprints of Chastain's No. 45 CarShield Chevrolet Silverado.

When the green flag waved with seven laps remaining, despite spinning his tires, Chastain was able to fend off a charge from Eckes and

eventually pulled away from his challengers to earn his second Gander Trucks win of the season.

On the last lap, Gilliland battled his Kyle Busch Motorsports teammate Eckes for second, but Eckes saw an impressive performance end up in the Turn 2 wall after contact with Friesen for the second consecutive season at Gateway.

Chastain finished 0.704 seconds ahead of Gilliland and picked up a \$50,000 bonus in the final race of the Gander Outdoors Trip Truck Challenge.

"These Niece guys went home, and we were mad, felt like we had one taken from us," said a jubilant Chastain. "Phil Gould, Lonnie Rush they believed in me. I didn't want to take tires and then it was up to me to freakin hold them off, I don't know how.

"I'm going to take that money home and they're not taking it from us this time."

Chastain admitted he was nervous when the final caution waved as he knew it would face hungry challengers on the restart.

"Of course, scared to death, that's the last thing I wanted to see," Chastain said of the Lap 146 caution. "Buzzed my tires like crazy



Ross Chastain, feeling vindicated from last week's disqualification, celebrates in victory lane with a home-grown watermelon. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

on the restart and got to thank Todd (Gilliland) for pushing me and not wrecking me. Execution on these guys. We didn't have the fastest truck today, but we executed, and we believed in each other. Man, that feels really good."

Eckes who led twice for a race-high 57 laps was forced to settle for 14th in his second Gander Trucks

start of the season.

"I made a mistake down in (Turns) 3 and 4 and we lost some track position and the 4 (Gilliland) got by me and I was looking to make the crossover move and got wrecked by the No. 52 (Friesen) again. Man, it's unfortunate, these SiriusXM guys work too hard for this. We had a great run tonight, I felt like we honestly had the best truck there at the end, I need to work on myself a little bit as far as the aero aspect of it and move on to Pocono."

Friesen finished third, ahead of Toyota Racing Development driver Chandler Smith and Iowa winner Brett Moffit to complete the top-five.

Points leader Grant Enfinger finished sixth after dominating the first two stages, Sheldon Creed, Ben Rhodes, Matt Crafton and Myatt Snider filling in for the suspended Johnny Sauter comprised the top-10.

With his second Gander Trucks win in his 153rd series start, Chastain becomes Playoff eligible once he enters the top-20 in the championship driver standings. With five races remaining in the regular season, Chastain sits 26th overall.

Next up the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series stops at Chicagoland (Ill.) Speedway for the running of the Overton's 225 on Jun. 28.



Ross Chastain (45) battles with Harrison Burton (18) and Todd Gilliland (4) for the lead late in the race. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

Noah Gragson Wins at Sonoma In Chaotic Overtime Finish

SONOMA, CA - The black flag taketh away; the black flag giveth.

In a race where Noah Gragson thought his chance for a win disappeared with a penalty for jumping a restart, the 20-year-old from Las Vegas wound up in Victory Lane after

Ryan Preece's apparent win disappeared under similar circumstances.

In the end, it was Gragson celebrating the win in Sunday's Procore 200 at Sonoma Raceway.

"Helluva race," Gragson said. "Kind of had a little bit of ... adversity there in the middle of the race. Got called for jumping the start as the leader. Never really heard that one before, but we battled back through adversity and ended up the winner."

Preece was extremely frustrated with how his afternoon concluded after leading over 20 laps to the finish.

"What are you gonna do?" Preece said. "It's their sandbox, they're gonna do what they want. They manipulated the race at the end of the day and we won that race. Jumping a restart is going two car lengths early; it's part of it. You might as well hold my hands behind my back and tie them up if you're going to make me go at the same line every single time."

Gragson started second and took the lead from pole-sitter Hailie Deegan on the initial start. He didn't relinquish the top spot until he encountered the aforementioned adversity: a restart violation of his own.

Gragson was slicing and dicing his way through the field from that point on, putting his No. 7 Switch Chevrolet in places it appeared wouldn't warrant a pass.

But Gragson kept clawing back. After a few cautions bunched the field back up, he found himself in position to pounce. And although he was behind Preece when the final caution flew on the white flag lap, he was scored the winner. The NASCAR Xfinity Series regular collected his fifth K&N Pro Series West career win and seventh overall in K&N.

Daniel Hemric, Austin Dillon,

Cole Custer and David Mayhew rounded out the top five finishers with defending race winner Will Rodgers, Jim Inglebright, Deegan, Dave Smith and Paul Pedroncelli Jr. completing the top 10.

With the penalty, Preece was

scored 20th, the last car on the lead lap.

Derek Kraus, the championship points leader coming into Sonoma, encountered engine issues around the halfway point and was on pit road for multiple laps as his team repaired the issue on the No. 16. After getting the free pass twice and making up three laps, he was in position for a top 19 finish, but crossed the finish line in 19th after being spun out on the final lap.

Kraus saw his championship lead cut to one over teammate Deegan, while Trevor Huddleston is 11 back and Huddleston's rookie teammate Jagger Jones is now only 13 behind Kraus.

The Procore 200 will be broadcast Thursday, June 27 at 6 p.m. on NBCSN.

The next K&N Pro Series West event will take place on Saturday, June 29 at Douglas County Speedway in Roseburg, Oregon.



Noah Gragson celebrates in Victory Lane following his Procore 200 win at Sonoma Raceway. (Russell LaBounty, NKP/NASCAR photo)

ISC Becomes Proud Partner of Veteran Tickets Foundation

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - International Speedway Corporation ("ISC") announced today its Proud Partner status with the Veteran Tickets Foundation (Vet Tix), an organization providing event tickets through its Tickets for Troops program to all branches of currently serving military and veterans, including immediate family of troops killed in action. ISC's Proud Partner designation spans across its 12 motorsports entertainment facilities throughout the U.S. that host NASCAR events.

"Patriotism in our sport runs deep and this is just another way

that we can thank and honor our military members," said Frank Kelleher, ISC VP, Sales and Marketing. "NASCAR embraces families and we look forward to helping military and veterans strengthen those family bonds with race experiences."

ISC's partnership includes hosting military service members and veterans and providing unique event experiences for them as well as at-track activation beginning with Chicagoland Speedway and its Camping World 400 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race on June 30, and running through the DAYTONA 500 at Daytona International Speedway in February 2020.

Through the agreement, ISC tracks will participate in a social

media campaign where fans may nominate a military member to win a race day experience.

"We are very excited for our military and veterans to experience NASCAR racing at ISC's tracks," said Mike Focareto, Founder and CEO, Vet Tix. "We have been connected to motorsports for many years and currently enjoy a great relationship with Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series driver Kurt Busch and his KB100 Ticket Giveaway. This is just another way we can further our mission to help service members and veterans to reduce stress, encourage community building and build life-long memories."

Vet Tix is a national 501(c) (3) which has provided over six million event tickets to more than one million members. The nonprofit organization spends over 95 percent back on its programs, giving back to those who have given so much. To learn more or to donate, please visit VetTix.org or 1stTix.org.

Berry Bounces by McCarty for CARS Tour Win at Dominion Raceway

THORNBURG, VA - Josh Berry bested the field on Saturday night at Dominion Raceway in the CARS Tour Radley Cadillac & Chevrolet 125, his 16th series win. The victory came after Berry passed his closest rival, Bobby McCarty, for the race lead with 49 laps to go and

it kept him within one point of the championship lead.

Following Hedgecock Pole Qualifying, McCarty appeared to be the man to beat after nearly breaking the series track record during his run. Berry, however, qualified alongside the No. 22 and the pair led the field to the green flag.

The first major caution of the evening occurred on lap 26 when Camden Gullie's engine expired on

the backstretch. Doug Barnes, Jr., and Mason Diaz made contact less than a lap after the restart, triggering a multi-car incident which eliminated Diaz and Trevor Ward from the event while also sweeping Ronald Hill into the mess.

On each of the early restarts, Berry was able to nose ahead of McCarty for a lap, but the No. 22 Toyota continued to set the pace despite Berry's early attempts at the lead.

A competition caution on lap 66 drew the field closer together and allowed Berry to once again hone in on his nemesis for the race lead. After peppering the rear bumper of McCarty with love taps for nearly ten laps, he muscled his way by with authority on lap 77 and began to pull away.

The JR Motorsports driver remained unchallenged in the final 49 circuits, cruising to Edelbrock Vic-



Josh Berry celebrates in victory lane after winning the CARS Tour race at Dominion Raceway. (Dinah Mullins/Pit Row Media photo)

tory Lane in a car originally built for his boss, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., to race. McCarty finished second by a margin of 2.621 seconds. Brandon Pierce, Mini Tyrrell and Layne Riggs rounded out the top five.

"It cooled off and the track came to us," Berry said in Edelbrock Victory Lane. "When it came time to go, it went. I couldn't believe once we got out front how well it ran and we were able to just drive away. That was pretty fun. This was a

pretty amazing racecar, first race on this thing and it's just a credit to all these guys for all their hard work.

The next event for the CARS Racing Tour will take place July 13 at Carteret County Speedway, the Solid Rock Carriers Crystal Coast 125. For more information on the CARS Tour, visit their website at CARS RacingTour.com, or follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat.

Ty Gibbs Takes First ARCA Win with Last Lap Pass at WWT Raceway

Ty Gibbs scored his first career ARCA Menards Series win with a last-lap pass of Sam Mayer in Saturday's Day to Day Coffee 150 at World Wide Technology Raceway.

Gibbs had the dominant car over the last third of race, but came down pit road under the final caution

flag of the night with ten laps to go. When the race restarted with six laps to go, Gibbs was eighth but he knifed his way through the field to second within three laps. He stalked Mayer the final three laps, and the two made contact in the final corners and Mayer drifted up the track and Gibbs went on to the victory.

"I had a pretty big gap coming to the white flag and I gained on him in turns one and two," Gibbs said. "He overdrove it into three and four and gave me that shot and we're at a short track so you might as well take it. It's for the win and that's pretty big. It's a hard deal, but it's been a long day. We had a motor issue and we fought back and won. It just shows how hard my guys

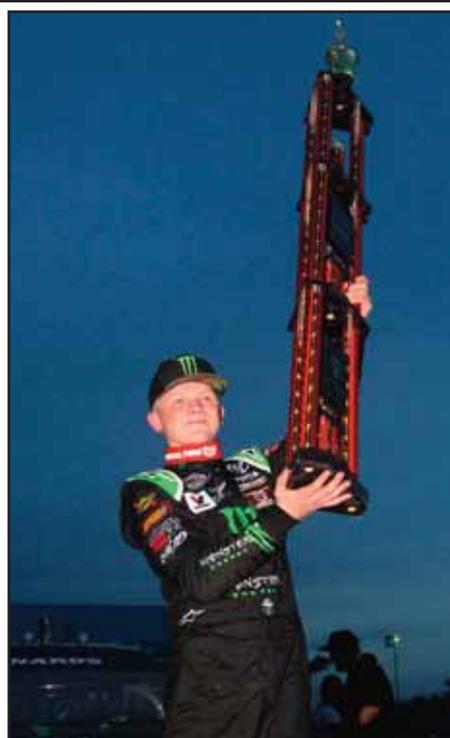
work."

Mayer ended up third, and was not thrilled with the events of the last lap.

Christian Eckes was able to sneak past Mayer in turn four to take second behind Gibbs. Eckes immediately climbed aboard his Kyle Busch Motorsports-owned Truck to compete in the CarShield 200 for the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series. He knew he didn't have a shot to win without the last caution of the night, and his crew chief Kevin Reed made the only call he could to give him a chance to win.

"We had a great car but we weren't going to catch Ty under green," Eckes said. "We made the only call we could to pull off the win and we took it. We restarted second and finished second, so I guess it evened out. It was a great call by Kevin and the guys, and it was the only shot we had to win."

Gibbs was joined post-race by his grandfather Joe Gibbs, team owner of Joe Gibbs Racing. The elder Gibbs is a member of the National Football Hall of Fame and is a 2020 inductee of the NASCAR Hall of Fame. While he has seen a lot of memorable moments in both



Ty Gibbs hoists the Day to Day Coffee 150 trophy in victory lane at World Wide Technology Raceway. (arcaracing.com photo)

sports, watching his grandson win for the first time was an emotional experience for the man everyone affectionately calls "Coach".

"I've been lucky to see a lot of really special moments in both football and in racing, but this is up there near the top," he said. "We had a lot of success in football, and I thought Denny (Hamlin) winning the Daytona 500 with J.D. on the car was as good as it could get. But

this is really special. When that last caution came out and we restarted eighth I was just...I was really discouraged. But he did a great job. Coy (Gibbs, Ty's father) was here tonight and it's just special we can all be here to see this."

Corey Heim and Carson Hocevar rounded out the top five.

The race saw many challengers for the ARCA Menards Series championship fight bad luck. Leader Michael Self led the first 41 laps and was in contention for a top-five finish when he suffered a transmission issue on lap 87. Bret Holmes was involved in two spins, the first on lap 11 and the second on lap 68, damaging the car in the second incident. Chandler Smith was running among the lead pack when he broke an axle. Self finished 13th and unofficially maintains a 30-point advantage over Holmes, who finished tenth, and a 45-point advantage over seventh-place finisher Travis Braden in third.

There were five cautions for 32 laps and the lead was traded seven times among seven drivers. Gibbs's winning average speed was 97.773 miles per hour. His margin of victory over Eckes was 0.649 seconds.

The ARCA Menards Series returns to action on Thursday, June 28 in the Bounty 150 at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Illinois.

Bergakker Gets First ARCA/CRA Super Series Win at Flat Rock Speedway

SALEM, IN - Mid-lesville, Michigan veteran racer Brian Bergakker was not one of the early favorites to win Saturday night's ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS 100 lap event sponsored by Ross Mortgage at Flat Rock Speedway, but Bergakker, a past Champion and winner at Flat Rock in an Outlaw Late Model, proved he can also race a Template Super Late Model, getting his first ever CRA win by just over two seconds over a hard charging Kyle Crump and Austin Kunert.

"This is pretty cool to get this win," remarked Bergakker in victory lane. "I wasn't a big fan of the template cars, but my sponsor Central Transport wanted me to run some of these type races, so we got this car together and here we are standing in victory lane with the win. I really like this track, it's a fun place to race, I knew once I got out front, I could get the win if we didn't get any more yellow flags, and that's what happened. Thanks to my sponsors and my crew for all their hard work!"

2018 Senneker Rookie of the Year Austin Kunert took full advantage of his pole starting position after Fast Qualifier Brian Campbell drew a six for the inverted start, to grab the lead at the drop of the green flag. Bergakker started outside front row and raced several laps side by side with Kunert until Kunert got the position.

An early caution on lap 12 brought the field back together. Kunert and Bergakker again raced side by side for several laps when the field went back green. Bergakker was able to use the outside groove to grab the lead on lap 23 moving Kunert back to second.

Kyle Crump made his way to the front to first battle with Kunert for second place and finally made the pass of Kunert for the second position while the two battled hard in and out of lap traffic. Crump looked to possibly have a faster car at the end of the race that Bergakker, but just ran out of laps as the event went caution free after the lap 12 incident to the checkers.

Bergakker's car had a white right front tire and wheel where he

slipped up and got into the wall about halfway into the race, but the car was not damaged, and he was able to work his way through heavy lap traffic to get the win. The event was only his second ever race with the ARCA/CRA Super Series, he finished in fifth place in the June 10th Money in the Bank 150 at Berlin Raceway.

Bergakker picked up the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race Award for his pass of Kunert to get the lead on lap 23.

Crump finished in second for car owners Stan and Judi Rosen, his highest ever series finish. The Brighton, Michigan racer came from his seventh starting position to finish in second and picked up the FLUIDYNE High Performance Cool Under Pressure Award.

Kunert would finish in third place, his best finish of the 2019 season. Three-time ARCA/CRA Super Series Champion Johnny VanDoorn finished in fourth place. Michael Simko came from his 11th place starting position to finish in fifth place, picking up a Hoosier Racing Tire Performance Award and the Progressive Racing Engines Hard-Charger Award.

Fast Qualifier Campbell finished in fifth place after dropping back several positions at the start of the race. Evan Shotko and Hunter Jack battled hard at the end of the race for positions with Shotko finishing

in seventh and Jack in eighth. 2017 series Champion Josh Brock finished in ninth place. Harold Fair Jr. came from his 13th place starting position to finish in 10th and picked up the second Hoosier Racing Tire Performance Award.

Mark Neff's team picked up the PitBoxes.com Pit Crew of the Race Award for Saturday nights event. The team and driver traveled from Colorado to compete in Saturday's race and had to do some quick repairs after an upper control arm broke at the end of practice to have the car ready to qualify.

The ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS will return to action next Sunday, June 30th at Toledo Speedway for another 100-lap event sponsored by Ross Mortgage. That event is make-up race from the April 20th event that was postponed because of weather.

More information on the ARCA/CRA Super Series is available at www.cra-racing.com.

Entry Form Released for Memphis Int'l

SALEM, IN - Champion Racing Association Powered by JEGS Officials have released the entry form for the \$10,000 to Win Masters of the Pro's 125, Pro Late Model event sanctioned by the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance, which will take place at Memphis International Raceway on Sunday, July 21st.

The 125-lap green flag event will pay a minimum \$10,000 to win plus bonuses, making it one of the highest paying Pro/Crate Late Model

events in the country. In addition, the winner will be awarded a signature green jacket, similar to the one that is known for adorning the champion of golf's Masters event. The event will be an eight-tire max race, utilizing controlled cautions, with teams only allowed to change a max of two tires per yellow.

There will be a \$1000 cash bonus to the highest finishing driver in the Masters of the Pro's 125 who has never raced in the Masters of the Pro's event prior to 2019. There will be a \$1000 cash bonus to the Highest Finisher that has raced with the JEGS/CRA All-Star Tour this year and a \$1000 cash bonus to the Highest Finisher that has not raced with the JEGS/CRA All-Star Tour this year.

There will be an open practice on Saturday, July 20th with pits opening at 10am Central Time. Pits open on Sunday, July 21st at 9am, a one-hour practice session will begin at 11:30am. Jerico Performance Products Qualifying will begin at 2:30pm. There will be an autograph session beginning at 3:30pm. The Masters of the Pro's 125 will go green at 5pm.

For more information on Memphis International Raceway, visit raceMIR.com or connect on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @RaceMIR.

The advanced entry deadline for the Masters of the Pro's 125 will be July 10th, after that date teams entering will have to pay a late entry penalty. The Masters of the Pro's 125 entry form and schedule of events are available on the CRA web site at www.cra-racing.com.

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MacDonald Edges Hopkins in PASS Thriller at New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - Eddie MacDonald of Rowley, Massachusetts just barely held off hard-charging Mike Hopkins to claim victory in the 50-lap Pro All Stars Series Super Late Model main event, highlighting the racing card at the third annual New England Short Track Showdown at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon on Sunday.

For MacDonald it was win number 11 at the Magic Mile, including scores in both PASS Super Late Model races ever contested at the 1.058-mile oval. He beat Hopkins to the line by maybe a foot, or .026-seconds according to electronic scoring, aboard his Hancock Electric-Grimm Construction 17.

Hermon, Maine driver Hopkins, a winner at the 3/4-mile Richmond Raceway in Virginia to open up the 2019 Pro All Stars Series season, solidified his position atop the Pro All Stars Series National Championship standings with his runner-up finish.

Derek Griffith of Hudson, New Hampshire, the defending PASS Super Late Model National Championship Series kingpin, swapped positions in front of the pack with both MacDonald and Hopkins before settling for a third-place finish, following up his win in the previous week's race at Speedway 95 and injecting the LCM Motorsports operation right back into the PASS North SLM title chase.

Pictou, Nova Scotia teenager Austin MacDonald posted an impressive fourth-place finish in his New Hampshire Motor Speedway debut. Five-time PASS National Champ Ben Rowe of Turner, Maine rebounded with a top-five finish after nearly slapping the wall during qualifying. Young Ryan Kuhn of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts just missed out on a top-five finish. Alan Tardiff, DJ Shaw, Reid Lanpher and Johnny Clark rounded out the top ten.

The Pro All Stars Series Super Late Models next see action on Sunday, June 30 at Oxford Plains Speedway for The Open, a 100-lap race offering guaranteed starting positions in the rich Oxford 250 in August. PASS Mods will also compete, For more information visit

proallstarsseries.com, oxfordplains.com or call (207) 539-8865. Oxford Plains Speedway is located at 877 Main Street (State Route 26) in Oxford, Maine.

Race Details, Purse, & Legend Cars Announced For PASS Finale at Lanier

NAPLES, ME - Pro All Stars Series (PASS) officials today released details, entry forms, and the complete weekend schedule for the PASS National Championship season finale at Lanier Raceplex on November 15-16. The Lanier National 200 for the PASS Super Late Models will be 200 laps, paying \$6000 to win and \$1000 to start. The starting grid will be set by heat races in which their lineups will be determined by using last practice speeds. Finally, the popular Legends car and Bandoleros will complete the weekend of competition at Lanier Raceplex, featuring three divisions of Legend car racing; Pro, Semi-Pro, and the Young Lions.

"We've been working on this event at Lanier for quite a while and we are glad to be able to get this information out while in advance of

the Lanier National 200," said PASS President Tom Mayberry. "We have listened to our fans and racers and we believe the addition of heat races will provide even more action to this great weekend of racing. And, the Legends cars and Bandoleros were always popular at Lanier and, based on what we're hearing, there should be a lot of support for their return in November."

Now in its 12th season, Super Late Model racing's only true national championship will bring PASS drivers together from all over North America to compete this Fall at Lanier Raceplex. In addition to the grandstands being open, Lanier's famed trackside parking will be available to the fans for this event. The track was repaved and all infield buildings were torn down at Lanier Raceplex when the facility was transformed to host drifting events and Go-Kart racing for the public. All race cars will be pitted outside the track so fans will be able to enjoy an unobstructed view of the action from any vantage point at the speedway.

When PASS began sanctioning Super Late Model races in the south, Lanier was one of the first tracks to come on board to host an event. Georgia native Jason Hogan won the first PASS race there in 2006, while Maine's Corey Williams took the checkered flag the final time PASS held a race at Lanier in 2007.

Numerous drivers cut their teeth racing Legends cars and Bandoleros at Lanier Raceplex, including Joey Logano, David Ragan, Daniel Hemric and more. With the concentration of Legends cars around the Atlanta area, the Carolinas, and much of the Eastern Seaboard, race officials believe splitting the cars in to Pro, Semi-Pro, and Young Lions will allow for even more action around the 3/8-mile speedway. There will be a payout throughout the field in each division with \$500 to win for the Pro division, \$400 to win for the Semi-Pros, and \$300 to win for the Young Lions.

After sitting dormant for nearly a decade, the Lanier Raceplex will roar to life on Friday, November 15, with practice for PASS Super Late Models and Legends cars from 1 PM to 5 PM. On Saturday, November 16, pit gates will open at 8 AM, followed by practice at 10 AM, heat races for PASS Super Late Models, Legends, and Bandoleros at 12:30 PM, followed by the Lanier National 200 and remaining features. Sunday, November 17 will be reserved as a rain date if needed.

For Lanier National 200 entry forms and the complete weekend schedule please go to ProAllStarsSeries.com.

Don't forget to "Like" the Pro All Stars Series on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @PASSSLM14 to keep up with breaking news.



Eddie MacDonald celebrates in victory lane after racing to the win in the third annual New England Short Track Showdown at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. (Norm Marx photo)

Sweet Wins at Beaver Dam for Back-to-Back Wins

In the words of Brad Sweet, “the more you lead, the better you get at it.” The statement rings like a prophecy he wrote from himself.

Almost halfway through the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series 2019 season, Sweet has made leading a habit and gotten better at it each race.

With more than 100 laps led already this season, the Grass Valley, Calif.-native added another 38 laps to that total after claiming his fifth win of the season Saturday night at Beaver Dam Raceway – and his second win in-a-row.

“I’m just happy we’re clicking them off and have a little bit of momentum on our side,” said Sweet, after claiming his 39th career Series victory.

His second victory at the Wisconsin track wasn’t earned without a few faults and lessons learned along the way.

The 1/3-mile track was slick and technical for the 40-lap Feature, he said. That meant finding the right line at the right time; a feat the Kasey Kahne Racing driver faults himself for not executing perfectly.

But before the track began to take rubber late in the race, forcing Sweet to contemplate the best line, he had to contest with DIRTvision Fast Pass Dash winner Shane Stewart for the lead.

On the initial start, Stewart jumped to the lead riding the high side of the track. Sweet chose the bottom. In two laps, the advantage proved to be Sweet’s. The NAPA Auto Parts No. 49 sped by Stewart, putting close to a second gap between them.

His newfound lead was cut short a few seconds later when Logan Schuchart brought out the first caution of the night by coming to a stop in turn three.

On the restart, Sweet returned to form. He shot to the lead, leaving the remaining 23 cars to content for second amongst themselves. Stewart held on to the position for the next few laps before trying the low line and bicycling his car off turn four, giving Daryn Pittman an easy pass for second-place.

For the remaining 33 laps, third-place was traded between Stewart, David Gravel, Sheldon Hauden-

schild, Donny Schatz and Ian Madsen. Each driver throwing a slide job on the next to try and claim the position.

By the halfway point, Sweet caught lap traffic and Pittman started to close in. However, navigating lap traffic – a situation Sweet has found himself in several times already this year while leading – only made him faster.

Pittman eventually transitioned to the high side and again began to close in on Sweet. But with 15 laps to go, Sweet also moved to the top and pulled away to the \$20,000 victory.

“It was finesse. It was tricky,” Sweet said about the race. “I had to move around on the race track. I think the bottom caught a few guys off guard. I don’t know if they thought they should be on the bottom in (turns) three and four. I kind of had an idea. I did my warm up down there to see how much grip was down there.

“Luckily it was good down there early and I was able to get the lead. I made a couple of mistakes there. I probably stayed down there too long. But I didn’t want to follow lap guys. It’s just tricky sometimes leading and moving around.”

While Pittman’s second-place finish – his third podium finish in-a-row – was a momentum building performance with his Roth Motorsports team, he’s hungry for more.

“It just feels like it’s been a while since I won,” said Pittman, who last

won in Florida in February. “I’ve gone from, how do we turn things around, to being consistent, to now dammit I want to win. We’ve still got to get a little bit better, but we’re close.”

The duel for third was won by the Jason Johnson Racing No. 41 car of Gravel. In JJR’s return to Beaver Dam Raceway after Jason Johnson’s fatal accident at the raceway last year, Gravel kept the No. 41 car up front all night. He was fastest in practice, went Quick Time in Qualifying, won his Drydene Heat race and fought hard for a podium.

“We wanted to win tonight, but we’re happy with a podium,” Gravel said. “Third is good. We’ve been rolling pretty good here. Just have to keep it going.”

Gravel’s podium finish leaves him fourth in points – 144 points behind leader Sweet. Pittman is third – 138 points back – and Schatz is second – now 54 points behind Sweet after finishing seventh.

Along with the points lead, Sweet now leads World of Outlaws drivers in the most laps led, the most podium finishes – with 12 – and most wins, so far, this year. To Sweet, though...

“It really doesn’t mean a whole lot,” Sweet said.

“It’s not a bad thing ever to, toward the end of June, have the most wins. But I’ve been there before. I’ll keep saying it over and over and over, these next few months, July, August and in even September, those are the months that are going to make or break the

season. You can run good all the way to July 1 and never win another race.”

Consistency is key to Sweet and his Kasey Kahne Racing team. Lead more, win more.

The more he leads, the better he gets.

Rain showers Force Cancellation of WoO Dubuque Debut

Overnight rain and persistent morning showers creating saturated grounds at Dubuque Speedway have forced World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series and track officials to cancel Sunday’s event at the speedway. The event will not be rescheduled.

Those who bought tickets in advance will receive a full refund at the point of purchase.

For those who purchased tickets at O’Reilly Auto Parts, mail your tickets to SLS Promotions at the address below.

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For more information on tickets, visit www.slspromotions.com or call 815-344-2023.

The Greatest Show on Dirt will continue its high-octane show Thursday, June 27, to Saturday, June 29, at Jackson Motorplex in Jackson, Minn. for the 41st Annual Ago Jackson Nationals.

For the latest on the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Cars, make sure to follow on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, and at www.WorldofOutlaws.com.



Brad Sweet raced his way to victory lane at Beaver Dam Raceway for back-to-back wins with the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series. (Paul Arch photo)

McCreadie Charges from 11th to \$30,000 Firecracker 100 Victory at Lernerville

SARVER, PA - As much as Tim McCreadie likes Lernerville Speedway, he had come up empty in the track's premier World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series Firecracker 100. Finally, a four-lap charge to the checkers in front of packed grandstands

on Saturday night changed all that.

McCreadie, the 2006 Series Champion from Watertown, N.Y., started 11th and methodically worked his way forward, pacing himself perfectly over 100 laps to steal the lead in the high groove with four laps remaining to pick up the \$30,000 victory over Darrell Lanigan and Brandon Sheppard.

"I had been making moves up top the whole night, so I thought, 'What have I got to lose?'" an elated McCreadie exclaimed. "There's no reason to do all this work and then just settle for second."

There certainly weren't any signs of settling aboard the K&L Rumley-owned Bilstein #6M on Saturday night, as "T-Mac" displayed his signature determination in the closing circuits, picking up four spots in the final 13 laps. But for the first 87 laps of the race, there was a different story unfolding with the leaders.

Sheppard has been having a dream season, quite literally. He's leading the World of Outlaws standings, won eight Series races and was coming off a huge victory in Eldora's Dream. So it was no surprise when the green flag dropped, it was Sheppard's race to lose as he grabbed the lead from the pole on the first lap and was in command through the first 61 laps. But a slip-up getting around a thick patch of lapped traffic made room for leading Outlaw Rookie sensation Ricky Weiss to sneak by on the inside.

Weiss, in hot pursuit of his first career World of Outlaws win, opened up a sizable advantage over Sheppard and Lanigan over the next 20 laps as the race continued caution-free. Lanigan got by Sheppard with 17 circuits remaining and began his chase on Weiss, closing the gap rapidly and nearly reaching the Sweet-Bloomquist #7

by lap 94.

As the leaders crossed the stripe to complete lap 95, Weiss got a bit too high and kissed the wall at the flag stand. As the sparks flew, Lanigan shot to the bottom of the track and dove underneath Weiss to take the lead away in turn one. Weiss limped his car around the track for another lap-and-a-half, but his cut-down right-rear tire hindered his ability to drive too much to continue under green.

He took his car into the work area under the ensuing yellow flag for a tire change, but the damage to his track position had already been done. Weiss wound up 16th.

"Our car was really good. [The top groove] wasn't really where we wanted to run on the track at the end, but it was the fastest way around," said a disappointed Weiss. "We were just kind of maintaining and, with five laps to go, we just ran something over."

Despite the sour end to his night, Weiss still sits fourth in overall points standings, topping all other Rookies by a considerable amount.

"Consistency is the key in this deal," said Weiss, who is already looking ahead to the Series' upcoming events in the Midwest and tracks familiar to the former WIS-SOTA star. "We're just filling our notebook, and everywhere we go, it seems to get better and better. We've got a pretty good baseline that seems to work on these tracks and we'll just keep digging."



Michael Norris raced his way to victory lane on night one of the Firecracker 100 action at Lernerville Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)



Tim McCreadie celebrates in victory lane after racing his way from 11th to take the Firecracker 100 win at Lernerville Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

After 95 straight laps without a caution, Lanigan assumed the lead under the yellow and found McCreadie right on his bumper. The "Bluegrass Bandit" was only able to hold off McCreadie for two corners before McCreadie found grip on the cushion and beat Lanigan into turn three for the lead. And that was all it took for McCreadie to score his second win for K&L Rumley Racing in another 100-lap showdown, to match their Atomic 100 victory at Atomic Speedway in April.

Lanigan came home second to score the fifth Firecracker 100 runner-up of his career. He ran inside the top three for all 100 laps, battling with Sheppard and Josh Richards in the early going. Picking up his ninth top-five finish of the season and maintaining control of second in Series points, Lanigan was also a bit disappointed in yet another Firecracker runner-up after a second caution flag flew one lap after he inherited the lead.

"I really didn't want to see that

caution there at the end, but that's part of racing I guess," he said.

The Outlaws next head to the Terre Haute Action Track for a duel with the stars of the DIRTcar Summer Nationals tour on Friday, June 28, as Sheppard, Lanigan and Weiss take on The Hell Tour's best of Brian Shirley, Bobby Pierce, Shannon Babb, Frank Heckenast Jr. and all of the Summer Nationals stars.

Norris Defeats the Outlaws Again in Night One of Firecracker 100 Action

SARVER, PA - For the second consecutive year, "The Crusher Kid" Michael Norris outdueled the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series stars on his home dirt in the Friday night Feature at Lernerville Speedway's Firecracker 100 weekend.

This time it was a different car, but the same winning ambition and driving skill his Western Pennsylvania fans are so accustomed to seeing, and those family, fans and friends were there again Friday to see him pick up the \$6,000 win, setting the stage for Saturday's huge \$30,000-to-win Firecracker 100 main event.

Norris held off a hounding Mason Zeigler and a hard-charging Brandon Sheppard over 30 laps to pick up his second career World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series win, both in his backyard at Lernerville.

"There were a lot of heroes, in my book, behind me, and that'll get you rattled pretty quick," a smiling Norris, 27, said after the race. "I just tried to pretend like it was another Friday night, another 25 or 30 laps here, hit my marks and drive as fast as I can."

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In what was almost a mirror result of his big Firecracker victory last year, Norris again set the second-fast time overall in Qualifying, won his Drydene heat race, re-drew inside row two and led 26 laps en route to the checkers. But just as it was for him last year, the win did not come easily.

Norris had to survive several restarts after cautions and even one red flag, but he held his ground on the top side of the track, narrowly skating the cushion for most of the green-flag action while defusing the pressure bombs behind him on each restart.

"Restarts were tricky because I didn't really know where to go," said Norris, a Sarver native. "Once we got rolling, I felt like I got a good enough rhythm that they were really going to have to work to get by me, but I wasn't sure to go high or low or anything like that. At the end of the day, we're standing here and super blessed to be here."

Norris is now two-for-two in the Todd Cerenzia-owned #02. Last Friday night, he made his debut behind the wheel of the blue-and-green Rocket XR1 at Lernerville and ran away with the show, picking up his second win of the season. He's normally seen behind the wheel of his family-owned #72, but that operation went sour after his engine expired in night one of Dirt Late Model Dream competition at Eldora two weeks ago.

Norris said he got in touch with Cerenzia through Brian Daugherty of Integra Shocks, who he spoke with after his Dream weekend came to an early end. Daugherty mentioned Cerenzia's name and, after some deep thought and conversation, the new team materialized just one week ago.

"At the time, I didn't think anything of [the partnership], and on the ride home from the Dream I was thinking more about it," Norris said. "It sounded like it was going to be more of a possibility, and the next thing I know, I was driving up on Tuesday to put my seat in it."

Reflecting back on his 2018 Firecracker prelim win just a few weeks ago, Norris said it was such a blessing to accomplish what he did and tie it to the Norris family name. Now that he's done it twice, it still brings he and his family just

as much pride.

"I don't know what I did to deserve this type of stuff, but it feels great," he said. "To do it for all of [my family], it means the world."

Mason Zeigler served as the thorn in Norris's side for much of the race, planting himself on the #02's rear bumper for almost every restart. He grabbed the early lead but quickly gave it up to Norris after trading slidejobs out front.

Zeigler started on the pole but fell back a tiny bit after Norris took the lead away. His patience together with his line around the track and decisions on restarts earned back his runner-up spot over the final 10 laps.

Tacking on his 12th top-three finish in 15 World of Outlaws races this year, Brandon Sheppard drove the wheels off of his Rocket1 Racing ride Friday night, coming from the 12th starting spot to finish third.

Making the most of each line on the track, Sheppard searched around for grip on the track throughout 30 laps and found just enough of it on the low groove midway through the race to make the passes he needed.

iRacing WoO Morton Buildings Late Model World Championship Returns for 2019

BEDFORD, MA - iRacing and the World of Outlaws are pleased to announce the return of the iRacing World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model World Championship for the 2019 season, beginning on Monday, June 24 with a round at Volusia Speedway. The 10-race championship will see the world's top dirt oval drivers battle for their share of a \$25,000 purse, as well as the opportunity to drive a real-world late model with Clint Bowyer Racing at The Dirt Track at Charlotte Motor Speedway this fall.

"We're really looking forward to the start of the iRacing World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model World Championship," said iRacing.com President Tony Gardner. "Coming off an exciting 2018 season, as well as a thrilling Sprint Car World Championship that wrapped up earlier this year, we're looking forward to the return of the late models as one of our most exciting World Championships of the year."

The second edition of the championship will feature many of iRacing's top dirt oval racers, including defending champion Zach Leonhardi, who took home \$5,300 be-

tween end-of-season and weekly winnings in 2018. Much like last year, the champion will earn a trophy and recognition at the real-world World of Outlaws banquet, as well as seat time in one of Bowyer's cars, but their share of the end-of-season prize pool expands to \$10,000.

The full 2019 iRacing World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model World Championship calendar is as follows:

- June 24: Volusia Speedway
- July 1: Limaland Mtspts Park

- July 8: Knoxville Speedway
- July 15: Eldora Speedway
- July 22: Volusia Speedway
- July 29: Kokomo Speedway
- August 5: Knoxville Speedway
- Aug 12: Williams Grove
- Aug 19: Limaland MtsptsPark
- Aug 26: The Dirt Track at Char

Each event will be aired live via the iRacing eSports Network on Facebook, Twitch, and YouTube. Each stream begins at 9PM ET/6PM PT. For more information on iRacing and for special offers, visit www.iracing.com.

Brandeis Midwest Sprint Car Series

Brandeis Midwest Sprint Cars to be at Brownstown on June 29th

HAUBSTADT, IN - The Brandeis Midwest Sprint Car Series will return to action with a special appearance at Indiana's Brownstown Speedway on Saturday night June 29th. The MSCS Sprint Car feature will pay \$2,000 to win and \$200 to start. MSCS starts 20 cars in the feature and offers one provisional spot to the highest eligible driver from the series who did not transfer during the heats or B Main.

The non-wing touring series will be featured in a program which will include two other open wheel classes of cars - the MMSA Mini Sprints and UMRA TQ Midgets. In addition the Pro Late Models and Pure Stocks will also be competing to provide a widely varied program to appeal to one and all.

This will only be the third appearance at Brownstown Speedway for MSCS. This track is located at the Jackson County Fairgrounds and is a slightly banked ¼ mile oval. The series often races at ¼ mile facilities.

The last time that MSCS raced at Brownstown was in June of 2017. The feature that night was a victory for Brady Short in route to a fourth MSCS Championship. Brady Short was also the winner there in August of 2015. MSCS events scheduled to be held at Brownstown Speedway in 2018, 2016 and 2014 were all cancelled because of rain.

Princeton, IN, driver Kyle Cummins has 358 points and commands the lead in the 2019 Brandeis MSCS Points Standings. Cummins is 34 points ahead of closest rival Brady Short of

Mitchell, IN. Both run well at Brownstown. Cummins won the NO WAY OUT 40 non-sanctioned race at the track earlier this spring. Short has recorded the two previous MSCS wins there. Donny Brackett of Fort Branch, IN, stands third in points. Series regulars Stephen Schnapf and Brandon Mattox round out the Top Five heading to Brownstown.

Aric Gentry has accumulated 272 points. He ranks sixth. Dakota Jackson is just another two points back. Kent Schmidt, Jordan Kinser, and Joe Stornetta Jr. round out the Top Ten. Rookies Chayse Hayhurst and Kyle Hathaway rank 11th and 13th in the series standings.

MSCS has held five features so far this season. Kyle Cummins has won three of those five features. Finishing second to Cummins on those three occasions were Donny Brackett, C.J. Leary, and Dakota Jackson. Robert Ballou won the Josh Burton Memorial at Bloomington Speedway with Cummins finishing second.

Kevin Thomas Jr. won the feature the next night at Lincoln Park Speedway with Dave Darland running second.

It should be one SPECTACULAR night for RACING! Cars will take the track at 6 P.M. Racing will follow the hot laps and qualification runs. Brownstown Speedway is located a mile southeast of Brownstown, IN, on State Route 250.

The USAC Sprints will join with MSCS in a co-sanctioned event at Tri-State Speedway in Haubstadt, IN, on Sunday June 30th. This is the make-up date for the rained-out and rescheduled SPRING SHOOTOUT. The winner will receive \$5,000. The event will wrap up an exciting weekend of racing.

Buddy Kofoid Uses Last Lap Pass to Garner Ohio Sprint Speedweek Finale Win Worth \$10,000

ORRVILLE, OH - Pennngrove, California's Buddy Kofoid officially etched his name in Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 history books on Saturday night at Wayne County Speedway, not

only earning a first-ever Series victory, but doing so during the final night of the 37th running of Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Indy Metal Finishing. To top things off, the Speedweek finale victory scored Kofoid a \$10,000 payday.

The feat was impressive, but it was accomplished in dramatic fashion, as the 17-year-old was forced to outduel Kokomo, Indiana's Parker Price-Miller, as well as six-time All Star champion, Dale Blaney, during the closing circuits of the 35-lap main event. In fact, Kofoid was third when the field received the five-to-go signal from the flagstand, eventually getting by Blaney with two laps remaining, followed by a slick move to drive under Price-Miller on the final circuit.

Price-Miller, who led the first 34 laps from the pole position, held on to finish second at Wayne County Speedway, followed by Blaney, local favorite, Broc Martin, and St. Helena, California's Rico Abreu.

"I really don't know what to say. This was one of my goals when I moved out here," said Buddy Kofoid, driver of the Ed Neumeister Racing/Gill Construction/CK Plumbing/Linder's Speed Equipment/No. 11N sprint car. "Getting that first All Star win is just unbelievable. Now I want to get an Outlaw win. I really can't thank this team enough. Mike [Linder] and the guys gave me a great car. I'm having a lot of fun doing this."

Although never in command until the final circuit, it was obvious that Kofoid was going to be a factor. In fact, Kofoid took command for the first time, unofficially, on lap nine with a slider over Price-Miller through turns one and two. Unfortunately, a caution, the main event's first and only caution, halted action just as Kofoid took command, ultimately negating his

move.

Racing one-two after the ensuing restart, Price-Miller and Kofoid did not encounter traffic for the first time until lap 17, causing the front-runners to bunch that now included a fast-paced Dale Blaney, who battled his way to third from fifth by the completion of lap 23. From that point forward, it was a shootout.

By lap 26, the lead trio were trapped behind a wall of slower cars. Using traffic as a pick, Blaney pounced on Kofoid for second on lap 27, actually diving below the familiar No. 11N with a move between turns three and four. Despite losing a position, Kofoid kept pace with Blaney and Price-Miller, eventually returning the favor and advancing back into second on lap 33.

Keeping Price-Miller within striking distance, Kofoid drove to the tailtank of the Indy Race Parts No. 71P as the duo were entering turn one on the final circuit. In an attempt to protect the bottom, Price-Miller dived into one, but slid too high, actually opening the door for Kofoid who was able to sneak by.

"I was running harder and harder and harder. I actually blew off the track a little bit and that let Dale [Blaney] by," Buddy Kofoid continued. "I was still running hard, but smoother. I ended up getting a run on Dale which allowed us to get back by him. I kept doing the same thing and that allowed us to reel Parker [Price-Miller] in. I felt like I could probably do a wheelie down the backstretch, that's how much driver I was getting off of turn two."

Kofoid won the battle on Saturday night, but it was Dale Blaney who won the war, using his podium run to clinch a sixth-career Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Indy Metal Finishing championship, now with just as many Speedweek titles as he does All Star championships. The Speedweek title, his first since 2014, earned the Hartford, Ohio-native a \$4,000 payday.

With the 37th edition of Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Indy Metal Finishing complete, Tony Stewart's All Star Circuit of Champions will now aim their focus west, set to embark on the Land of Lincoln for a two-race weekend on June 28 & 29. The All



Buddy Kofoid raced his way to victory lane for the Ohio Sprint Speedweek Finale at Wayne County Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

Star Circuit of Champions will kick-off their weekend in Illinois with a visit to the Jacksonville Speedway in Jacksonville on Friday, June 28. The two-day venture will conclude at the state-of-the-art Dirt Oval at Route 66 on Saturday, June 29.

As they are for most of the 2019 All Star schedule, Speed Shift TV, the official online broadcast partner of the All Star Circuit of Champions in 2019, will be conducting a live video broadcast during the events at Jacksonville and Route 66. For more information, please visit Speed Shift TV live on the Web at www.speedshifttv.com.

Limaland Speedweek Event Canceled

CHILLICOTHE, OH - Off and on periods of heavy rain throughout much of the day Thursday, mixed with an increasing chance of additional precipitation during the overnight hours, has forced Limaland Motorsports Park and All Star Circuit of Champions officials to cancel Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Indy Metal Finishing competition.

Atomic Action Canceled

CHILLICOTHE, OH - Due to safety concerns, Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Indy Metal Finishing competition at Atomic Speedway on Friday, June 21, was canceled with two heat races complete.

During the third Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 heat race, an incident occurring between turns three and four caused a considerable amount of fence damage. The damage was perceived significant, thus creating an unsafe racing environment. With driver, as well as

fan safety the priority, All Star Circuit of Champions officials decided it was in everyone's best interest to cancel the remaining portion of the All Star program.

Speedweek Action at Mansfield Motor Speedway Canceled

MANSFIELD, OH - It has been a frustrating week for Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 competitors, as Mother Nature has put her foot down once again, this time halting Speedweek action set for Thursday, June 20, at Mansfield Motor Speedway.

Aaron Reutzel Beats Shaffer and Abreu for Ohio Sprint Speedweek Victory at Wayne County Speedway

ORRVILLE, OH - With Mother Nature throwing a curveball in All Star plans to visit Chillicothe's Atomic Speedway on Wednesday evening, the Series made an early morning venue swap and switched their focus to Wayne County Speedway in Orrville.

The Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Indy Metal Finishing destination change proved to be all the better for Clute, Texas' Aaron Reutzel, ultimately ending his evening at 'Orrville's Historic Oval' \$5,000 richer, as well as officially back on top of the Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 driver championship standings.

Reutzel, the defending All Star champion in addition to being the current Series point leader, led all 30 circuits at Wayne County

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Speedway on Wednesday evening, forced to outduel the 'Steel City Outlaw' Tim Shaffer and St. Helena, California's Rico Abreu in the process. Joining Kyle Larson and Dale Blaney, Reutzel now owns one Speedweek victory in 2019, adding to his overall All Star wins list that now includes 12 total, three of which occurring in 2019.

"We were fortunate enough to pull the front row for the dash and get a starting spot up front. Capitalizing on a solid pill draw is important, but the guys gave me a great car, as well," Aaron Reutzel said in Wayne County Speedway victory lane. "Grant, Jim-Bob, Cheeseburger; these guys worked hard all night and gave me a great race car. It was a total team effort."

Although forced to withstand three cautions during the first seven circuits, one of which a red flag incident just after the initial start, Reutzel remained the class of the field, keeping Tim Shaffer and Rico Abreu in his rearview mirror during the first ten laps. Strong in clean air, it was not until when slower traffic entered the picture for the first time that Shaffer and Abreu were able to chop away at Reutzel's advantage.

By lap 13, Shaffer was hot on

Reutzel's heels, knocking down the leader's advantage to a mere-car length. Despite Reutzel's ability to navigate slower traffic, Shaffer kept the Baughman-Reutzel Motorsports entry in check, pressuring the familiar No. 87 for the lead on multiple occasions between laps 15 and 18 while nearly driving under Reutzel at the exit of turn four on lap 17.

Feeling the pressure from Shaffer, Reutzel immediately increased his pace, picking off slower cars one by one while simultaneously growing his command over Shaffer and Abreu.

By the time Reutzel received the five-to-go signal from the flagstand,

the race was already over, eventually crossing under the final checkers with a near-straightaway advantage.

"Getting the jump was really important. The last thing I wanted to do was have to drive really hard and have to catch Tim [Shaffer]," Aaron Reutzel continued. "I was able to set my own pace. I did make a mistake here and there which allowed Shaffer to sneak under me, but I was able to get my pace back up again. I don't think he was as good as I was through traffic."

Brock Zearfoss finished fourth at Wayne County Speedway, followed by Ohio veteran, Dean Jacobs.

Sharon Speedway/Wayne County Speedway Plans for Tuesday Canceled

HARTFORD, OH - Despite Sharon Speedway and Wayne County Speedway officials doing everything they could to make Cometic Gasket Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Indy Metal Finishing competition on Tuesday, June 18, a reality, the amount of precipitation received overnight proved to be too much, forcing both facilities to cancel their respective plans.



Aaron Reutzel (center) raced his way to victory lane over second place finisher Tim Shaffer (right) and third place finisher Rico Abreu (left). (Paul Arch photo)

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Canada's Robbie Price Wins His First Career Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup

ALGER, WA - Three leaders, six lead changes, and then a list of firsts for Robbie Price in the 48th annual Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup presented by the Skagit Casino Resort as the driver of the Millstone Heating and Sheetmetal No. 21p landed his first \$15,000 Dirt Cup paycheck and his first Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network victory.

Becoming the first Canadian born driver to top the Skagit Speedway crown jewel, Robbie is also the youngest driver at 21-years old to win the Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup.

"It's always good to come home, and it gives me some peace of mind. I like it a lot, and I'll be honest, we've sucked a lot this year so to come out here and win, it's such a great feeling and a great accomplishment. I'm just excited," said a nearly breathless Robbie Price, who is the 147th different winner in Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour competition.

Taking the green from the fourth spot, Price chased Jason Solwold for third as Blake Hahn took off with the top spot after an opening lap drag race with Matt Covington. Leaders into traffic on Lap 7, the top two runners closed to a nose to tail battle with both struggling to clear the back-markers. Trying to swing low on a slower car on Lap 13, Hahn made contact and spun. Never coming to a stop, and inadvertent caution was thrown to bring the field single file with Hahn in lining up in fifth.

Handing the lead to Matt Covington, the A-Rock Material No. 95 pulled away in clean air with Robbie Price under fire from Jason Solwold as the pair went slide for slide over the next few laps. Keeping pace at the line over the No. 18, Price began running down Covington who had started to work back into slower traffic. Taking advantage of slower cars, Price took a shot at the lead with Covington answering the challenge. Back and forth through traffic, Covington and Price used the slower cars as picks as Jason Solwold closed with Blake Hahn and Colton Heath in tow.

With the top five nearly under a blanket, Robbie Price took over the top spot on Lap 22. Stalked by Covington, the No. 95 reclaimed the lead on Lap 27, but Covington's night would fall 10 laps shy of the \$15,000 payday as the engine expired on Lap 30.

Putting the lead back in the hands of Robbie Price, the No. 21p took the green with a lapped car between himself and Jason Solwold. Held up by the slower machine, Solwold and Hahn battled for second before the caution flew on Lap 33 for Justyn Cox who spun to a stop in the second turn.

Clearing the No. 18 for second on Lap 35, Hahn trailed by nearly two seconds as the leaders ran all out in clean air. Closing every lap on Price, the leaders hit traffic as the white flag waved with Hahn pulling to the back bumper of Robbie into the third turn. Trying to mount the run off the final turn, Robbie Price would not be denied as he bested Hahn by 0.364 seconds.

Fighting from seventh, 2018 Dirt Cup winner, Seth Bergman ran to third in the closing laps with Jason Solwold settling for fourth. Picking up eight spots for the night's Hard Charger, Australia's Scott Bogucki completed the top five in the same car that he went upside down in the night before. Sam Hafertepe, Jr. fought to sixth with Colton Heath in seventh. Travis Jacobson picked up six spots to finish eighth with John Carney II ending his first Dirt Cup in ninth. Devon Borden completed the top ten.

A total of 51 drivers checked in for the 2019 Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup. B-Features were topped by Greg Hamilton and Justin Sanders. No Provisionals were allowed.

The next event for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network is the Fred Brownfield Classic at Grays Harbor Raceway in Elma, Wash. on Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29. Tickets on sale at www.graysharborraceway.com.

For other news, notes, and information on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the nine Regional Tours that make up ASCS Nation in 2019, log onto www.ascsracing.com, follow on Facebook, on Instagram,



Robbie Price celebrates his first career Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup win in victory lane at Skagit Speedway. (Lisa Dynes photo)

and on Twitter (@LucasOilASCS).

Crockett Rebounds For Victory On Night Two of the 48th Dirt Cup at Skagit

ALGER, WA - A huge turnaround from the opening night of the 48th annual Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup presented by the Skagit Casino/Resort, Roger Crockett ended his winless drought with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

"Everyone says the highest of highs, the lowest of lows in this sport, it's just not too often they come back to back, but we've worked really hard the last few races and found some issues with the car. Finally had to change and engine, and here we are in Victory Lane. This is where we belong, I feel like. We had a phenomenal car tonight," commented Crockett whose last win came 48 races ago on March 16, 2018 at the Devil's Bowl Speedway.

Giving chase from the fifth starting spot the first 13 laps, it was Scott Bogucki who led the way with Tanner Holmes in tow. Finding traffic on Lap 7, Bogucki had to make a couple skip moves around the slower cars to keep the No. 18t at bay.

Still keeping some breathing room, the red flag flew on Lap 10 as Garen Linder and Blake Hahn came together battling for 10th, sending the No. 22L flipping half the distance of the back straightaway. Both drivers were okay, with Hahn able to restart at the tail after a visit to the work area.

Taking back off with the lead, Bogucki railed the cushion of the

Skagit Speedway. Running hard off the second turn with 13 laps complete, the cushion bit, turning the Sawblade.com No. 28 hard into the wall before sailing Bogucki end over end with Holmes darting down the track into the inside guardrail trying to avoid the No. 28. Both drivers were okay but unable to continue.

Handing the lead by Robbie Price, the No. 21p took the green with Crockett quickly diving to his inside as the pair hit the first turn. Wheel to wheel, it was Price who led Lap 14, but would not be able to hold off the charge of Crockett who grabbed the lead down the backstretch the following lap.

Keeping pace with Crockett, the pair began working toward backmarkers before the caution lights displayed on Lap 23 for Brock Lemley who spun battling for fifth. Looking for room to regain the lead, the caution put the stop on Price's run to the lead with Crockett again able to hold off the No. 21p in the race's final two-lap dash.

Having to contend with Colton Heath on the final restart, the seventh starting No. 33 worked into second on the closing lap, relegating Robbie Price to a third-place finish. Matt Covington in fourth was trailed by John Carney II who worked through the field from 10th to complete the top five.

Jason Solwold grabbed sixth with Sam Hafertepe, Jr. making a rebound run from 15th to seventh. Devon Borden from 16th grabbed eighth. From the 15th in the night's second B-Feature to third, California's Justin Sanders was the night's Hard Charger; coming from 21st to ninth in the Rutz Racing No. 8r. Defending Dirt Cup Champion, Seth Bergman, completed the top ten.

Opening Night of The 48th Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup Goes To Blake Hahn

ALGER, WA - Leading start to finish to open the 48th annual Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup presented by the Skagit Casino/Resort, Oklahoma's Blake Hahn became the sixth different winner since 2015 in Dirt Cup competition with the Lucas Oil American

Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

"Thank you to all the fans for coming out tonight. This is one of my favorite races we go to all year and to top the podium on the first night is a good start to the weekend. Dalton had the car dialed in tonight every time we hit the track. Hopefully, we can do this again tomorrow night," stated Hahn with the night's trophy in hand.

With the victory, Hahn has taken over the point's lead with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network by 28 markers over Sam Hafertepe, Jr. with John Carney II moving back to third over Scott Bogucki with Matt Covington following. All five are within 74 points.

Winning the drag race into the first two turns over Jason Solwold, the Sage Fruit, Co. No. 52 worked high at first before moving near the middle groove the Skagit Speedway. With room to breath over the No. 18 of Solwold, the 2015 Dirt Cup Champion came under fire from Matt Covington as the No. 95 worked the hub of the Skagit Speedway.

Finding Hahn in traffic as the race progressed to the ninth lap, Covington took a shot at the race lead through the third and fourth turns. Unable to clear the No. 52, the nose of the No. 95 was all Blake needed to see to adjust his line to the hub of the Skagit Speedway. Patiently through traffic, Hahn controlled the pace of the A-Feature with tire conservation a top priority.

Nose to tail through the top five at one point with the leaders trailing the back of the pack, the leaders spread out momentarily as before the caution flew working Lap 24 for Sam Hafertepe, Jr. with a flat tire. The No. 15h was not able to escape the work area before the A-Feature went back to green.

Pulling away on the restart with two laps to go, Hahn opened his advantage to 2.703 seconds at the drop of the checkered flag. Matt Covington in second was joined on the podium by Jason Solwold. Seth Bergman moved up one to finish fourth with John Carney II making his first appearance at the Skagit Speedway with a fifth-place finish from eighth.

Robbie Price in sixth was followed by Travis Jacobson. Justyn Cox from 12th moved up to finish eighth with Scott Bogucki coming out of the night's second B-Feature before advancing from 18th to ninth to earn the night's Hard Charger Award. Chris Schmelzle completed the top ten.

A field of 50 was on hand to open the 48th Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup presented by the Skagit Casino/Resort. Six SCE Gaskets Heat Races were topped by Jake Helsel, Jason Solwold, Seth Bergman, Harli White, Justin Youngquist, and Reece Goetz. Hoosier Tire Qualifiers went to Alex Hill, Blake Hahn, and Garen Linder. A pair of BMRS B-Features was won by Reece Goetz and Scott Bogucki. The Cook's Contracting Dump Truck Award went to Alex Hill. No Provisionals were allowed.

Howard Moore Earns ASCS Mid-South Triumph at I-30

LITTLE ROCK, AR - Topping action for the fifth time with the Stealth Recovery ASCS Mid-South Region, Tennessee's Howard Moore raced from the right of the second

row to win at I-30 Speedway on Saturday night in the A.G. Rains owned No. 3.

Moore's first win of the year with the Stealth Recovery ASCS Mid-South Region, the No. 3 was chased to the checkered flag by Wayne Johnson. A snag in his Heat Races that saw the No. 2c disqualified for an infraction with the placement of the Nose Wing, Johnson ripped through the field from 23rd to grab the runner-up spot. Missouri's Miles Paulus came up to third with Tim Crawley moving from seventh to fourth. Kyle Bellm completed the top five.

Jeremy Middleton from ninth made it to sixth with Charlie Loudon from 12th to seventh. Zach Pringle was eighth, followed by Brandon Hanks who had to charge from 21st to ninth. Brandon Hinkle from 17th made it to tenth.

The Stealth Recovery ASCS Mid-South Region races again on July 6 at Diamond Park Speedway in Murfreesboro, Ark.

Ziehl Rolls To ASCS Southwest Victory at Central Arizona

CASA GRANDE, AZ - Rolling to the green from the front row Saturday night, New Mexico's Rick Ziehl led start to finish with the ASCS Southwest Region at Central Arizona Speedway for his 32nd career victory with the Arizona based regional tour.

Besting the ASCS Southwest Region for the third time in 2019, Ziehl was followed by Billy Chester, who worked to the runner-up spot on Lap 16 with the pass on Eric Wilkins, who ended his night third. Pole sitter, Alex Pettas, slipped back to a fourth-place finish with Jesse Baker fifth. Nick Parker in sixth kept pace over series point's

leader, Lorne Wofford, with Colton Hardy eighth. Chris Bonneau and J.T. Imperial completed the top ten.

The ASCS Southwest Region races again on Saturday, June 29 at Arizona Speedway in Casa Grande, Ariz.

Deskins Charges With ASCS Elite Non-Wing at 281 Speedway

STEPHENVILLE, TX - Two nights of racing at 281 Speedway and two first time winners with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating, Arizona's Shon Deskins charged through the field from ninth to win Saturday night.

The third ASCS Region that Deskins has claimed victory in, the win brings Shon's ASCS win total to seven with victories in the former Canyon Region as well as the San Tan Ford Non-Wing. Beating out Friday winner, Jarod Jennings, the pair were joined on the podium by Bryan Debrick with Jason Howell and Justin Fifield to complete the top five.

Craig Oakes, Dillon Burks, Paul White, Stephen Smith, and Michelle Melton completed the top ten.

The ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating is back in action at Monarch Motor Speedway in Wichita Falls, Texas on Friday, July 12 to kick off a two-day swing with Big O Speedway in Ennis, Texas on Saturday, July 13.

Jennings Grabs First Career ASCS Elite Non-Wing Victory at 281 Speedway

STEPHENVILLE, TX - Adding his name to the record books on Friday night, Jarrod Jennings wheeled to his first career victory with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating at 281 Speedway.

The first of a two-day affair, the 26 car field was broken down into a 16 car A-Feature in order to set the field for Saturday night. Positioning himself into the dash to set the top six for Saturday night, Jennings was chased to the line by Jason Howell with Bryan Debrick, Craig Oakes, and Nathan Moore making up the top five. The final lock-in to the Saturday pole dash was Kade Taylor who moved from 10th to sixth.

Justin Fifield, Dillon Burks, Gary Floyd, and Stephen Smith completed the top ten.



Howard Moore raced his way to victory lane at I-30 Speedway. (ASCS photo)

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Out with the old and in with the NEW! Talladega Superspeedway's brand new Pit Road Club will provide fans the opportunity to take their race-day experience to another level. Included in the Pit Road Club package is access to the much-anticipated Talladega Garage Experience during the track's doubleheader NASCAR Playoff

Weekend, Oct. 11-13, featuring the 1000Bulbs.com 500 and the Sugarlands Shine 250.

Located directly behind pit road where race teams change tires and refuel their drivers' cars, the luxurious Pit Road Club gives fans the chance to take in the most exciting racing on the planet, and feel like they're in the middle of the action at the 2.66-mile venue.

The Pit Road Club offers guests a delicious hot breakfast and lunch, along with afternoon hors d'oeuvres and unlimited beer, Dasani Water and Coca-Cola products each day.

The main floor hospitality level is complete with two buffet lines, four portable bars and multiple styles of seating including patio-style tables and chairs, bar height tables, chairs and rails, and soft seating couches and chairs with a dozen televisions for fans to keep up with all the action throughout the weekend.

The top level features three hundred 21-inch wide seats with cup holders, television monitors and four portable bars with attendants to serve drinks. The covered upper level has plenty of space – 5,600 square feet – that gives fans the opportunity to socialize in the rear of the seating section and look out over part of the Talladega Garage Experience, the infamous Talladega infield and Alabama Gang Superstretch.

The two-story, open-air Pit Road Club is located inside the Talladega Garage Experience, which allows fans to be immersed in the sport and under the same garage roof where the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series cars are being prepped by the race teams over the course of the weekend. Fans can take part in countless other family-fun activities that include: photo opportunities with the Vulcan and Freedom trophies in Gatorade Victory Lane, Kids Zone,

Game Zone, entertainment stage for local music, Driver Q&A's and other interviews, social areas, Gatorade Victory Lane celebrations after each race, FREE Wi-Fi presented by Xtreme Concepts, Inc., Sunday pre-race ceremonies and Driver Introductions at the Start-Finish line and much more.

Two guest options are available for the Pit Road Club - both packages include 2-day (Saturday and Sunday) access to the Talladega Garage Experience and a 2-day premium infield parking pass for every two Pit Road Club admissions purchased. The lower-level hospitality is \$350 per person. The upper level, including a reserved seat plus access to lower-level hospitality area, is \$600 per person.

There is a separate corporate hospitality side of the Pit Road Club that includes a dedicated 30-person suite on both levels. Separate corporate buffets and bars for food and beverages are included throughout the weekend, along with 12 silver lot parking passes and 30 two-day Talladega Garage Experience passes (weekend \$18,000).

The Pit Road Club is just one of the many aspects of Transformation – The Talladega Superspeedway Infield Project presented by Graybar, highlighted by the Talladega Garage Experience, which stretches from the center of the Tri-Oval all the way down near the start-finish line.

Other items in the Talladega Garage Experience (TGE) include: valued-priced concessions, fan viewing areas to the teams, cars (44 stalls) as well as inspection stations during race preparation in the new Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Garages; new modern Open Air Club (covered) with 41-foot diagonal screen, 100-foot long bar, with seating for over 1,100 guests and close-up viewing of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Garages; exclusive social, engagement areas with concession/souvenir/restroom facilities, Guest Services Center & First Aid facility; and much more!

GT Grandstands is constructing the new Pit Road Club, as well as the new Race Operations building, that will be high above the Tri-Oval Tower. DLR Group is the architect of the entire project while Hoar Construction from Birmingham is spearheading Phase II of Transformation – The Talladega Superspeedway Infield Project presented by Graybar.

For Pit Road Club information, general ticket information on the

track's NASCAR doubleheader playoff weekend, and all things on the Transformation Infield Project presented by Graybar and the Talladega Garage Experience, log onto www.talladegasuperspeedway.com or call 855-518-7223 (RACE). Fans can learn more about the specifics of the project by visiting www.talladegasuperspeedway.com/transformation.

Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - Pocono Raceway and the American Red Cross invite blood donors to attend the 14th Annual Pocono Raceway Blood Drive and Ride for the Red on Tuesday, July 2. All presenting blood donors will be entered for a chance to win three prize packages, complimentary lunch, \$10 Electronic Gift Card and an American Red Cross t-shirt and the opportunity to enter for a chance to win one of three Pocono Raceway premium ticket giveaways. Additionally, the first 200 presenting blood donors will receive a Pocono Raceway \$50 Gift Card.

The Pocono Raceway Blood Drive will take place at the Raceway, located at 1234 Long Pond Road, Long Pond, Pennsylvania, from 1-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2. Appointments to donate blood can be made by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visiting redcrossblood.org and using sponsor code **POCONO**.

In addition to giving blood, attendees are invited to 'Ride for the Red.' A \$10 per lap donation will enable participants to drive a lap, or laps, around Pocono Raceway using their own vehicles. Blood donors who plan to participate in the 'Ride for the Red' should do so before they donate. All proceeds will benefit Red Cross disaster relief efforts in the Pocono Mountains, which helps families prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters, both big and small.

The first 200 presenting blood donors will receive a Pocono Raceway \$50 Gift Card. This Pocono Raceway Gift Card can be used to purchase NASCAR, INDYCAR and "The Great Pocono Raceway Air Show" event tickets at 'The Tricky Triangle'. The gift cards do not expire. Upcoming events at Pocono Raceway include the Gander RV 400 NASCAR race weekend from July 26-28, the ABC Supply 500 INDYCAR weekend from August 17-18

and "The Great Pocono Raceway Air Show" with two event dates of August 24 and 25. Kids are FREE at Pocono Raceway this summer. Visit www.poconokidsfree for more details.

Presenting donors at the Pocono Raceway Blood Drive will be placed into a random drawing for a chance to win one of three prize packages. The first is (4) Terrace Club tickets to the Gander RV 400 NASCAR race at Pocono Raceway, which includes food, beverage and pre-race pit, paddock and frontstretch access to Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series driver introductions on Sunday, July 28. The second prize is an autograph James Hinchcliffe item and (2) Terrace Club tickets to the ABC Supply 500 INDYCAR race, which also includes food, beverage and paddock access to the NTT IndyCar Series garage, on Sunday, August 18. The final giveaway item is (4) tickets to "The Great Pocono Raceway Air Show" on August 24 or 25.

In addition, Suburban Propane, a proud national sponsor of the American Red Cross, is once again supporting summer blood drives, including the Pocono Raceway Blood Drive, to help increase awareness of the constant need for blood and platelet donations. Presenting donors at the Raceway on July 2 can enjoy an on-site cookout and will get a \$10 electronic gift card, courtesy of Suburban Propane. Suburban Propane employees will also volunteer at the blood drive as part of one of the largest national volunteer commitments to Red Cross Blood Services from a corporate partner.

Blood drives at Pocono Raceway have collected approximately over 3,000 pints of blood over the past 13 years.

How to donate blood: Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for

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patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - As fans flock to Bristol Motor Speedway to witness the best short track racing there is, singer/songwriter Travis Denning will headline the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race pre-race concert at The Last Great Colosseum on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Denning will take to the stage prior to NASCAR driver introductions for America's Night Race. Known for donning his signature Bass Pro Shops cap for every performance, Denning will get fans pumped up as they prepare to see short track racing at its best under the lights.

"Travis Denning is a rising star within the country music scene with a passion for the outdoors, making him the perfect fit to perform at the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race," said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager of Bristol Motor Speedway. "There's nothing like the energy of America's Night Race and Denning will get the party started with his original music and signature style."

"I've always loved watching races at Bristol because it's in your face, up close and as personal as it gets. It's unreal to think that I'll actually be playing at Bristol Motor Speedway," said Denning. "I'm ready to get on down to East Tennessee and help get the pre-race festivities started with all the fans at

America's Night Race."

Denning's debut single "David Ashley Parker from Powder Springs" hit the Top 40 charts in 2018. The song harkens back to Denning's days as a youth and his escapades of using David Ashley Parker's ID as his own. The Georgia native's recently released single, "After A Few" is currently climbing the country radio charts.

While supplies last, Denning fans have two options to see the singer/songwriter at Bristol.

Current Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race ticket holders may add on a Pre-Race Pit Stop pass and be stage-side (on the track) for the concert featuring Travis Denning. The Pre-Race Pit Stop also includes track access for driver introductions. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/2Q0bAef>.

In addition, fans can take advantage of a special offer from Bass Pro Shops that includes a grandstand ticket, Bass Pro Shops hat and an exclusive Q&A on race day with 2017 NASCAR Cup Series champion Martin Truex Jr. and Denning. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/MTJbMS>.

Tickets for the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race weekend are still available. Two-day weekend packages start at just \$85 for adults and \$10 for kids (12-and-under). For more information, visit www.BristolTix.com or call 423-BRISTOL.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Amid ongoing preparations to become "ROVAL™-ready" for the second running of the historic Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 on Sept. 27-29, Charlotte Motor Speedway officials on Sunday announced groundbreaking changes to the 2.28-mile road course oval's backstretch chicane.

An expanded configuration of the challenging chicane will create additional passing opportunities and more side-by-side action – increasing the drama and raising the stakes throughout all 17 turns of the revolutionary course that will conclude the first round of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoffs. The chicane's original layout was 32 feet wide at its widest point, while the new version will be 54 feet at its widest point and will feature additional runoff areas which were unavailable in its first iteration.

Speedway operations staff, who execute the oval-to-ROVAL™ switch, moved back parts of the inside wall near oval Turn 3 to accommodate more on-track space

for the updated chicane.

"The Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 is all about excitement and creating memorable moments for our fans," said Marcus Smith, the president and CEO of Speedway Motorsports, Inc. "Having our backstretch chicane upgraded will give drivers an additional opportunity to go for a season-making or season-breaking pass like we saw on the frontstretch chicane last year. Every turn matters on the ROVAL™."

The new turns will require heavier braking and a sharper entry, but a wider radius promises to provide drivers with the ideal mix of risk-taking opportunities and a slightly increased margin for error on exit – if the driver's entry is correct. The track distance and turn count will not be affected by the new layout, which featured input from NASCAR drivers Kyle Larson, Ryan Blaney and Justin Allgaier, as well as former Formula 1 racers Alex Wurz and Max Papis.

"My hat's off to Marcus and the team at Charlotte Motor Speedway for talking with drivers and industry experts as they work to further improve the ROVAL™," Larson said. "The changes to the backstretch look like they will help create an additional passing zone and make it that much more exciting for the fans. After last year's wild finish, I'll take every possible opportunity to gain track position and earn some points."

Construction on the chicane began this week and is expected to conclude in early August.

In addition to the restructured backstretch chicane, speedway officials also announced an increase in race distance for the Sept. 28 NASCAR Xfinity Series race. The 200-kilometer, 55-lap event will become the 250-kilometer, 67-lap Drive for the Cure 250 presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

TICKETS: Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 tickets, weekend passes and upgrades can be purchased by calling 800-455-FANS or visiting online at www.charlottemotorsports.com/tickets.

KEEP TRACK: Connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram or get all the latest news and information with the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

Irwindale Speedway

IRWINDALE, CA - The first-ever Irwindale Speedway "Summer Motorsports Mayhem" took place Saturday night. It featured extreme

stunts, pyrotechnics, RV Figure 8 race, and an aerial fireworks show. Stunt team leaders were stuntman Doctor Danger, from the TV show America's Got Talent, and Irwindale's own Robert "Master of Disaster" Rice. Their seven-member teams took turns exciting an estimated 5,000 spectators during the three-hour show.

The ten event program used appropriate recorded music over the track PA system for each event. Doctor Danger's song was "Fuel" and Rice used "Bad to the Bone" during their introductions. All event announcing and interviews by track booth announcer Tommy Mason and pit announcer/track co-promoter Tim Huddleston came from the infield.

Event 1 – DUKE'S JUMP – featured "Duke's of Hazzard" and "Dixie Horn Sound Effect" music from the 1979-1985 TV show. Rice (as Luke or Bo Duke) drove an orange Honda Accord with black No. 01 on the door. It was being chased by a black & white Sheriff's patrol car (Sheriff Rosco P. Coltrane) with red lights flashing. Rice drove up a metal ramp that had been ignited by a crewman's torch. He flew over eight parked cars as the car rotated 360-degrees in mid-air. It landed hard, flipped once, and narrowly missed the tire-protected end of the third-mile concrete crashwall. The upright Honda stopped on the half-mile at the exit of turn four. Rice stepped from the battered No. 07 Honda and waved to the large crowd.

Event 2 – ROLLOVER CONTEST – was accompanied by "I Love Rock and Roll" music. Three stunt drivers used three much-raced Honda Accord enduro sedans. They each got a running start from the half-mile fourth turn and rode up a metal ramp at the third-mile finish line with the right side tires and tried to roll their cars. Honda's proved difficult to roll. The No. 4 driver managed to roll his car onto its roof and slide on its roof.

Event 3 – REDNECK RING OF FIRE – with the Johnny Cash recording of "Ring of Fire" playing on the track PA system, a stunt crewman lit a circular ring of fire for the drive through event.

Event 4 – FALL GUY – with the song "Danger Zone" from the Tom Cruise movie "Top Gun" playing in the background, the stunt driver of a fairly new pickup truck got a running start and drove through an old motorhome parked in the infield near the third-mile first turn. The complete drive-through was ac

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accompanied by a loud boom, and huge gas-line-fed fireball. Huge flames from the demolished motorhome burned about ten minutes and reduced the mobile home to an unrecognizable hulk. IS firemen could not quell the blaze so the LA County Fire Department fire track on premises drove into the infield and stopped the flames and black smoke. The pickup

truck driver drove to the infield near start/finish, got out and inspected his truck for damage. It had two broken headlights and a windshield crack.

Event 5 – DOUBLE JUMP – “Cotton Eyed Joe” played over the PA system as two stunt drivers, Rice and Jim Cook, drove simultaneously through a pair of old motorhomes parked in the infield. Fiery blasts erupted at both motorhomes upon the coordinated impacts.

Event 6 – CAR EXPLOSION – Doctor Danger sat in a red car at the start/finish infield as the song “Come on Feel the Noise” played. Following a planned loud blast, huge flames engulfed the economy car. Danger opened the door and ran from the flames with his drivers flame-resistant uniform on fire. He cleared the fire and went to the ground immediately as crewmen doused the flames on him quickly. He was uninjured.

Event 7 – REDEMPTION JUMP – was accompanied by the song “Gummy Bear”. Stuntman “Cowboy” drove a full-size sedan at 80+ mph up a metal ramp and flew his car through six old sedans stacked in the infield near the third-turn. He went into and through the stacked cars in the middle of the stack, which collapsed onto his airborne car after it cleared the stacked cars and dropped to the ground. Rescuers helped the uninjured stuntman from the rubble.

Event 8 – BUS JUMP – was preceded by the song “Something Bad”. An all-white 35-foot former school bus (with several stuntmen seated inside) got a long run from turns four and three of the half-mile to build speed. It then ran up a long, metal ramp in the infield near turn one. The launch bus smashed into the roof of a 35-foot, all-white former school bus that was standing straight-up about 40-feet on its

back end. Necessary supports kept it upright prior to the stunt. The launch bus knocked the upright bus to the ground and came to rest with its front end atop the now leveled bus. Everyone emerged from the launch bus uninjured after the unique stunt.

Event 9 – RV FIGURE-8 RACE – was preceded by the song “Crazy Train”. Eleven small RVs/motorhomes lined up two-by-two on the third-mile and raced 12 laps on the usual Figure 8 course. Second starter Rice led every lap in his black & orange Pick Your Part RV. The first four RVs ran in a tight pack and barely avoided contact with lapped RVs at the intersection. The No. 37, 99 and 21 RVs followed closely at the finish and all pulled to the half-mile finish line afterwards for recognition by spectators.

Event 10 – FIREWORKS SHOW – the song “Seven Nation Army” played on the PA system as professional pyrotechnicians shot off aerial fireworks from beyond backstretch billboards. The noisy and colorful show started at 9:59 pm and entertained the crowded grandstand audience for ten minutes.

Sponsors of the unique first-time IS event Saturday were: LKQ Pick Your Part, Lucas Oil, Sunrise Ford, Pinnacle Peak Steakhouses, High Point Distributing, Miller/Pepsi, Jan’s Towing, and Tony Martinez.

The next IS event on Thursday, July 4 will be another “Night of Destruction” with a 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular. NASCAR late models, enduro cars, skid plate cars, Figure 8 and trailer races are scheduled. Also on the holiday program is the pickup truck “Inferno” with a J-10 aircraft jet-engine at the back. It will melt an old sedan in the infield with flame-bursts from the jet engine.

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Talladega Superspeedway’s loyal fans looking to gear up and show their support for the biggest and baddest track in NASCAR are in luck because the track, in coordination with MainGate, has officially launched its track merchandise page on the Pit Shop Official Gear website.

Fans can now visit the online site and browse the wide selection of Talladega Superspeedway apparel ranging from men and women t-shirts, youth clothing, jackets, hats, Talladega branded race-day essentials, plus much more. In addition, the historic 2.66-mile track, which opened its doors

in 1969, is offering limited edition 50th-anniversary items for fans as well.

New merchandise is expected to be introduced closer to the track’s fall NASCAR Playoffs double-header weekend, Oct. 11-13, featuring the 1000Bulbs.com 500 and Sugarlands Shine 250. And, although the track merchandise will be sold on property during race weekend, fans are encouraged to grab their ‘Dega swag in advance as some items tend to sell out at the track. Fans who purchase through the website may also be eligible to receive future discounts only offered through the site.

International Speedway Corporation (Talladega’s parent company) announced its multi-year partnership with MainGate at the end of 2018. The Indianapolis-based retail merchandising company began handling all merchandise operations at all 12 International Speedway Corporation tracks at the beginning of this year.

Talladega Superspeedway’s fall event weekend will also feature the culmination of Transformation – The Talladega Superspeedway Infield Project presented by Graybar and the grand opening of the Talladega Garage Experience, which will allow fans to be immersed into the sport of NASCAR at Talladega like never before. It will feature “up-close” access, interactive attractions and enhanced amenities for fans, sponsors, teams and stakeholders in the iconic Talladega Infield.

For more information on the track’s new merchandise, visit www.PitShopGear.com/collections/talladega-superspeedway.

For general ticket information on NASCAR Playoffs weekend, log onto www.talladegasuperspeedway.com or call 855-518-7223 (RACE).

Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - As race fans descend upon East Tennessee for the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race in August, Kingsport, Johnson City and Bristol in partnership with Food City are teaming up again with Bristol Motor Speedway to launch America’s Night Race week with the official Race Week Parties.

Kingsport will kick off the trifecta of parties on Monday, Aug. 12, before Johnson City grabs the baton for its own downtown block party on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

On Wednesday,

Aug. 14, Food City and Bristol will host the anchor event, Food City Family Race Night, which returns to downtown Bristol to close out the Race Week Parties in style.

“We are excited about the return of Food City Family Race Night to State Street,” said Kevin Stafford, vice president of marketing for Food City. “The downtown event has been very successful over the years and we are looking forward to returning to State Street this year. It’s all about bringing families and the community together.”

Following the three nights of parties, race fans and locals can head to the track for three consecutive nights of short track racing, beginning Thursday, Aug. 15.

“The Race Week Parties are a great way to engage locals and NASCAR fans for three nights of fun before three nights of great racing,” said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Additional details on each event will be announced at a press conference on July 10. A media advisory will be shared at the end of June.

Tickets for the upcoming Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race begin at \$65 for adults. And for families who want to bring the entire clan, Bristol Motor Speedway officials are making it easier than ever for kids to have an awesome experience. On Thursday (Aug. 15) and Friday (Aug. 16), kids 12-and-under are free for the UNOH 200 presented by Ohio Logistics NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series / Bush’s Beans 150 NASCAR K&N Series double-header as well as the Food City 300 NASCAR Xfinity Series race and Pinty’s Qualifying. On Saturday (Aug. 17), kids tickets are just \$10 to see some of the best short track racing in the world under the lights at the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race.

Teens ages 13-19 can also take advantage of special ticket pricing with all grandstand seats half-off. The Bristol Motor Speedway ticket office is the only authorized location that can produce the kids and teen tickets and each child must have a physical ticket in hand to enter the gates.

To purchase tickets call 423-BRISTOL or visit BristolTix.com.



Bowman Gray Stadium

WINSTON - SALEM, NC - Brandon Ward left with the trophy on Saturday at Bowman Gray Stadium, but Jonathan Brown was smiling just as big.

Ward qualified seventh – and when the entire field randomly drew for starting position, he was set to start fourth. Frank Fleming of Mount Airy drew the pole for his start and shot out into the lead, with Ward quickly moving up to second.

Jonathan Brown of Winston-Salem and John Smith of Mount Airy elected to take on the Fans' Challenge after qualifying in the top four: they would start in the rear and win \$3,000 if either of them were to make it back up to top-four finish.

A few double-file restarts allowed Ward to challenge Fleming for the lead, completing the pass on lap 17. The double-file restarts also allowed defending champ Burt Myers of Walnut Cove to make his way forward up to second – where he began pressuring Ward.

Ward defended his territory until lap 74 when Myers completed a smooth pass for the lead on the outside row. It seemed like the race was over for Ward, but he battled back to reclaim the lead on lap 90. Myers delivered some stiff shots to Ward's bumper, but Ward held strong and grabbed the checkered.

"We had a really good car early, and it just went away on me. It got way too free getting in, but these guys don't give up on me – I can't give up on them," said Ward. "I just felt like if I could get a good start and get back to the front, get some laps under us, get some bite back in getting into the corner, we'd be okay."

Jonathan Brown flew from 22nd up to 4th to win the \$3,000 in Fans' Challenge bonus money. But just as exciting as the prize money for Brown was the performance of his car – and what that means for the future.

"The \$3,000 is a nice bonus, but the main thing I'm happy about is building the car and making it better. I came last week after only having the car for two days, and we qualified seventh and got two top-fives," said Brown. "We took it to the shop and completely rebuilt it – we finished up about one o'clock



Brandon Ward celebrates in Winner's Circle after winning the Modified 100-lapper. (ERIC HYLTON PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

this morning. We came over all day long and busted our butts to make it better."

"Tonight we qualified fourth, so we've gained on it," said Brown. "I know we were as fast as or faster than the leaders. We had something to win with, for sure."

Burt Myers finished on Ward's bumper in second, with brother Jason Myers of Walnut Cove finishing third.

In the McDowell Heating & Air Sportsman Series, Justin Taylor of Kernersville slipped past Kyle Southern of Rural Hall to win in the first 20-lapper. In the second 20-lap race, Dylan Ward of Winston-Salem claimed victory.

Billy Gregg of Lexington won for the Law Offices of John Barrow Street Stock Series after spending all day struggling to fix his car. He got it race-ready just minutes before the green flag and held on to take the win.

In the Q104.1 Stadium Stock Series, Chuck Wall of Lexington and Chris Allison of Mocksville each brought home a victory.

Carteret County Speedway

PELETIER, NC - Brandon Clements picked up his first Limited Late Model win of the season at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway on Saturday night.

Clements started the race in the fourth position and took the lead from Chris Burns on the third lap of the race. A competition caution with 25 laps to go tightened the field up, allowing TJ Barron an opportunity. However, on the ensuing restart, Clements rocketed away

from the field and never looked back as he scored the victory, ending a winless streak that dated back to October 27, 2018.

"We wanted to be aggressive and get the lead there to start with," Clements said in victory lane after the race. "It means so much here to be able to have the restart and control the field. We just wanted to kick everybody's ass."

For Clements, the victory was a relief. He last won in the final race of the 2018 season and, aside from a couple runner-up finishes and a Mini-Stock win in May, the 2019 season has been frustrating.

"This sport is very humbling,"

Clements explained. "To be as good as we were last year and come out this year and pure suck, it's just been parts after parts and we found problem after problem. Me and Wendell [Davis] spent many nights working on this thing. He was getting frustrated with it and I was getting frustrated with it. I just want to thank all the fans and sponsors for sticking with us."

"I really want to dedicate this to my mom. She's been having a rough time. Without her, I wouldn't be able to do this racing stuff."

Boo Boo Dalton eventually made it around Tyler Horne, then around T.J. Barron to finish second.

"When you get one in front of you that far, it's just hold on and pray for a caution," Dalton stated. "We weren't even sure we were going to be in the top-three there for a little bit. I'm tickled to death. We've been out here twice and have a second, fourth, and a second. We'll keep it up and hopefully will be up on that checkered flag pad before too long."

Barron went on to finish third while Chris Burns and Tyler Horne rounded out the top-five.

After a wild start to the Legends feature, which took five attempts to finally go green, Ryan Matthews raced his way to his first Carteret County Speedway victory of 2019. Matthews got around Spencer Saunders with just seven laps remaining in the race to take the lead – and the win.

"Last time we came out here was for the big money race and our car was horrible," Matthews said.

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Brandon Clements stands atop his car in Carteret County Speedway's victory lane after winning his first Limited Late Model race. (ANDY MARQUIS photo)

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"We made some adjustments for this race and it turns out it works well. I think we'll be pretty fast at the nationals. I didn't know what we had at the start, but once we started going, I knew we had the car. I just had to be patient and make my moves at the right time and now I'm in victory lane."

Spencer Saunders ultimately settled for the runner-up spot, his third consecutive second-place finish. After the race, Saunders was disappointed to finish second once again.

"Not a bad run," Saunders said. "Just a little frustrated the handling gave out with about 10 to go. Haven't been able to figure it out. That's three that we've given away here. Three second place finishes in a row kind of suck. It really sucks, honestly. We'll be back here in two weeks and see if we can't get a win then."

After a tumultuous start to the season, Emily Day came home with a third-place effort.

"It's definitely not a win but I'm pretty happy with a podium finish," Day commented. "I'm glad Brenton [Irving] was able to race me clean and we were able to race well. Got to find a little more speed, the leaders were getting away from me, but I feel pretty good about it."

Midway through the U-CAR feature, Steve Sullivan, while leading, got loose and then spun off the front bumper of Curtis Lanier, which allowed Andrew Jackson to inherit the lead. However, Sullivan roared back to the lead in the closing laps to pick up his second win of the year.

"That was racing," Sullivan explained. "I was getting loose and I had to ease up a little bit in my turns and he was probably getting better. It happens. Just glad we were able to get back to the front and make it a show."

Chris Burns picked up his fourth consecutive Street Stock victory over Billy Slater and Kevin Benton. Slater and Benton raced to second and third on the last lap after Gary Rochelle, Jr. and Mike Cooper both looped their cars around racing for the runner-up spot.

Justin Thompson scored the champ Kart victory while Scott Brooks won in Mini Cup competition and Caleb Braswell was tri-

umphant in the Jr. Mini Cup feature.

Saturday's race kicked off four weekends of events at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway. Next up at Carteret County Speedway is the Raceway Beach Festival on Saturday, June 29th, headlined by Jim Quick and the Coastline Band, the Cat 5 Band, Mighty Saints of Soul, and more. The next race will be the Firecracker Clash on July 6th. Speedweeks at Carteret County concludes on July 13th with the CARS Late Model Stock Tour.

For more information about Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway, visit the track's official website at www.carteretspeedway.com, "like" Carteret County Speedway on Facebook or follow @carteretcoswy on Twitter.

Hickory Motor Speedway

Racing returned to America's Most Famous Short Track on Saturday night as the Catawba Valley heard the NASCAR Whelen All-American weekly racing series roar back to life at Hickory Motor Speedway.

Leading off the night's racing action would be the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models in the first of two 40 lap features for the premiere division. Gage Painter in the #12 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Pat Rachels in the #34 to his outside. The #28 of Chris Hudspeth and the #14 of Vince Midas would make up the second row for the green flag. Painter would take the early lead as Rachels struggled on the start. The action would begin early as Charlie Watson in the #9 would move past Nolan Pope in the #1 and Hickory

Motor Speedway points leader Thomas Beane in the #31 would be three wide on lap 2. Beane would spin, avoiding damage, but bring out the caution. The restart would see Painter get a great restart and move back to the top spot. Battles would rage throughout the field as Watson would be charging toward the front, while Beane would methodically attempt to pick his way back through the field. Hudspeth would real in Painter and set up a thrilling 10 lap shootout for the win. Painter and Hudspeth would go side by side for several laps dueling for the win, while allowing Travis Swaim in the #21 to make it a three way battle for the win. The final corner of the last lap would see Hudspeth looking under Painter and Swaim looking under Hudspeth. The young hot shoe Painter would show skills well beyond his age and hang on for the win. Hudspeth would nose ahead to take 2nd with Swaim finishing 3rd. Kevin Leicht in the #25 would finish 4th and Rachels would hang on for 5th.

The Carolina Custom Super Trucks would roll off next for their 35 lap slugfest. Charlie Neill in the #26 would take top spot in qualifying with Joey Shuryan in the #30 to his outside. Travis Baity in the #70 and Dennis Trivette in the #28 would make up row two. Before the green flag would fall Neill would pull in the pits with mechanical issues. Neill would rejoin the field to take the green flag from the rear. The reshuffled lineup would see Baity starting first and Shuryan to his outside of row one. The #97 of Zach Hale would start third and Trivette starting fourth. The field would make one lap before contact would send Hale spinning and bring out

the caution. Neill would head back to the pits and restart from the rear. Baity and Shuryan would pave the field to the green flag. Shuryan would take the early lead. Huffman would work his way up to second behind the leader. Lap 5 would see Huffman make his move around Shuryan down the backstretch. Neill would work his way to Shuryan, but make contact on the next lap sending Shuryan spinning. Shuryan would have to restart from the rear after spinning, but so would Neill as a result of his role in the incident. The restart would see Huffman move back to the point as Neill and Shuryan would look to work their way back to the front. Shuryan would make contact with Hale on lap 13 bringing out the caution and Hale would spin again. Hale would have to work his way from the back as would Shuryan as he came to pit road to make repairs. The restart would see Huffman and Neill side by side. Huffman would get the better restart and move back to the top spot. Lap 17 would see Baity spin after contact with Trivette bringing out the caution once more. Huffman and Neill would bring the field to the green for the restart. Neill would give chase to the leader as Shuryan would give chase to Neill. The #86 of Joe Simpson would spin on lap 26 bringing out the caution once again. The restart would see Huffman and Neill at the front. Huffman would move to the front while Shuryan would look under Neill for second. The caution would fly on lap 32 as Hale would spin while trying to make pass for fourth under Baity. Huffman would move back to the front on the restart and cooler heads would prevail the rest of the race. The 2018 Hickory Motor Speedway Carolina Custom Super Trucks Champion, Huffman would drive on to the win. Neill would grab 2nd while Shuryan would take 3rd. Baity would finish 4th and Trivette would round out the top five with 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would pound the pavement next for their 35 lap feature. The #18 of Cody DeMarmels would set fast lap in time trials and start from the point with the #44 of Josh Kossek to his outside. Todd Midas in the #50 and Akinori Ogata in the #14 would make up the second row. Kossek would take the early lead with DeMarmels giving close chase. The #32 of Josh Stark would move under the #33 of Kosma Guznyakov when contact would send them spinning. Both
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Gage Painter (12) takes the checkered flag in front of Chris Hudspeth in first of 2, 40-lap features at Hickory Motor Speedway Saturday night. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

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cars would be able to continue with minimal damage. Kossek and DeMarmels would battle it out for the top spot on the restart. DeMarmels would nose ahead but the front duo would swap the position every turn or two for the next seven laps. The caution would fly on lap 10 when the #53 of Austin Chalman would have a major mechanical problem leaving a trail

of debris that would necessitate a red flag to allow for track cleanup. Kossek and DeMarmels would continue the battle for the lead until lap 16 when the #71 of Nathan Lineback would spin, bringing out the caution. DeMarmels and Kossek would go back to their thrilling battle once again until the caution would fly for debris on lap 22. Kossek would move to the lead on the restart with DeMarmels facing a challenge from Midas. The battle for second would be the race to watch as Midas and DeMarmels would slug it out until Starks and Ogata would battle for fourth. Lap 28 would see Starks and Ogata make contact and spin, bringing out the caution. Kossek and DeMarmels would battle it out for the win as the green flag would fly on the restart. Kossek would prove to be a little better on this night and drive on to the win. DeMarmels would finish 2nd with Todd Midas finishing 3rd. Starks and Ogata would battle back from their spin to finish 4th and 5th respectively.

The Street Stocks rose to life next for another exciting 30 lap installment that has seen some great racing this year. Fast qualifier would be Drew Cox in the #21 and Jesse Clark in the #5 would start to his outside. Jonathon Smith in the #16 and Mark Whitten in the #77 would make up row two. Cox and Clark would battle side by side until Cox finally nosed slightly ahead. Smith would work his way into the mix and move around for second on lap 5. Smith would give chase to the leader Cox in his bid to head to the top spot. Smith would pull to Cox's bumper and look to outside several times over the last fifteen laps. Cox would prove to strong and drive on to the win. Smith would finish 2nd and Clark would take 3rd. The battle for fourth would be exciting with Kevin Eby in the #03 taking 4th and Derek Fowler in



Thomas Beane, surrounded by friends and family, celebrates in Hickory Motor Speedway's victory lane after winning the second Late Model feature of the night. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

the #31 finishing 5th.

Hitting the track next would be the Renegades for their 20 lap feature. Justin Austin in the #1 would start from the top spot with Robbie Hollifield in the #51 to his outside. Austin and Hollifield would duel it out side by side until Austin would pull ahead for the lead. Spencer Dickinson in the #6 would move around Hollifield to give chase to the top spot. Lap 8 would see Hollifield and Dickinson side by side on Austin's bumper. As the trio battled through turn four they would encounter lap traffic and Dickinson would spin, collecting the # 81 of Matthew Chambers. Neither car would be able to continue as the green flag would fly on the restart. Austin and Hollifield would go right back to where they left off battling for the lead. Brian Larkin in the #7 would get into the fray on lap 17 passing Hollifield for second. Larkin would spend the remaining laps giving his all to make the pass or the win but would come up just a couple feet short with Austin taking the win. Larkin would finish 2nd and Hollifield finished 3rd. Rodney Elkins in the #95 would finish 4th and Zachary Mullins in the #72 would finish 5th.

Closing out the night's action would be race two of the double-header for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models. After the invert from the race one finishing order Nolan Pope in the #1 and Thomas Beane in the #31 would make up the front row. Row two would see Charlie Watson in the #9 and Connor Mosack in the #18. Beane would get a good start and lead coming off of turn two. Pope would move up the track at the end of the backstretch on his entry to turn three, Pope and Mosack

would make contact, sending them both into the outside wall. Travis Swaim in the #21 and Pat Rachels in the #34 would also sustain damage in the accident. Pope's car would be the only one to be eliminated as a result of the damage. The restart would see Watson and Beane sharing row one while Vince Midas in the #14 and Swaim would share row two. Beane would once again master the restart and pull to the lead by the time he got to the backstretch. Midas would work his way to second on lap 7 and go looking for the lead. Lap 10 would see Gage Painter in the #12 move into fourth after starting tenth. Midas would pull up to Beane's bumper on lap 15 and give him constant pressure for several laps. Midas would make the pass for the lead on lap 24 but Beane would take the lead back with a perfectly executed crossover. Lap 26 would see the caution fly as contact would send Beane and Midas spinning. Both cars would be able to continue, but have to restart from the rear. The restart would see Kevin Leicht in the #25 and Gage Painter in the #12 make up the front row for the restart. Leicht would move to the front but pressure from Painter would come quickly. Painter would get around for the top spot however, Leicht would jump back under him to fight for the lead. Contact between the lead duo on lap 28 would send the entire field into an incident on the back stretch with most of the field sustaining some type of damage. With steam pouring out, Midas would appear to have a damaged radiator and have to park for the remainder of the event. Swaim would be forced to the pits by track officials to do service on his damaged racer. Swaim

would park and not return to action. Watson and the #25 of Ryan Vargas would make up the front row for the restart. Vargas would get the better of Watson on the green flag and would pull to the lead. Watson's car would start trailing huge amounts of smoke prompting a black flag. The caution would fly as Watson slowed to come to the pits on lap 31 with drivers complaining of oil on the track. After a short red flag for track cleanup Vargas and Matt Leicht in the #2 would make up the front row for the restart. Vargas would move to the front but soon see Painter make a three wide pass to take the lead. Leicht would pressure Painter over the closing laps. Coming off turn four on the final lap Leicht would make contact with Painter, as Painter would spin just feet from the checkered flag. Leicht would drive thru the smoke and appear to take the checkered flag and the win. However, track officials would take a moment to look at a replay of the incident and Leicht would be penalized to the last car on the lead lap. Beane would end up taking the win after an earlier spin earlier in the race. Chris Hudspeth in the #28 would finish 2nd after starting 9th. The #34 of Pat Rachels would finish 3rd after receiving damage in an earlier altercation. Painter would get the 4th position and Vargas would round out the top five in 5th.

The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series returns to action next week with a full slate of action at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars.

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Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - Ben Ebeling won the first of two Friday night's Super Cup Stock Car Series features at Kingsport Speedway before rain washed out the second race.

The Hickory, N.C., driver, who swept Super Cup races at Kingsport in 2018, held off a furious charge by his former NASCAR Cup Series driver Mike Potter of Johnson City to win Friday's 50-lap race.

Potter, 69, was running down the driver almost half his age when a late caution for Marc Jones' blown motor bunched up the field. With the tires on Ebeling's Ford Fusion cooling down during the break which included a red-flag stoppage, he got away from Potter's No. 14

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Chevrolet SS on the restart and drove away to the win.

Ebeling was a former driver for Potter, who still considers him a good friend. Nevertheless, Potter was disappointed to finish second, feeling he had the car and position to win if not for the late caution.

"I could have gotten Ben if it had gone green all the way," Potter said. "He was bet-

ter on the short run, but I was better on the long run. We drove each other clean. He drove for me last year and I'd race Ben as clean as I'd race anybody in the world. He's my friend and a good guy."

Ron Langdon from Long Island, N.Y., finished third in his Chevrolet after battling Potter tough for several laps for the runner-up position. Bill Ashton from Uniontown, Pa., finished fourth in another Chevrolet.

With the strong finish, Langdon extended his lead in the national point standings over Kevin Kromer. Potter moved to third in the national standings and pulled away from Jones in the Southern Division standings. The next race in the Super Cup Series is scheduled for July 13 at Jennerstown, Pennsylvania.

HELTON WORKS THE TRAFFIC: Keith Helton of Kingsport successfully navigated traffic to pull away to the win the Pure 4 division race which featured 24 cars.

Helton was challenged most of the race by Brandon Sutherland, who pulled into the pits with five laps to go. Helton had built up a big lead by that point over Josh Dettwiler in the 30-lap, caution-free race to win by a comfortable margin.

"It's a lot of fun when we can go green like that and show how we can work the traffic," Helton said after his seventh win of the season. "It's sometimes who gets the lucky breaks or luck of the draw on how you end on those situations. The more cars you have, it brings out more who looks ahead and who drives more by the hood ornament. You have to set people up way before you get to them."

Bruce Crumbley rounded out the top three, followed by Bucky Smith and William Hale.

OTHER FEATURES: Doug Austin of Castlewood, Va., and de-



Above are all the winners at Kingsport Speedway Friday night. (KINGSPORT SPEEDWAY photo)

fending track champion Jay Swecker of Kingsport swapped the lead multiple times in the Pure Street feature before Austin emerged with his eighth win of the season. Swecker held on to second as Tony Dockery made it a three-way battle for the win.

Dennis Arnold of Meadowview, Va., won his second straight Mod 4 feature, with Chris Amburgey and Billy Duty rounding out the top three. Trey Lane in his Dodge Challenger held off the Chevrolet Camaros of father and son Royce and Austin Peters to capture his third Mod Street win of the season.

Kingsport Speedway will return to its normal racing program next Friday night, headlined by the Late Model Stock division for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series.

Seekonk Speedway

SEEKONK, MA - This Wednesday, June 26, 2019, the Tri-Track Open Modified Series (TTOMS) presents the fifteenth running of Open Wheel Wednesday at Seekonk Speedway. Keeping with tradition, the event promises a strong field of talented drivers in search of the \$10,000 payday in 100-laps of green flag racing. Five past champions including Kirk Alexander, Tommy Barrett, Richard Savary, three-time winner Matt Hirschman and last year's event winner Ron Silk headline a current entry list that tops 30 cars.

Open Wheel Wednesday also features the prestigious Boston Louie Seymour Memorial for the

Northeastern Midget Association (NEMA) along with the NEMA Lites.

Pit gates open at 10am on Wednesday, June 26. Grandstands open at 4pm with racing scheduled to go green at 6:30pm. Entry to Seekonk Speedway's pit area is \$37. Grandstand admission is \$27. A rain date has been set for Thursday, June 27.

The lucrative purse includes a \$10,000 winner's share and an impressive \$800 to take the green. Lap leader bonuses and other contingencies make the Tri-Track Open Modified Series and Open Wheel Wednesday event appealing to teams throughout New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

There will be some pretty stiff competition from drivers seeking their first Open Wheel Wednesday victories like long-time campaigners Les Hinckley, Todd Patnode and Russ Hersey. There could be some 'home turf' advantage for Matt Swanson aboard 'Ole Blue'. Woody Pitkat is still riding high from a Modified Tour victory and Ronnie Williams is knocking on the door of a big win.

After a year-off from OWW competition, perennial Race of Champions hot-shoe Chuck Hossfeld will look to add his name to the winner's list. There are some potential dark horses on the entry list as well like Keith Rocco and Anthony Sesely. After the last few weeks, Andy Jankowiak could even be considered a 'sentimental favorite' to win on Wednesday.

There are plenty of drivers capable of taking down the victory at the "Cement Palace."

In the early years, Seekonk Speedway was known for spirited Modified battles that included the likes of legends Carl 'Bugsy' Stevens, Ron Bouchard, George Summers, Leo "the Lion" Cleary, George Murray and countless others. Over the years Seekonk became synonymous with action-packed full-fendered racing. In 2005, with the introduction of Open Wheel Wednesday, Seekonk Speedway once again put itself on the map as a great Modified Track. Now under the NASCAR banner, the Vendetti Family, long-tenured owners of the Speedway, host the Whelen Modified Tour annually.

The Tri-Track Open Modified Series will pay homage to the Speedway's modified legacy as the family of the late George Summers will act as the event's grand marshals.

Summers began his racing career in 1952 and while he raced from Maine to Virginia amassing over two hundred career victories, nearly half came at the bullring, Seekonk Speedway. He is the track's record holder for "Most Career Wins" with 100. Summers is a member of the New England Auto Racing (NEAR) Hall of Fame, the Seekonk Speedway Wall of Fame, and Living Legends of Auto Racing Hall of Fame in Daytona Beach, FL.

Having gone through variations in race management, now under the banner of the Tri-Track Open Modified Series (TTOMS), the event continues to be among the strongest in short track racing; drawing drivers from throughout the north east.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGSGROVE, PA - Ryan Smith of Kunkletown showed up at Selinsgrove Speedway Saturday with his eye on the coveted Kramer Cup trophy and took it home with him after a wire-to-wire victory in the 30-lap tribute race honoring the memory of the late Hall of Fame sprint car driver Kramer Williamson.

Smith, at the wheel of the Heffner Racing/Red Robin No. 72, also ended up with \$3,937 in prize money including contingencies.

Coleby Frye of Dover became the first repeat super late model feature winner of the year in the 25-lap, \$2,000-to-win race.

Shaun Lawton of Bloomsburg pulled off the hat trick with his third consecutive win in the 15-lap pro

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stock feature, while Brad Kling of Mount Union won the 20-lap Mid-Atlantic modified feature in the division's only appearance of the season at the track.

Selinsgrove Speedway will be back in action with a two-race weekend on Saturday, June 29, and Sunday, June 30.

Saturday night's race will feature the 360 sprint cars, super late models, pro

stocks, and roadrunners on the track's annual Kids Night sponsored by the Sunbury Eagles Club. The super late models will race for an increased purse with \$2,500 going to the winner. Track gates will open at 5 p.m. with racing slated to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The speedway returns Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. with the Middleswarth Potato Chips Jan Opperman/Dick Bogar Memorial PA Speedweek race for 410 sprint cars plus 305 sprint cars. Track gates will open at 4 p.m.

Ryan Smith blasted into the sprint car lead from the pole and was followed by Troy Betts, Michael Water, Curt Michael and Chad Layton. The caution flew on lap two for Kyle Reinhardt.

Walter got a jump on Betts on the restart and moved to second leaving Betts and Michael to battle for third.

Smith, a veteran who spent several years with the ARDC Midgets and All Star Sprint Cars, sliced his way through the traffic opening a straightaway lead but in the waning laps started to slow. This allowed Mark Smith, who had come from the back of the pack, to draw close but Ryan Smith held on by just .416 of a second over Mark Smith, Walter, Michael and Layton.

"With about five to go we got into some mud in the second turn and the wheel packed up," Smith said. "It was really shaking plus I was having trouble getting by the lapped cars. I saw Mark (Smith) was in second for the last two laps but I didn't know how close he was."

Michael, Mark Smith and Josh Weller won the sprint car heats.

Dave Zona nosed past Nathan Long at the start/finish line to lead the late model feature. They were followed by Jerry Bard, Jim Yoder and Ken Trevitz. Dick Houtz slammed the third turn wall to bring

out the yellow on lap three.

When racing resumed, Bard drove into second and Coleby Frye was in third. Frye moved to second on lap 10 with an outside move on Bard and took off after Zona.

By the halfway point. Frye was beside Zona and took the lead in the second turn. With four laps to go the caution came out for Kevin Palmer wiping out a four second lead. Yoder used the restart to take second and Hayes Mattern third.

Frye became the first repeat winner in the late models with a second victory over Yoder, Mattern, Brett Schadel and Bryan Bernheisel.

"We really like running up here but it's hard to come from the back," Frye said. "Well I guess it wasn't that bad, we won. The crew worked on the track and it was really racey."

Late model heats went to Bard and Yoder.

Jerry Foster shot into the lead from the outside pole position to start the Mid-Atlantic modified feature and was followed by Cody Williams, Brad Kling, Cody Oliver and Ray Kable. A lap two caution regrouped the field into a side by side restart.

Jimmy Jesmer Jr restarting outside Foster made a charge for the lead but fell back into second when the caution flag flew again. Jester pulled to the infield under caution.

Kling got by Foster to lead lap five and started to open a lead. By the halfway mark, Justin Cullum had passed for second and started to close the distance on the leader but could not catch Kling who won by 1.734 seconds over Cullum, Rick Hulson, Jerry Foster and Oliver

Mid-Atlantic modified heats were won by Kling, Jesmar and Oliver.

After having trouble and not making last week's feature Brandon Moser drove into the pro stock lead followed by AJ Hoffman, Shaun Lawton, AJ Stroup and Kyle Bachman.

A lap seven caution slowed the field and put Lawton on his tail. Lawton and Moser battled down the back straight with Lawton taking the lead.

Lawton drove to his third consecutive win by 2.94 seconds over Moser, Stroup, Hoffman and Bachman.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action with the Street Stock division taking center stage

with the extra distance Casagrande Builders Street Stock 30, the second leg of the RSMPCO.com Street Stock Triple Crown. Jason Lafayette was the big winner of the night, taking the checkered flag in the Casagrande Builders Street Stock 30. Other feature events saw Todd Owen outlast Glen Reen in a thrilling finish to collect his second consecutive SK Modified® feature win, Tom Fearn scored his second consecutive Late Model win, Noah Korner was the winner of the SK Light feature after Bryan Narducci's car came up light in post race inspection, and Matt Clement was also a winner for the second consecutive week in the Limited Late Model feature.

In the 30-lap Casagrande Builders Street Stock event, Adrien Paradis, III took the lead at the start but Jason Lafayette pulled alongside Paradis on lap-2 and he took the lead by a nose at the line. George Bessette, Jr. got by Paradis to move into second on lap-3 with Travis Hydar taking third. Meghan Fuller took fourth with Zack Robinson taking fifth on lap-5 and Mike Hopkins took sixth as Paradis slid all the way back to seventh place.

The top-5 ran in line until lap-10 when Fuller got by Hydar to move into third. Fuller's move opened the door for Robinson to take fourth and drop Hydar back to fifth place.

At the halfway point of the race Lafayette was still holding the lead with Bessette giving chase. Robinson spun in turn 1 to bring the caution out with 17 laps complete.

The restart saw a pileup of cars going into turn 3 involving Chris Danielczuk, Tess Beyer, and Tyler Trott that brought the yellow and red flags out.

Lafayette and Bessette were side by side for the lead on the restart and they ran 2 laps door to door before Lafayette got clear in to the lead. Fuller then got by Bessette on lap-21 to move into second. Bessette settled into third with Hopkins up to fourth and Robinson was back up to fifth after his earlier spin.

With 5 laps to go, Lafayette and Fuller had stretched out their lead over Bessette in third. Steve Kenneway and Travis Hydar spun on the backstretch to bring the caution out with 28 laps complete and set up a green white checkered finish.

Lafayette and Fuller were side by side for the lead and they took the white flag still side by side with Bessette in third. Lafayette got clear of Fuller in turns 3+4 on the final lap and he took the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the

2019 season. Fuller held off Bessette for second with Robinson and xxx rounding out the top-5.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Stephen Kocpik pulled out to the early lead with Joey Cipriano immediately applying heavy pressure. Ronnie Williams and was third with Glen Reen taking fourth from Tyler Hines after several laps of side by side racing. Hines spun in turn 3 and collected the car of Nick Salva to bring the caution out with 5 laps complete.

The race went back to green with the top 3 rows all side by side. Kocpik and Cipriano for the lead, Williams and Reen for third, and Hines and Andrew Molleur for fifth. Kocpik got clear to the lead on lap-7 with Williams moving into second. Reen and Cipriano were side by side for third before Reen took the position on lap-10. Todd Owen was up to fifth behind Cipriano with Molleur, Hines, and Michael Christopher, Jr. behind Owen.

Williams took the lead from Kocpik on lap-11 but Kocpik came back with a strong move to the inside of Williams on lap-13 to retake the lead. Williams got back to the inside of Kocpik on lap-15 and had the lead by a nose at the line. Reen was now right behind the lead duo of Williams and Kocpik with Owen in fourth and Cipriano in fifth. Christopher took sixth from Molleur on lap-18 with Dan Wesson in eighth place. David Arute brought the yellow out with a spin on the backstretch and 23 laps complete on the scoreboard.

Williams took the lead on the restart with Kocpik right behind him. Owen was third in line with Reen fourth and Wesson fifth. Tony Membrino, Jr. and Marcello Rufrano spun through the frontstretch grass to bring the caution back out with 25 laps complete.

Williams and Kocpik resumed their duel for the lead on the restart, racing side by side until lap-28 when Williams got clear into the lead. Owen worked his way into second with Kocpik back to third. David Arute came to a stop facing the wrong way on the track and Troy Talman spun through the backstretch grass to bring the caution out with 28 laps complete.

Williams took the lead on the restart with Owen slotting into second. Owen didn't stay behind Williams for very long as he pulled to the inside of Williams on lap-30 and they ran side by side for the lead. Wesson and Matt Vassar touched coming down the

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frontstretch and Vassar had damage to his right front and went through the frontstretch and came back on to the track and collected the cars of Salva, Joey Ternullo, Jr., D.J. Burnham, Max Zachem and Rufrano to bring the caution out with 31 laps complete.

The restart saw Reen make a bold 3-wide move to get by both Williams and

Owen and take the lead. Owen slotted into second right on Reen's bumper with Williams, Eric Berndt, and Kopcik making up the top-5. Owen got to the inside of Reen on lap-34 and had the lead by a nose at the line. They ran lap-35 side by side with Owe again the leader by a nose before Owen got clear into the lead on lap-36.

As the leaders completed lap-38, Reen drove to the inside of Owen for the lead while Williams was right behind them in third. Kopcik and Berndt were side by side for fourth when the fast and furious action was interrupted by the caution flag, which flew with 38 laps complete for a spin on the backstretch by Ed Spiers and set up a green white checkered finish.

On the restart, there was a pileup on the backstretch involving Talman, Tom Bolles, Cory DiMatteo, Burnham, Wesson, and Hines that brought the caution back out. The next restart saw Owen and Reen side by side again with Williams and Berndt side by side behind them. The leaders took the white flag still side by side. Owen cleared Reen in turn 4 on the final lap and he picked up his second consecutive SK Modified® feature win. Reen nipped Williams at the line for second with Kopcik and Berndt rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature event, Al Saunders spun in turn 3 to bring the caution out before a lap could be completed. Michael Bennett took the lead on the restart with Tyler Leary, Ryan Fearn, and Cliff Saunders lined up behind him. Tom Fearn quickly worked his way up to fifth before the caution flew again with 2 laps complete as Darrell Keane spun in turn 2 and Richard Ciriello spun on the backstretch.

Bennett took the lead again on the restart with Leary slotting into second. Ryan Fearn was third but

Tom Fearn was all over his back bumper in fourth with Cliff Saunders fifth. Tom Fearn took third from Ryan Fearn on lap-6. Adam Gray was on the move as he moved into fifth on lap-7 as Cliff Saunders slid back in line to eighth place. Fearn got around Leary to move into second on lap-8 and he began to slowly chip away at the margin Bennett had built up out front.

The hot battle was now for fourth place with 12 laps complete as Gray was applying heavy pressure to Ryan Fearn. Gray was able to make the pass on lap-13 and he brought Al Saunders with him into fifth as Ryan Fearn slid back to sixth.

Tom Fearn caught Bennett on lap-20 and nearly made a pass in turn 2 but Bennett was able to hold him off. Leary was right behind Fearn in third and he was looking to get by both Fearn and Bennett to move in to the lead. Ryan Fearn spun in the middle of turns 1+2 to bring the caution out with 20 laps complete.

The action at the front heated up on lap-23 as Fearn got by Bennett to take the lead. Bennett gave Fearn a tap in turn 4 and both cars got sideways with Fearn maintaining the lead while Al Saunders came through to second. Leary came to a stop in the middle of turns 1+2 to bring the caution back out with 25 laps complete.

Fearn took the lead back under green with Gray taking second. Al Saunders was third with Bennett fourth and Cliff Saunders side by side with Trace Beyer for fifth place. Gray couldn't get close enough to Fearn to make a bid for the lead as Fearn scored his second consecutive win and third win of the 2019 season.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature event, Robert Bloxsom, III took the early lead with Wesley Prucker in second. Jonathan Puleo was third in line with Noah Korner and Bryan Narducci side by side for fifth. Prucker got by Bloxsom to take the lead on lap-6. Bloxsom came right back to the outside of Prucker but settled back into second. Narducci was now third with Puleo and Korner side by side for fourth.

Narducci was looking to take the lead from Hodgdon and he made the pass on lap-9. Teddy Hodgdon spun in the middle of turns 3+4 to bring the caution out with 9 laps complete. Alina Bryden spun coming out of turn 2 on the restart to bring the caution back out before a lap could be completed.

Narducci powered into the lead

on the restart with Prucker in second. Korner and Bloxsom were side by side for third with Joey Ferrigno and Puleo side by side for fifth. Korner took second from Prucker on lap-13 and the caution came out with 13 laps complete as Mark Bakaj and Mikey Flynn touched with Bakaj taking a ride into the frontstretch grass.

Narducci took the lead on the restart with Korner moving into second. Prucker didn't come up to speed as quickly as everyone else on the restart and he fell back to fifth as Steven Chapman took third and Puleo was fourth in line. Chapman was applying heavy pressure to Korner's back bumper for second when the caution flew with 17 laps complete for a spin on the backstretch by Sami Anderson.

Narducci took the lead on the restart with Korner right behind him in second. Chapman and Puleo were side by side for third with Prucker holding off Alexander Pearl for fifth place. Korner couldn't get close enough to Narducci to make a bid for the lead as Narducci took the checkered flag. Following post race inspection, Narducci's car was found to be underweight after it lost lead on the track during the race and Puleo's car exceeded the maximum left side weight allowed and both cars were penalized to the rear of the field with Narducci finishing 22nd and Puleo 23rd. This made Korner the winner for the second time in 2019 with Chapman, Prucker, Pearl, and Chris Matthews making up the top-5.

In the 15-lap Limited Late Model feature event, Alexandra Fearn and Matt Clement split Kyle Casagrande at the start to move into first and second with Jeremy Lavoie taking third as Casagrande slid back to fourth after getting loose in turn 1 on the start. Gary Patnode was fifth but he got by Casagrande to move into fourth.

Clement made a move to take the lead with a pass coming out of turn 2 on lap-4. That move opened the door for Lavoie to follow Clement through and move into second and drop Fearn back to third in line. Patnode was still fourth with Casagrande rounding out the top-5.

With 10 laps complete, Clement still held the lead with Lavoie giving chase. Patnode made a move to take third from Fearn on lap-11 with Casagrande still running fifth.

Clement led Lavoie to the checkered flag to pick up his fourth win of the 2019 season. Patnode finished third with Fearn and Casagrande rounding out the top-5.

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

Tri-State Speedway

HAUBSTADT, IN - The June 23rd Late Model Summer Nationals race and the Summit Modified Nationals were cancelled due to the excessive amount of rainfall received at the track and an extended forecast for more rain. Unfortunately, with the traveling schedule for the series, there will be no date available to reschedule this event.

Carteret County Speedway

PELETIER, NC – Mark Watson has been named as the new general manager at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway.

Watson, 58, from Lucama, North Carolina, North Carolina, was named general manager as part of Carteret County Speedway's continued commitment to carrying out the late Bobby Watson's dream. Watson brings a plethora of experience to Carteret County Speedway.

"Mark has been involved in the sport for decades and he knows the racers and knows what it takes to make this track continue to succeed," Carteret County Speedway track owner Bob Lowery said. "He is committed and has been committed to this track since day one and we look forward to seeing this track grow under his leadership."

Watson has been involved in racing for three decades and has worked with Carteret County Speedway since the track's inaugural race in September 2015. Throughout the years, he has been a competitor, has operated tracks, and has worked with multiple tracks in Eastern North Carolina.

"I'm excited to help carry out Bobby's dream and help the track move forward," Watson said. "We're working to keep improving as we move forward in this new venture. I'll still be visible on race days and I'm looking forward to working with the drivers and with Bob and the staff at Carteret County Speedway."

Carteret County Speedway continues its fourth season of racing on Saturday, July 6th with the Firecracker Clash, featuring racing for Limited Late Models, Chargers, Mini-Stocks, U-CARs, Legends, Mini Cups, and Champ Karts.

For more information visit the website www.carteretspeedway.com

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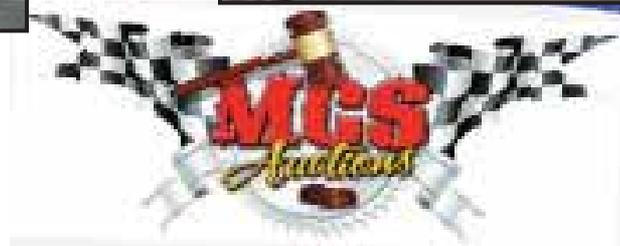
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