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**Logano Wins the Battle at Martinsville...
*Truex Jr. Declares War for Championship***

Who, What, When and Where to the Trophy

Joey Logano's victory Sunday at the Martinsville Speedway eliminated the chance of Stewart-Haas Racing taking every spot in the Championship 4.

It also created an interesting scenario where being a loyal teammate could result in elimination from a chance

to take part of the winner-take-all season finale at the Homestead-Miami Speedway on Nov. 18.

After Martinsville, the only driver from Stewart-Haas Racing that's currently above the cutline is Kevin Harvick. That means Kurt Busch, Aric Almirola and Clint Bowyer will have to make dramatic improvement – or better yet, win – at either Texas or Phoenix if they want to join Logano at Homestead.

And the best way for Stewart-Haas to stack the deck in the finale is for the entire team to work in unison – although that means at least one will end up on the sideline. The all-for-one, one-for-all strategy has worked well so far. All 4 cars made it to the Round of 8. But now it gets interesting.

"A total team effort across the board is the reason you have all four cars in the Round of 8," Bowyer said.

"We have half of the battle. I think that because of the willingness to cooperate with one another from a driver standpoint and the willingness to work with one another from the crew chiefs, engineering and everything involved, the teamwork is what makes the dream work."

The other drivers in the championship picture don't have the same company conflicts. Chase Elliott is the only driver representing Hendrick Motorsports; Kyle Busch is the lone survivor from Joe Gibbs Racing; and, while Furniture Row Racing gets technical help from JGR, Martin Truex Jr. doesn't have any other teammates.

That means all will have the benefit of devoted teammates.

"My teammates yes, they can certainly help," Kyle Busch said. "I feel like yes, there's an opportunity there for all of us to help one another,

mostly for those guys to help us. They can certainly venture off in different paths and Adam (Stevens, crew chief) can certainly give them things he would like to see them try while we're working on other things and we can kind of regroup after practice with notes and that feedback.

"I think that can be instrumental to us having one car in versus having all 4 cars in."



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Logano's last-lap bump-and-run victory at Martinsville means teammates Brad Keselowski and Ryan Blaney now can help him fine-tune his Ford ahead of Homestead.

While that organizational commitment was tested Sunday when Logano raced door-to-door with Keselowski in the closing laps, the two raced very un-Martinsville-like by not using their fenders as battering rams.

"Obviously, he wanted to win. He showed that. I wanted to win," Logano said. "Obviously, the win to me meant a lot more. Obviously, he wants to prove that he's a championship car, as well, after everything that's happened the last round. I get that.

"We did what we could do there to try to fight there. But I get it. He's out here trying to win, too. It's a race. It's not just eight cars going for a win. There's still 40 of them out there."

Roger Penske was happy with the way his drivers worked together toward a common goal.

"Brad knew what had to happen here today," he said. "I told them to use their heads. That's all I said. He knew exactly what was going on."

Keselowski wound up fifth.

Stewart-Haas proved working as a group was the best way to get all four drivers into the Round of 8. In fact, the team ran one-two-three-four for 122 laps last month at Talladega. But now that there are only three spots remaining in the Championship 4, it's safe to expect one, if not more, will break rank.

At least that's what Kyle Busch thinks.

"I think it puts more strain on the shop obviously to have to produce more cars – more caliber cars to go to the race track each and every week," he said. "Everybody puts



As Joey Logano leads, Kurt Busch (41), Clint Bowyer (14), Kevin Harvick (4) and Aric Almirola (10) are all Stewart/Haas Racing teammates trying to pull out a win to qualify for Homestead finale. (SEAN GARDNER/GETTY IMAGES photo)

everything into all their stuff all the time, but there's that added motivation when you are in the Round of 8 so I just think that compounds itself when you have to go with four versus just one.

"I think also when you have four

guys in there, you have four that are striving to have really, really good, solid days and the teammate game isn't necessarily teammates."

Which should make company staff meetings at SHR interesting during the next couple weeks.

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Joey Logano Wins at Martinsville in Wild, Controversial Finish

MARTINSVILLE, VA—Joey Logano provided his own interpretation of the Golden Rule in Sunday's First Data 500 at Martinsville Speedway, as in "Do unto others as others didn't do to you."

With a guaranteed spot in the Championship 4 Round of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series at stake, Logano moved the Toyota of Martin Truex Jr. out of the way in Turns 3 and 4 of the final lap to win for the first time at the .526-mile short track and claim his berth in the title race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

"Just thinking about Miami, man," Logano said unapologetically after climbing from his car to an evenly divided chorus of cheers and boos from fans in the frontstretch grandstand. "Some are going to like it, and haters are going to hate a little bit, but I'm a hard racer. I don't think that's a secret to anyone. We're here to win a championship this year."

Truex, who cleared Logano off Turn 2 on the final lap after an extended side-by-side battle, vowed that Logano wouldn't win his first title this season.

"He may have won the battle, but he ain't winning the damn war," promised Truex, who slid across the finish line in third place after Denny Hamlin edged him for second in a wild scramble off the final corner. "That's it. I'm not letting him — I'm going to win the championship..."

"I was next to him for six laps. I never knocked him out of the way. We were going to race hard for it in my book. I cleared him fair and square. We weren't even banging doors for me to pass him. He just drove into the back of me and knocked me out of the way. It's short-track racing, but what goes around comes around."

From past experience, Logano knows that retaliation can be sudden and decisive. In 2015, after turning Matt Kenseth to win a Playoff race at Kansas, Logano appeared a likely winner at Martinsville and a favorite for the championship until Kenseth pile-drove him into the Turn 1 wall at Martinsville and ended his Playoff

run.

But that incident seemed a distant memory on Sunday evening, as Logano savored his second victory of the season, the 20th of his career and the cherished grandfather clock trophy that comes with a Martinsville win.

"We raced hard there," Logano said. "He raced really clean, and I laid the bumper to him, so I don't expect him to be happy. We had to do what we've got to do, and maybe there's something he's got to do, and we'll hash it out, I'm sure, one way or another."

"But that was our shot. It may be our only shot, so we had to make it happen."

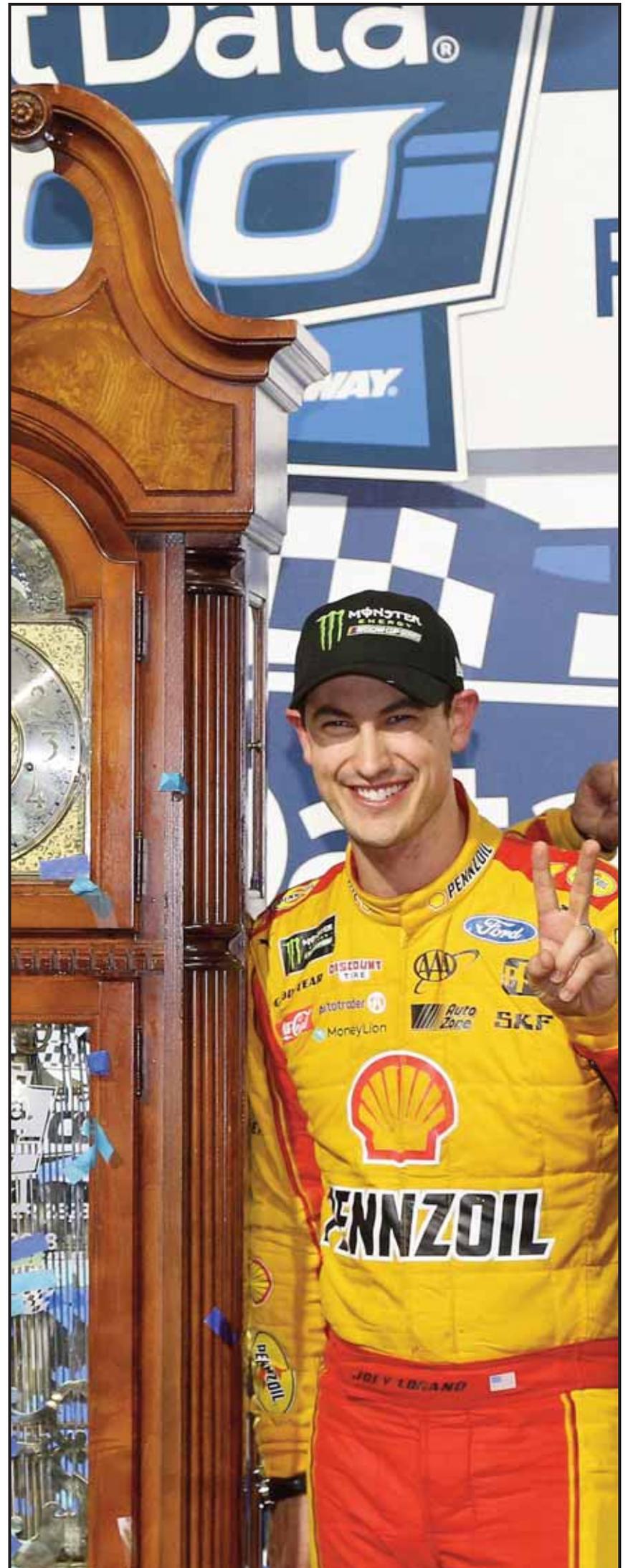
Hamlin, who had an excellent long-run car but couldn't fight his way past fourth-place finisher Kyle Busch and fifth-place Brad Keselowski in time to challenge for the win, nevertheless had a ringside seat for the pyrotechnics between Logano and Truex.

"I think the 22 (Logano) saw he was in a vulnerable position," Hamlin said. "They were side by side for two laps. The 22 was on the outside. That's a position where you can't do anything to the leader. So it looked like to me that he conceded the spot on the white-flag lap. Once I saw that he conceded the spot, followed in behind him, I knew we were in for an exciting Turn 3 and 4."

"I knew it was coming. Everyone probably saw it was coming. I just think it would have been still a cool battle if they would have just stayed side by side. I think the 22 thought he wasn't going to win that way."

Despite finishing third, Truex leaves Martinsville tied for third on the Playoff grid with 10th-place finisher Kevin Harvick, 25 points ahead of Kurt Busch (sixth Sunday), the first driver below the Championship 4 cut line. Harvick is the last driver above the cut line due to a tiebreaker because Truex currently has the higher Round of 8 finish. Kyle Busch sits second on the grid, 46 points ahead of his brother.

Chase Elliott, who ran seventh, is 31 points behind Harvick. Stewart-Haas Racing teammates Clint Bowyer and Aric Almirola are 42 and 50 points out of fourth. A late spin cost Bowyer dearly. He finished 21st, one lap down.



Joey Logano celebrates winning his first grandfather clock after his victory of the First Data 500 at Martinsville Speedway. (BRIAN LAWDERMILK/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Johnny Sauter Earns Championship 4 Berth with Dominating Martinsville Win

MARTINSVILLE, VA - Qualifying aside, Saturday at Martinsville Speedway belonged to Johnny Sauter, who earned another shot at the NASCAR Camping World Series championship with a dominating victory in the Texas Roadhouse 200.

After inheriting the lead when pole winner and race leader Todd Gilliland came to pit road with 11 laps left in Stage 1, Sauter was out front for 148 of the remaining 161 Laps, sweeping both stages and the race win to grab a berth in the NCWTS Championship 4 race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

In winning a series-record fourth time at the .526-mile short track, the sixth time this season and the 23rd time in his career, Sauter, the 2016 series champion, assured himself of a sixth straight finish of fourth or better in the final standings.

With practice wiped out by rain on Friday, Sauter had to scramble from the eighth-place starting position he earned Saturday morning in

the No. 21 GMS Racing Chevrolet.

"These guys busted their tails – everybody at GMS Racing," Sauter said. "We came here, and we had done a lot of work with a new setup and we had it all ready to go. And we came here, and it was raining (on Friday) and I was like, 'Now what?'"

"And they said we'd run the old stuff because we couldn't run that now. Just so proud of everybody at GMS Racing. I'm going to Homestead to fight for a championship. That's what it's all about."

Brett Moffitt worked his way through the field from his 17th-place starting position to finish a distant second, 4.572 seconds behind Sauter. Moffitt heads to the second race in the Round of 6 third in the standings, 15 points ahead of fifth-place Justin Haley, who ran sixth on Saturday at a track he considers one of his worst.

Playoff driver Noah Gragson was second in each of the first two stages, finished seventh and holds second in the standings, 24 points above the cut line for the Championship 4, which will be set in two weeks hence at Phoenix.



Race winner Johnny Sauter (21) leads the field of NASCAR Camping World Truck Series racers around the field as he goes for his fourth win of the season. (SEAN GARDNER/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Moffitt fought his way past third-place finisher Myatt Snider on Lap 187 of 200 to secure second place,

but he couldn't gain ground on Sauter.

"Obviously, we didn't qualify this morning where we wanted to or expected to," Moffitt said. "We had to be patiently aggressive. That was our game plan before the race. Fortunately, we stayed out of trouble and (crew chief) Scott (Zipadelli) did a great job adjusting on the truck and telling the guys on pit road what to do to make the truck faster."

"We weren't where we needed to be at the start of the race. It's Martinsville, so I guess survival is great, but losing another one to Johnny is not."

Championship contender Grant Enfinger rallied from a costly spin on Lap 160 to finish 14th and maintain fourth place in the standings, two points up on Haley. Two-time champion Matt Crafton is sixth in the Playoff standings after running 13th on Saturday.

Ben Rhodes, bounced from the Playoffs at Talladega two weeks ago, came home fourth, followed by Kyle Benjamin, who scored his second top-five showing at Martinsville in only his second start in the series.



Johnny Sauter and team celebrate making it to Martinsville Speedway's victory lane by winning the Texas Roadhouse 200 and qualifying for the final 4 to Homestead for the championship. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

Derek Thorn Marches To Second K&N Pro West Championship

BAKERSFIELD, CA - Derek Thorn's return to the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West ended with another championship celebration.

After stepping away from full-time competition at the end of the 2013 season, Thorn got the urge to return to action for Bob Bruncati's Sunrise Ford team, and rolled to his second championship this season.

The Lakeport, California, driver concluded a season filled with success, scoring two wins and top-10 finishes in all 14 events. He finished fifth in the season-finale at Kern County Raceway Park on Saturday.

His previous K&N Pro Series title came in 2013, and in his three years of full-time racing, he has two championships and a third-place finish in the standings.

"The five year hiatus we had, the guys have come a long way in the shop," Thorn said. "There were some races we were competing for wins, and some we were competing just to finish in the top five. To keep a championship hope alive, you have to be able to capitalize on every opportunity, and make the most of the bad days."

Derek Kraus won the season-finale, grabbing his fourth win and sweeping the two races at the California oval. The victory was the fifth consecutive at Kern for the No. 16 out of the Bill McAnally Racing stable — with Kraus winning the last three and former champion Todd Gilliland winning the two previous events.

Thorn's 2018 championship run included two victories — one at Colorado National and another at Evergreen Speedway. He finished inside the top five in all but one race, and ended with an average finish of just over three. In the final championship standings, Thorn defeated his Sunrise Ford Racing teammate, Ryan Partridge, by 27 points, completing a clean sweep of the top two spots for Bob Bruncati.

"The No. 22 (Trevor Huddleston) and the No. 9 (Ryan Partridge) teams deserve a lot of credit, without the team dynamic, I don't think we would be here," Thorn said. "It's

awesome to be able to win this right in front of the hometown crowd."

Trevor Huddleston, who charged through the field late, tied his best career finish with a third. David Mayhew was fourth, just ahead of Thorn.

Hailie Deegan, who clinched the Sunoco Rookie of the Year title in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West, finished sixth. Cole Rouse was seventh, followed by Kody Vanderwal, Todd Souza and Matt Levin.

Thorn, his entire Bob Bruncati team, and the NASCAR K&N Pro



Derek Kraus celebrates winning the NAPA Auto Parts 175 presented by the West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame. (Meg Oliphant/Getty Images for NASCAR photo)

Series West top finishers and special award winners will be honored at NASCAR Awards Charlotte on Friday, Dec. 7.



Derek Thorn celebrates his second NASCAR K&N Pro Series West championship. (Meg Oliphant/Getty Images for NASCAR photo)

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Dossey III Wins Second Straight JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Championship

SAELM, IN - Defending 2017 JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance Champion Jack Dossey III came back to defend his Championship for the 2018 season and did just that by being the highest finisher of the four Chase for the Championship drivers in the October 13th JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour 100 lap season Championship event at Winchester Speedway. After having to wait a day because of rain, Dossey III went out and accomplished one of his primary goals for the 2018 season, getting a third place finish in that event, beating out Mason Keller for the Championship.

"I feel extremely fortunate to be able to win another title with the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour, we've had a lot of ups and downs this year," remarked Dossey III. "I've learned that what you get by achieving your goals is not nearly as important as what you and your team become by achieving those goals."

Dossey III had another great season with the series, getting three season high third place finishes in the series 10 events in 2018. Dossey III had a straight away lead in the Winchester Labor Day Weekend event until a tire went down on lap 71 resulting in hard contact with the outside retaining wall ending his night and hopes of his first series win. The team came back and were the Lisa-Thomas Fast Qualifier Award winners at the series next event at Fall Brawl at Lucas Oil Raceway and came away with a seventh place finish, second highest of the Chase contenders to put them in position to run for the Championship on Winchester 400 Weekend.

Dossey III added, "We were in position to win a few times this year, but luck just didn't seem to be on our side. Between losing a clutch at Bristol to blowing a right front tire at Winchester on Labor Day Weekend, it all weighed heavy on the whole team, but tough times don't last, tough teams do. We stayed humble and determined and we did what we came here to do.

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Not only am I extremely grateful for my team but my sponsors as well. As always, Hart's Auto Center, Mike Heimel Auctions, Hinchman Racewear, Lawrence Towing & Recovery and Auto Value Parts Stores, but also a couple of new names you saw on the car this year, Munn's Construction and Norton Transport stepped in this year and helped us a lot and for that I'm thankful. My parents go above and beyond for this program and none of this would be possible without them."

Dossey III and his team will not sit back and enjoy their Championship long, their 2018 season will continue with a huge event in December and they already have plans for the 2019 season.

"I'll be running my first ever Snowball Derby in December at Five Flags Speedway and you'll see us in Cordele, Georgia for SpeedFest 2019 in January", commented Dossey III. "We plan to run for the ARCA/CRA Super Series Championship in 2019, while hitting a couple of the bigger JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour races."

Dossey III will officially be crowned the 2018 JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Champion at the 2018 CRA Awards Banquet on January 11th, 2019 which will take place at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown at Union Station. Dossey III ties Cody Coughlin with the most series Championships with two a piece, but Dossey III is the first driver to win consecutive series Championships.

More information on all the CRA series is available at www.cra-racing.com.

Keller Wins DGR-CROSLEY Rookie of the Year Award with the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour

SALEM, IN - 18 year old Plainfield, Indiana native Mason Keller took a huge step in his racing career for the 2018 season, by committing to run with the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance for the DGR-CROSLEY Rookie of the Year Award and for the series Championship. By finishing 11th in the series Season Championship event on October 13th at Winches-



Jack Dossey III celebrates his second straight JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Championship. (CRA Racing photo)

ter Speedway, Keller claimed the 2018 DGR-CROSLEY Rookie of the Year Award and finished second in the Chase for the Championship in his first full season of racing a late model.

"I'm very humbled to have won the DGR-CROSLEY Rookie of the Year Award this season," remarked Keller. "We set our goal at the beginning of the season to do our best running every race and turning as many laps as possible."

The former Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks competitor was competitive right out of the box picking up seventh place finishes at Birch Run Speedway and at Bristol Motor Speedway. Keller was involved in an accident in the Masters of the Pro's 200 at Birch Run, but bounced back from that to get a third place finish at Salem Speedway. Keller got a tenth place finish at Baer Field Motorsports Park. Keller fought an ill handling car to a sixth place finish at Auto City Speedway, but struggled at the next event with a 14th place finish at Berlin Raceway.

Mason and his team had made the Chase for the Championship and knew with the first Chase race at Owasso Speedway being cancelled because of weather, they needed to have a good finish at Winchester Speedway on Labor Day Weekend. Keller looked like he would have to settle for a second place finish until Jack Dossey III had a right front tire go down on lap 71, giving the lead to Keller, who cruised to his first series win and locked himself into the Championship event.

Handling issues resulted in Keller getting a respectable ninth place finish in the series Fall Brawl event at Lucas Oil Raceway.

Keller went into the series Championship event hoping to make series history, by becoming the first driver to win both the DGR-

CROSLEY Rookie of the Year Award and the points Championship. Power steering issues kept Keller from being as competitive as he wanted to be in the Championship event, but Keller hung on to get an 11th place finish, but came up one spot short in his quest for the Championship to Jack Dossey III.

Keller added, "Once I saw we had a chance at rookie of the year and a possibility of a championship we really buckled down in the garage and testing before each race. Unfortunately we didn't come out with the overall championship but we accomplished way more than we set out to do this year. As far as 2019 goes I'm not 100 percent sure on our decision. If the funding is there I would really love to run the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour and get another shot at the championship. If it doesn't work out that way we might catch some of the bigger races around here just to get some experience and exposure. I want to thank my dad and my whole crew for their hard work all season. I'd like to thank my sponsors Dailey's Used Car Sales, Gedek Trailer Sales, PGG, Stagger Pros, and DG Performance."

At the 2018 CRA Awards Banquet on January 11th, Keller will receive a \$1000 cash bonus and a CROSLEY Radio JukeBox Trophy from DGR-CROSLEY, the Official Racing Driver Development Team of CRA. Keller will receive a race ready carburetor from VDL Fuel Systems as well as contingency product awards from AP Racing, Holley, Port City Racecars, Howe Racing, Fluidyne, Joes Racing Products, Day Racing Products and Earl's.

Keller was the DGR-CROSLEY Rookie of the Race Award winner a series leading six times in 2018. Tyler Hufford finished second and Nathan Bertino finished third.

Nasse Silences Critics With Dominating Mobile 300 Victory

MOBILE, AL - The critics have been loud for nearly a decade. But now it's time for them to sit down and listen. For the last seven-plus years, Stephen Nasse has heard the catcalls and boos, read the articles and tweets and watched the videos all saying the same thing:

he didn't have what it takes to be a winner.

After 300 laps at Mobile International Speedway Sunday, it's Nasse's turn to talk.

He took control of the Mobile 300 in the second half of the event, and never looked back after taking the lead for good on lap 214.

In the final stages, he lapped up to fifth place, and could have went further if not for a competition yellow with 30 laps to go. The final sprint was no different, and he pulled away from the field to claim the biggest win of his career.

"I was almost in tears in the car because this means so much to me," said Nasse. "I have went through so much, with people downing me and doubting me. Today, we about lapped the field. It definitely feels good to give the others a punch right in the gut and show that we are just as good as

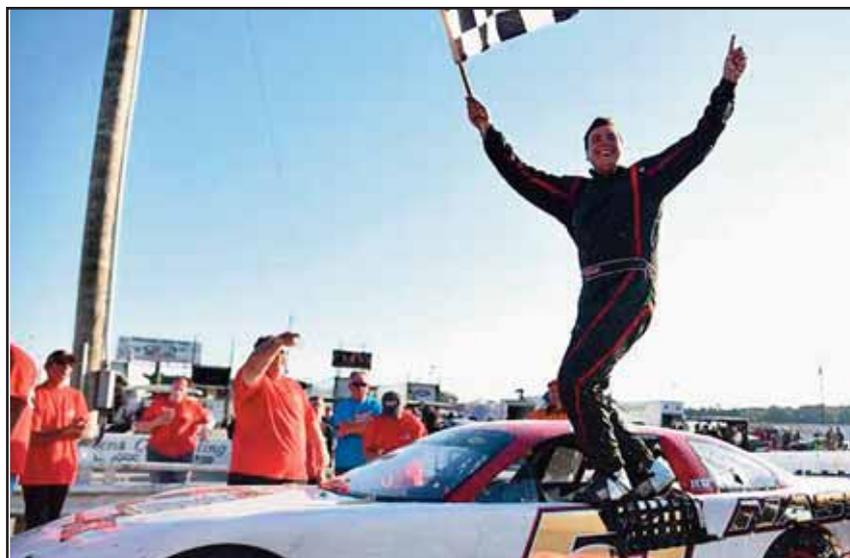
everyone else. Tonight, we put it on all of 'em."

Since winning the Easter Bunny 150 in 2011, Nasse saw his seemingly bright future dim somewhat. Over the last seven-plus years, Nasse has had more than his fair share of run-ins, controversy and heated moments.

Four years ago, Nasse was involved in an on-track scuffle with Brian Webster at Showtime Speedway in Florida. In 2015, Nasse had clashes with Steve Wallace at Southern National Motorsports Park in North Carolina. In 2016, he had memorable tangles with Dalton Sargeant at Winchester Speedway and William Byron at the Snowball Derby. Earlier in 2018, Nasse went to blows with Donnie Wilson in the Blizzard Series opener and he and Josh Brock had an infamous post-race encounter following the Redbud 400.

The incidents, combined with the near-debilitating battle with a severe case of pneumonia in 2013, fueled his desire to win even more so.

"I have always been up front, and right there my entire career," said Nasse. "I just had so much stuff happen to me to keep me from winning consistently. I was sick and then later my attitude wasn't right and got the best of me. Now is my chance to shine, and show that I



Stephen Nasse celebrates his win at Mobile International Speedway in victory lane. (Speed51.com photo)

can do this no matter what other people say."

Donnie Wilson dominated the race's early stages, leading 113 of the race's initial 135 laps. But the second half of the race saw Wilson fade severely, going two laps down and never challenging.

It was another frustrating day in a year filled of them for Wilson.

"We just had bad strategy that got us behind where we couldn't make it up," said Wilson. "We tried to stretch the second set of tires, and you just can't do that here. When you are off just a little, you get a lap down in a hurry."

Just as Nasse was seen as one of racing's youngest stars a few years back, the man who gave him the biggest challenge during the final stretch is perhaps on the cusp of his own run to greatness.

Connor Okrzesik - who lives just

five minutes from Mobile International Speedway - gave the hometown crowd plenty to cheer about. Okrzesik led six laps and nipped at the heels of Nasse in the final 30 laps.

Prior to the race, many penciled Bubba Pollard as the favorite to win. But Sunday just wasn't his day.

Pollard never led a lap, and uncharacteristically spun out on his own.

Casey Roderick became the sixth champion in the history of the Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco. He clinched the championship in qualifying on Saturday afternoon. Speed51.com will have more on his championship season soon.

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Donny Schatz Nets \$51,000 with Tuscarora 50 Triumph at Port Royal Speedway

PORT ROYAL, PA - Donny Schatz continued his remarkable 2018 campaign with a \$51,000 payday at Port Royal Speedway, passing Brad Sweet on Lap 32 to win the Tuscarora 50. Freddie Rahmer surged from 16th to finish second with Daryn Pittman charging from 23rd to

third on the excellent daytime racing surface.

The 'Kings Royal' type format saw four cars inverted in six Heat Races. Lucas Wolfe and Brad Sweet won their respective Heats to earn the front row for the 50-Lap, \$51,000 to win Feature.

Sweet led the opening circuit before a nasty crash involving Port Royal's Track Champion Logan Wagner and Tim Shaffer, halted action with one complete. Both drivers were uninjured in the accident but done for the afternoon.

Sweet was strong on the restart and didn't reach traffic before Logan Schuchart's night came to an end on Lap 6, stopping on the front stretch.

Lucas Wolfe remained in second on the ensuing restart, looking for a way around the 2018 Knoxville Nationals Champion. Donny Schatz worked his way forward to third from his fifth starting position and remained within striking distance of Sweet and Wolfe.

Consecutive cautions on Lap 16 and 17 allowed Wolfe to set up an attack for the lead on the restart. As Sweet brought the field back to Green on the 18th circuit, Wolfe blasted to the top side of the racing surface and took control of the field down the backstretch to a large roar from the Port Royal faithful, only to have the pass negated by a caution for a stopped Ian Madsen.

The following restart Sweet was prepared and fended off Wolfe's charge before the caution flew on Lap 21 for the designated fuel stop.

When action resumed, Donny Schatz moved into second and began closing in on Sweet for the lead. Schatz found grip on the bottom and got underneath Sweet to lead the 32nd lap before the caution flew for fourth-place running Gio Scelzi.

Schatz ran away on the restart as Wolfe began going to work on

the cushion, closing in on Sweet, eventually reclaiming the second position on Lap 38. At this point, 16th-starting Freddie Rahmer had climbed to fourth with 23rd-starting Daryn Pittman coming forward to sixth.

A caution with eight laps remaining bunched the field together and gave Wolfe a chance to steal the victory from Schatz.

Schatz powered away on the restart, completing a lap before the Yellow Flag flew for debris, as the hood flew off seventh-place running TJ Stutts' car, ending his evening.

Schatz again blasted away on the restart, leaving no doubt who the class of the field was, en route to his 21st World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Feature of 2018.

"That felt like a 500-miler," Schatz said with a chuckle in Victory Lane about the caution-filled race, next to his Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing No.15. As always, Schatz deflected the credit of the victory his crew, "These guys are incredible at what they do, it's pretty cool to win that big money. Anytime you win in Pennsylvania it's big and this is a big one."

"We decided we better start testing out the 2019 rule changes and since we've done that, we haven't finished worse than second and that's really important," Schatz, who was sporting a special Arctic Cat paint scheme, added before expressing his gratitude to Port Royal Speedway for not giving in to Mother Nature this weekend.

Freddie Rahmer continued his impressive 2018 season, surging from 16th to finish second. "My car was really good, I could really move around. They did a great job with the track," Rahmer, who scored his first career World of Outlaws victory earlier this year in July, said in appreciation of Port Royal.

Daryn Pittman, who charged from 23rd to complete the podium, echoed the sentiments about Port Royal Speedway, "Hats off to Port Royal, they could've easily thrown in the towel for this weekend. They did a really nice job widening out the track. It's always a pleasure to come back to this place and see the improvements they do on a weekly basis."

"To start 23rd and end up on the



Donny Schatz celebrates his \$51,000 payday for the Tuscarora 50 in victory lane at Port Royal Speedway. (Michael Fry/WoO photo)

podium says a lot about how great my race car was and the track. I wish we would have been a little stronger earlier in the night to get a better starting position," Pittman, who earned KSE Hard Charger honors added.

Brad Sweet finished fourth with 17th-starting David Gravel completing the top five.

Persistent rain and cold temperatures led to the cancellation of Friday and Saturday's program, (Continued Next Page)

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forcing the World of Outlaws and Port Royal to use the Sunday rain date. The program was moved forward in the afternoon; a good decision by all parties, as heavy rain began to fall less than an hour after the Feature concluded.

Brian Brown bested the 51-car field in Qualifying and broke the Track Record in Qualifying with a lap of 14.868. In total, seven drivers in Qualifying went under the existing record and for the first time in track history a sub-15-second lap was run.

With the unique format, the Tuscarora 50 was show-up points only for the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series teams.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman

Sprint Car Series finishes off its 40th Anniversary Season with the World Finals presented by Can-Am at The Dirt Track at Charlotte next Thursday, Friday, Saturday, November 1st-3rd. Tickets still remain for one of dirt track racing's biggest spectacles as the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Cars and Late Models and Super DIRTcar Series Big Block-Modifieds crown their champions.

Friday Night at Port Royal Rained Out

PORT ROYAL, PA - Imminent rain has forced the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series and Port Royal Speedway to cancel Friday's Nittany Showdown. There will be no makeup date.

Those that purchased tickets for Friday's event will automatically receive an account credit to their www.mydirttickets.com account, this credit can be used to any event on www.worldofoutlaws.com/tickets for up to 2 years.

If a refund is preferred, ticket purchasers have until November 30, 2018 to request such and can call 844-DIRT-TIX to request a refund.

Championships on the Line at Next Week's World of Outlaws World Finals

CONCORD, NC - Dirt racing's biggest spectacle of speed roars into The Dirt Track at Charlotte next Thursday for the World of Outlaws World Finals presented by Can-Am, a dramatic display of short-track prowess among the dirt racing world's greatest stars and fastest cars.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Cars, the World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Models and the Super DIRTcar Big-Block Modifieds converge on Charlotte's high-speed, four-tenths-mile dirt oval for a Thursday-to-Saturday thriller that will decide champions in all three of the world's premier dirt racing series.

"This is an awesome show. It's the only time of the year where you can see the late models, the sprint cars and the big-blocks in the same place," said World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model title contender Chris Madden of Gray Court, South Carolina. "It's awesome to be here in front of our local fans. I'm looking forward to trying to get the lead back in the points at a track close to home."

Fellow late model racer Shane Clanton calls the World of Outlaws World Finals presented by Can-Am "a race fan's dream."

"If you're just an avid race fan," Clanton said, "this is the place to be for sure. If we can win in front of this big crowd, it'd be pretty special."

TICKETS: Tickets and pit passes to the Nov. 1-3 World of Outlaws World Finals presented by Can-Am are available at the speedway ticket office, online at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets/ or by calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267).

Hafertepe Caps Championship Weekend With Fall Fling Victory at Creek County Speedway

SAPULPA, OK - Adding a cherry to the top of his third consecutive championship, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. rode out of the John Christner Trucking Fall Fling with an extra \$4,000 and his seventh victory over a stout field of 61 drivers at Creek County Speedway with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com.

Trailing Sean McClelland the first 33 laps, Hafertepe made the top of turns one and two work after several laps of only being able to close on the back bumper of the D&E Supply No. 22. Fighting back for the top spot, McClelland was not able to regain the position.

"There is nothing like racing your best friend for 40 laps. That was probably one of the funnest races I've driven in my entire life. Me and Sean have been friends for a long time and for us to race like that and have our friendship last like it has, it means a lot, then to win this deal and show everybody who deserves this championship. That's what we set out to do tonight," commented an emotional Sam Hafertepe, Jr.

Beating Sean on the initial start, the caution flew for Matt Covington who spun to a stop in the first turn.

With the No. 22 holding the lead on the restart, Hafertepe's next attempt at the point came while working Lap 2, only to have his slide job negated by another caution. Pressuring McClelland on the restart, the Townline Variety No. 15h was not able to get the run as Sean slowly pulled away with traffic coming into play as the field worked past the tenth lap. Allowing Hafertepe to pull back in on McClelland, the No. 22 did not falter on the low line; using slower cars as picks to protect any run to the outside.

Taking their high-speed chess game into the mid-point of the A-Feature, Hafertepe pulled the trigger on Lap 23 to take the lead but had his advance quickly answered with Sean driving back around the No. 15h. Battling hard into slower traffic, the caution lights came on with 25 laps complete as Blake Hahn spun to a stop.

Getting away from Sam on the restart, Sean continued to roll the bottom as Hafertepe searched the middle and high line at both ends of Creek County Speedway. Building momentum as the leaders worked



Sam Hafertepe Jr. his Fall Fling win and 2018 Championship in victory lane at Creek County Speedway. (Ms. Casey Cochran photo)

to Lap 30, Hafertepe took three runs at Sean McClelland with his run on Lap 34 off the turn-two cushion being the one that secured the lead. Quickly through traffic with the lead in hand, Sam opened his advantage to 3.582 seconds at the finish.

Holding off Seth Bergman on the final lap, Sean McClelland crossed second for his ninth career podium finish with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com. Bergman third was followed by Jason Martin with Kyle Bellm making up the top five. Charging out of the first B-Feature, El Paso's John Carney II raced through the field to sixth after starting 20th. Wayne Johnson in seventh had Blake Hahn recover from his caution to finish eight. Skylar Gee advanced six spots to ninth with Roger Crockett tenth.

On top of Hafertepe claiming the championship, other awards on the night included Alex Sewell who secured the 2018 title for the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products. The 2018 Brodix National Rookie of the Year went to Scott Bogucki. This marks the first time an Australian driver has won the National Rookie of the Year.

The Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com thanks the teams, drivers, tracks, sponsors, and above all the fans for your support in 2018.

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

**Bristol
Motor Speedway**

BRISTOL, TN - Mike Vaters Jr., at the controls of Overkill Evolution, claimed a thrilling victory in the Metro by T-Mobile Halloween Monster Truck Mash after posting the best average finish in all four different skills categories on a chilly Saturday afternoon at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Vaters Jr., from Hagerstown, Md., powered his ominous

dark blue monster truck to top three finishes in each of the four categories, claiming a win in the Doughnuts competition. He finished second in the Three Tricks Challenge, had the third quickest time (35.24 seconds) in the Obstacle Course despite a two second penalty, and was third in the fan-favorite Freestyle event.

"This is my first time to Bristol, I've never been here before and wanted to come out here and show the fans what this truck would do," said Vaters Jr. "I can't wait to come back next year and put on another great show. I love you guys. Woooo!"

X-Termigator, driven by J.R. McNeal of Green Cove Spring, Fla., started out strong winning the Three Tricks Challenge, but broke during his Doughnuts routine and had to park it for the rest of the night.

Snake Bite, driven by Kris Kopperhead of Cobra Creek, Colo., finished second overall and was first in the Obstacle Course, completing his run in 34.42 seconds. Tailgator, driven by Doug Noelke of Union, Mo., was second finishing in 35.13 seconds.

Snake Bite also claimed the win in Freestyle, scoring a best of 14.5 points out of a possible 20 from the judges. The very cool looking Ice Cream Man machine, driven by Roy Pridgeon of Pierson, Fla., was second in Freestyle, earning a 12-point score.

One of the fan-favorite trucks during the event was Buckshot, driven by Nokesville, Va.'s Brandon Budd. He finished third overall and was spectacular in the Three Ticks Challenge, when he performed a massive wheelstand and was able to save the truck from tumbling over at the last minute. His wild Doughnuts routine, which netted him a second place finish in that category, sent the fans into a



Overkill Evolution piloted by Mike Vaters Jr. claimed victory in the Metro by T-Mobile Halloween Monster Truck Mash at Bristol Motor Speedway. (BMS photo)

frenzy.

In the exciting Bandit Big Rig racing, Cody Slowinski, who finished last in the qualifying race, took advantage of an inverted starting order for the 15-lap main feature and pulled away from the field in his white and black No. 63 rig to take the victory in the trucks first visit to The World's Fastest Half-Mile.

Slowinski took the checkered flag as the caution flew on the final lap when Tennessee driver Mike Morgan's No. 88 rig went out of control when a right front tire blew and he smashed into the wall in turn two. Morgan was charging hard to the front to give the hometown fans a victory, but it wasn't to be.

Slowinski led every lap of the main feature, but qualifying race winner Craig Kruckeberg was closing in aboard his No. 55 truck after starting in last place.

Kruckeberg finished second and was followed by Mark Noble, Darren Proffitt, Allen Boles, Jon Lisenbee and defending series champ Ricky Rude.

In the 25-lap Bandit Big Rig qualifying race, Kruckeberg held off Boles to finish first. Kruckeberg took over the lead at lap 17 and swapped it back and forth with Boles and defending series champ Rude as the laps closed down. As the huge trucks rumbled to the finish, Boles led the field out of turn two but Kruckeberg charged from the high side and passed Boles as the two took the checkered flag in a photo finish.

Halloween costume winners were awarded in three categories, best boy's costume, best girl's costume and best family/group costume. Girl winners included Julia,

10 from Mountain City, Tenn., as the Cereal Killer; Madison, 9 of Mt. Carmel, Tenn., as the Zombie Bride; and Brooke, 12 of Worthington, Ind., as a Scarecrow. Boy's winners were Ryan, 5, of Johnson City, Tenn., as Alfalfa; Logan, 21 of Blountville, Tenn., as Back to the Future; and Brant and Bennett, 3 and 8 of Greeneville, Tenn., as the Grave Digger Baby. The group winners included the Pirate family of Lucas, Karen, Logan and Soren of Blountville, Tenn. as well as the Mario Brothers family of Hank, Aaron and Levi of Church Hill, Tenn.

Team FMX motocross riders also put on a high-flying show for the crowd between truck competitions.

Daytona Int'l Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Daytona International Speedway has a new event on tap for DAYTONA Speedweeks Presented By AdventHealth. The DAYTONA Beer Festival will be held Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019 in conjunction with DAYTONA 500 Qualifying Presented By Kroger and the Advance Auto Parts Clash.

The inaugural DAYTONA Beer Festival will be held from Noon-3 p.m. and will span multiple Midway Suites, allowing fans to choose from over 70 different brands of beer including Wicked Weed, Kona, Golden Road, Blue Point, Goose Island IPA, Landshark, Shock Top, Karbach, 10 Barrel, Redhook and many more, in a climate-controlled environment.

Tickets for the DAYTONA Beer Festival are \$52 and are

on sale now. The DAYTONA Beer Festival ticket will include a "beer passport," allowing guests to sample 10 of the 70-plus brands, as well as a general admission ticket to the Advance Auto Parts Clash – a non-points Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race comprised of select drivers – and DAYTONA 500 Qualifying Presented By Kroger, which will set the front row for the 61st annual DAYTONA 500 on Sunday, Feb. 17. All DAYTONA Beer Festival ticketholders will receive a collectible Daytona International Speedway mini beer mug and lanyard.

Tickets for the DAYTONA Beer Festival and all Daytona International Speedway events can be purchased online at www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com or by calling 1-800-PITSHOP. Fans can stay connected with Daytona International Speedway on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube and Snapchat, and by downloading Daytona International Speedway's mobile app, for the latest speedway news.

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Only at Texas Motor Speedway is 1½ pounds of a variety of barbeque meats not nearly enough to satisfy the imaginative mind of Levy Restaurants Executive Chef Lincoln Engstrom when it comes to the creation of yet another Hawg Heaven novelty concession item.

Chef Engstrom's latest concession item is a potato of prodigious proportions, the 24-ounce Hawg Heaven "Taternater" that will debut at next weekend's AAA Texas 500 NASCAR Playoff tripleheader weekend at Texas Motor Speedway.

The Texas-sized, smoked potato is a meal in itself but not at world-renowned motorsports facility. The stud spud is overstuffed with a robust pound-and-a-half mix of BBQ pulled pork, brisket and hickory black pepper sausage.

But wait there's more when you're dealing with Chef Lincoln, especially the bacon-infused portion of the recipe that is the signature of the Hawg Heaven line that began in 2013.

The potato and barbeque meats are covered with a creamy and

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spicy bacon jalapeno mac 'n cheese and a creamy bacon gravy. The big spud finally is topped with a helping of onion crisps to add a little crunch to the recipe.

"This will surely 'starch' the engines of our race fans," quipped Chef Engstrom. "The Hawg Heaven 'Taternater' is the perfect fall feast for our race-starved fans that have been waiting

six months for NASCAR to return to Texas Motor Speedway."

This super-sized spud is \$12 and only available at the Levy All-American Stand 405 concession.

The "Taternater" will be on sale throughout the NASCAR tripleheader playoff weekend that features the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series JAG Metals 350 on Friday, Nov. 2, NASCAR Xfinity Series O'Reilly Auto Parts 300 on Saturday, Nov. 3, and the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series AAA Texas 500 on Sunday, Nov. 4.

The Hawg Heaven concession line began in 2013 with Hawg Heaven Bacon Cotton Candy. The line also has featured the Shake 'n Bacon Brew bacon-infused beer milkshake, Bacon Nachos, Queso Wings, Double Barrel Dawg, BBQ Melt, Ranchero Dawg, Funnel Fries, the BLT, and more, over the years.

For more information on the AAA Texas 500 NASCAR tripleheader playoff weekend, please visit www.texasmotorspeedway.com or call the speedway ticket office at 817.215.8500.

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - The second round of Atlanta Motor Speedway's 2018 NASCAR Playoffs Superfan Giveaway has begun and with it comes a new prize: a prime camping and tailgating spot along the backstretch of Atlanta's 1.54-mile quad-oval during the 2019 Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 weekend.

One lucky fan and three of their friends will be able to camp and tailgate for three days and two nights in one of the most coveted spots at the track, just feet away from the racing action.

The ultimate camping and tailgate experience is the second of three prizes Atlanta Motor Speedway is giving away during NASCAR's playoffs to make the

2019 Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 NASCAR weekend at Atlanta an unforgettable one for lucky fans.

The winner of the ultimate camping experience will be chosen after the checkered flag drops for the penultimate race of the season on November 11; at that time the final round prize will also be revealed!

Here's when prizes will be announced and winners will be picked:

- Round 1 prize: Green flag experience and four (4) NASCAR garage tours - Winner: Corey Barnard from Gallatin, Tenn.

- Round 2 prize: Ultimate camping and tailgating experience for four (4) - Winner chosen after Phoenix NASCAR race (11/11/18)

- Round 3 prize: Revealed after Phoenix NASCAR race (11/11/18) - Winner chosen after Homestead NASCAR race (11/18/18)

Entering to win is easy: Anyone who has already purchased tickets for NASCAR's Feb. 24, 2019, return to Atlanta Motor Speedway for the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 is already entered. Fans who purchase 2019 Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 tickets before each prize drawing date are also automatically entered to win. For full contest rules and entry details, visit www.atlantamotorspeedway.com.

ISM Raceway

PHOENIX, AZ - In honor of Matt Kenseth's 2017 Can-Am 500 win, ISM Raceway today announced its first-ever bobblehead promotional giveaway featuring the driver of the No. 6 Ford Fusion for Roush Fenway Racing.

Limited-edition bobbleheads of the racing star will be distributed to the first 1,500 fans who enter the INfield with an INfield wristband when gates open at 8:00 a.m. for the Can-Am 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Semifinal Playoff race on Sunday, November 11. Additionally, the first 100 fans will have the chance to get their bobblehead signed by Kenseth during an exclusive autograph session at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. The promotion is part of the Opening Weekend celebration following the completion of ISM Raceway's \$178 million modernization project.

"Matt Kenseth is an iconic driver in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series and the defending Can-

Am 500 winner," said Scott Rovn, Vice President of Sales and Communications at ISM Raceway. "It's great to welcome him back for the first race with the new start/finish line and we're excited to offer this bobblehead to our fans to help make their Opening Weekend experience a memorable one."

In addition to taking home the commemorative bobblehead, fans with INfield admission will get unparalleled access to the new, fan-interactive garage bringing them closer to their favorite teams and drivers than ever before. Fans will also get an up-close-and-personal look at postrace celebrations in Gatorade Victory Lane, as well as new amenities like the Portacool Chill Zone, Modern Margarita Tequila Bar and the Miller Lite Beer Garden.

Limited wristbands for INfield access to the 2018 Opening Weekend and Can-Am 500 are still available online at ISMRaceway.com, by phone at 1-866-408-RACE (7223) or in person at the ISM Raceway ticket office.

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Instead of stock cars going around its high banks at 200 mph, Talladega Superspeedway on Tuesday saw a different kind of machinery on its asphalt - a large excavator that was digging into the historic venue as part of the groundbreaking for the track's new Turn 3 Oversized Vehicle Tunnel to launch Transformation - The Talladega Superspeedway Infield Project.

As part of a special ceremony held on sacred ground at the end of the Alabama Gang Superstretch near the entrance of Turn 3, Talladega Superspeedway and its parent company, International Speedway Corporation (ISC), announced that Taylor Corporation from nearby Oxford, AL, will spearhead the construction of the new tunnel, which is scheduled for completion in time for the track's April 26-28, 2019, spring tripleheader weekend, headlined by the GEICO 500. Also in attendance Tuesday was Dell Hill, who was a part of the original track groundbreaking in May of 1968, as well as Lana Osborn, who was the first Miss Talladega 500 for the inaugural Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at the 2.66-mile venue in September of 1969.

The Oversized Ve-

hicle Tunnel is a feature of an approximately \$50 million redevelopment endeavor, Transformation - The Talladega Superspeedway Infield Project, that is part of ISC's long-term capital allocation plan and reinvestment into its major motorsports complexes. The project, highlighted by a one-of-a-kind Garage Fan Zone Experience, will feature "up-close" access, interactive attractions and enhanced amenities for fans, sponsors, teams and stakeholders in the iconic Talladega infield.

"This is a historic day at Talladega Superspeedway," said Speedway Chairman Grant Lynch, who was also celebrating a birthday Tuesday. "The new oversized tunnel will serve both our competitors and our fans. Traffic flow will be greatly improved, enhancing the race weekend for our fans. We are extremely excited to have our neighbor and partner, Taylor Corporation, as part of Transformation."

The new two-lane tunnel will have dimensions capable of allowing vehicles as large as race team haulers and fans' recreational vehicles to enter and exit the track simultaneously with ease. The lane tunnel will have a height of 16 feet, 8 inches, a width of 28 feet and a length of 208 feet. The tunnel will be located near the current Gate 9 crossover. It will be open 24 hours during event weekends.

"We are honored to be selected for the design-build construction of the new oversized tunnel portion of the Infield Redevelopment Project," said Ellis H. Bennett, project manager for Taylor Corporation, who was also on hand Tuesday. "It is great to be associated with a venue that has as much tradition and pageantry as Talladega Superspeedway."

Full completion of Transformation is set to be finalized for the fall 2019 NASCAR Playoff event weekend. Fans can learn more about the project by visiting www.talladegasuperspeedway.com/transformation. In the near future, fans will be able to view the progress 24/7 via live feed.



Carteret County Speedway

SWANSBORO, NC – Brandon Clements, who is the winningest driver in Carteret County Speedway history, clinched the track championship in style on Saturday night, with a victory.

Clements surrendered the lead early in the 50-lap race after starting on the pole – first to Eric Winslow then to Justin Carroll.

With 11 laps to go, Clements made the pass to get back around Carroll to take the lead and the win – his fifth Late Model win of the year.

“This really means a lot to me,” an emotional Clements said in victory lane. “I was a little kid and my dad told me I was going to be a champion here. I’ve been here every year and been a champion [in Mini-Stocks] but really, this one’s good. We got this one.”

Carroll finished second in his first career Carteret County Speedway start while Joshua Yeoman finished third.

Stephen Sanders, also known as the Midway Missile, became a popular presence at Carteret County Speedway among fellow drivers and fans throughout the season. Sanders made a five hour drive every race to Carteret County Speedway with hopes of winning races and winning a championship. On Saturday night, he did both – clinching the division championship with a victory.

“It’s been a long road this year,” Sanders said. “Bobby Watson, this is his racetrack and he always told me that, it’s his track but it’s our drivers’ racetrack. This race is for Bobby. He meant a lot to me. I looked at him like a grandfather figure. There were weeks I didn’t have the money to make it home and he’d slide me a little bit of money.”

Sanders was surrounded in victory lane by an army of supporters, which included fans, competitors, family and friends. Having often raced at Bowman Gray Stadium, Sanders was a polarizing figure at the start of the season, but quickly became a friend to many and the outpouring of support in victory lane meant the world to him.

“This means a lot to me because a lot of people don’t like me,” Sanders remarked. “I am a rough driver. I like to get to the front and



Brandon Clements, pictured in victory lane at Carteret County Speedway, after winning the Bobby Watson Memorial race on October 27, 2018. (ANDY MARQUIS photo)

winning races. I told everybody tonight I wasn’t worried about the championship, I came to win the race and we got the championship. It means a lot. Dedication paid off.”

The always exciting and sometimes polarizing James Horner finished second to Mike Cooper in the Street Stock feature race. That second place finish allowed him to clinch the division championship – his first at Carteret County Speedway.

“It’s definitely been an emotional season,” Horner stated. “A lot of ups and downs all the way around. We fought back and forth with getting suspended and people crying about our car. It is what it is, we’re here and we got the championship. We didn’t get the win tonight but we put on a show I do believe.”

All Adam Resnick had to do to clinch the U-CAR championship was start the race, which he did. Ultimately finishing seventh, Resnick walked away with the division title while Andrew Jackson won the race in a thriller over Robert Arch and Neil Mason.

“I can’t describe it,” Resnick commented. “I wish Bobby was here. We supported him every week and these guys are awesome. I can’t explain it. I cannot believe Bobby didn’t make it to the last one. Thank you, Bob Lowery and Judy [Hailey] for keeping it going. Everybody doesn’t understand, this is huge for me to win a championship. To be at Carteret County, it’s a big thing for my family, my wife, and all of us.”

Justin Mitchell led wire-to-wire in the Legends feature race, winning over Ryan Matthews and Brenton Irving. Shane Irving, father of Brenton Irving, won the division championship marking the third consecutive championship in Leg-

ends competition for the Irving family.

“In a couple months, I’ll be 59-years-old,” Irving said. “It’s probably going to be my last one. I’m not going to quit racing. I do it because I enjoy it.”

Justin Hall won the championship in the Mini Cup class while also scoring the overall win in the Mini Cup race on Saturday night.

“We worked hard all year,” Hall stated. “This is the first time my dad’s come out here and competed with us. He won last week at Coastal Plains. Just happy to be here. I hate my mom and sister weren’t able to make it but I know they’re happy with where I’m at.”

Chase Singletary officially picked up his sixth Jr. Mini Cup win of the season, but one missed race proved to be the difference in points as Carmen Odum took home the division championship. With the title, the Jacksonville teenager became the first woman to win a championship at Carteret County Speedway.

“Don’t be afraid to do something, even when they say it’s a guy’s sport,” Odum remarked. “Look at this. Second year of racing and I won the championship. I’d like to thank God for all of this and Bobby Watson for letting the Mini Cups race here, as well as Mini Cup director Frankie Corbett, my dad [Jimmy Odum] and everyone who helped.”

Sean Wales won the race and the championship in Champ Karts; Dwight Sauls scored the overall victory in Southern Ground Pounders competition, and Johnny Johnson won the East Coast Flathead Feature race.

The next race at Carteret County Speedway will be held on Saturday, November 17th, headlined by the \$2,000-to-win, 100-lap Carolina

Mini-Stock Challenge 4-Cylinder Nationals. Mini-Cups, Mod-4s, and Champ Karts will also be a part of the 4-Cylinder Nationals.

Southern National Motorsports Park

The Thanksgiving Classic at Southern National Motorsports Park will once again feature a \$20,000 to win entry option after last years successful debut of “Racing Roulette”.

The 18th running of the Thanksgiving Classic will take place Friday, November 23rd – Sunday, November 25th with the feature event being a 200-lap Late Model Stock Car race on Sunday. The 200-lap race will have a base payout of \$6,000 to win but racers will be able to gamble on a bigger payout through a larger entry fee.

The idea was introduced in last November’s Thanksgiving Classic with the concept being praised by drivers and teams. Southern National Motorsports Park owner Michael Diaz used the praise and some criticism of how it worked to make this years version of Racing Roulette even better.

“We took everyone’s thoughts and looked at how to implement them into this year,” said Diaz. “The drivers really gave us great feedback last year. The biggest thing they wanted was an increase in second through fifth position in the purse for the additional entry fee. That was an easy thing to fix and we think the drivers and teams will be happy with the additional money we’ve added to the purse.”

The additional money has been added specifically to second through fifth position for the drivers who take the gamble in Racing Roulette. Second position will increase from \$2,500 to \$4,500, third position will increase from \$2,000 to \$3,500, fourth position will increase from \$1,500 to \$2,750 and fifth position will increase from \$1,200 to \$2,250. An increase of \$19,800 to the top five positions (including the \$14,000 increase for first position) for the drivers who take the gamble.

“We really think after talking to the drivers that this will increase participation in Racing Roulette and give the drivers something to shoot for if they can’t win the race,” said track General Manager Charlie Hansen. “We’re adding nearly \$20,000 to the purse no matter how many drivers try Racing Roulette. We’re hoping everyone tries to go for it but we want this to be something for the drivers to shoot for and

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something fun for the fans to play along with in the stands.”

Additional details on the Thanksgiving Classic including entry forms for all divisions and more details will be posted at www.SN-MPark.com. The track office is open during the week now, please call 919.284.1114 to schedule a time to come by and reserve trackside spaces, camping spots and drop off entry forms once posted.

Seekonk Speedway

SEEKONK, MA - Matt Hirschman of Northampton, PA, had been winless in Tri-Track Open Modified Series (TTOMS) competition in 2018 entering the final race of the season. The defending Haunted 100 race winner and series champion came through when it counted most; defending not only his race win but also his championship. In the companion Pro All Star Series (PASS) Super Late Model 150-lapper Travis Benjamin of Belfast, ME, took down the win as DJ Shaw of Center Conway, NH, secured the championship. Ryan Morgan of N. Franklin, CT, charged to the Late Model Haunted 50 victory.

Entering the event tied with Ron Silk of Norwalk, CT, Hirschman finished a single-spot ahead of his rival to win the championship by a mere two points. Chris Pasteryak of Lisbon, CT, Chase Dowling of Roxbury, CT, and Anthony Sesely of Matawan, NJ, completed the top five.

The Pro All Star Series Super Late Models made their inaugural appearance in the Haunted Happenings at Seekonk Speedway. Like their counterpart Modifieds, a series championship was on the line. At the end of the 150-lap event, Travis Benjamin of Belfast, ME, was holding the checkered flag and DJ Shaw of Center Conway, NH had secured the championship. Reid Lanpher of Manchester, NH, Nick Sweet of Barret, VT, Curtis Geery of Waterboro, ME, and Derek Griffith of Hudson, NH, completed the top-five in the event. A full race report can be found at ProAllStarSeries.com.

By virtue of their heat race wins Keith Rocco of Berlin, CT, and Dana DiMatteo of Farmington, CT, led the field to green for the start of

the Haunted 100. A great start by Rocco gave him the lead in the opening laps ahead of Brian Robie and Pasteryak as DiMatteo faded. While Rocco drove out to a couple car length advantage, Robie had his hands full with Pasteryak. Les Hinckley was making moves and into sixth spot by lap 11. Championship chasers Silk and Hirschman ran 14 and 27 respectively.

Rocco was able to extend his lead over a battle between Robie and Pasteryak. Hinckley continued his march to the front; taking fifth from Todd Patnode on lap 14 before making quick work of DiMatteo. Pasteryak got by Robie on laps 25; taking Hinckley along for the ride. Hinckley was running down Pasteryak when the first caution flew on lap 26 for a spin by Colbey Fournier. A handful of cars pitted from the tail end of the field under the caution. On the lap 26 restart Rocco edged ahead once again with Pasteryak and Hinckley taking chase. Back under green, Chase Dowling was using the outside groove to gain positions. Danny Cugini was having a good run in eighth.

The second caution flew when Sammy Rameau spun on lap 29. On the restart Hinckley used the bottom groove to take second away from Pasteryak. Any further progress was stalled when a caution flew for a mechanical failure on the #76 of Matt Galko.

On the ensuing restart at lap 30, Robie faltered; falling back to ninth. Hinckley was all over the back bumper of Rocco for the top spot. Dowling took advantage of Robie's misfortune moving up inside the top-five. He was able to get by Pasteryak and into third. Silk now ran fifth.

Matt Swanson, who qualified through the consi, broke into the top-ten on lap 35. His progress was slowed by a caution on lap 35 for an incident involving Todd Annarummo, Carl Medieros, Jr. and Andy Jankowiak. Hinckley stayed alongside Rocco on the lap 35 restart. The two went wheel-to-wheel before the caution flew once again on lap 36 after contact between Rob Murphy and Brad Babb sent Babb spinning.

Rocco was strong on the lap 36 restart taking the lead. However, a charging Dowling would not only take second from Hinckley but would also take over the lead from Rocco. Dowling was the new leader on lap 38. Dowling could not shake Rocco. Hinckley and Silk ran nose to tail inside the top-five. Matt Swanson and Hirschman were

looking racy as the race approached halfway.

At halfway Dowling continued to lead Rocco and Hinckley. Silk was able to get by Pasteryak for fourth. Anthony Nocella, Swanson, Hirschman, Sesely and Richard Savary completed the top-five after 50-laps. A battle between Pasteryak and Silk had allowed Swanson and Hirschman, who had moved passed Nocella, to catch the lead pack. A spin by Annarummo had the yellow flying for the sixth time on lap 55. During the caution period, Silk and Nocella headed pitside. Back under green Dowling charged back to the lead in front of Hinckley. Hirschman got by Rocco for third.

The seventh caution of the event flew on lap 59 for a multi-car incident that involved Jankowiak and Robie. The top-five for the restart was Dowling, Hinckley, Hirschman, Rocco and Swanson. Silk restarted in position 13. Dowling got a strong restart as did Hirschman. He as able to get by Hinckley and into second. A brewing battle for the lead was cooled when a jumble at mid-pack sent Rameau spinning and the caution flying once again.

Hirschman now lined up beside the leader Dowling on the lap 61 restart. Hirschman rocketed past Dowling to become the new leader on lap 61. Dowling settled into second ahead of Hinckley. The best battle on the field was for fifth. Rocco held the position but a racy Sesely was applying heavy pressure. On lap 66 Sesely moved by Rocco and into the top five. Hinckley was being hounded by Swanson in third. Pasteryak, who had gotten by Rocco, had also reeled in Sesely. He was able to take fifth on lap 70. The jockeying for position inside the top five slowed for a spin by Cugini on lap 71. Under the caution both Hinckley and Rocco went pitside.

An attempt to go green on lap 71 was thwarted by a spin by Calvin Carroll. Bryan Narducci, who had worked his way into the top-ten, saw his strong finish go by the wayside on the second attempt at a lap 71 restart. Finally, back under green on lap 71, it was all Hirschman; leaving Dowling and Swanson to duke it out for second. Swanson took the spot away before the 12th caution flew for another spin by Annarummo. On the lap 72 restart it was still Hirschman being trailed by Swanson. Pasteryak stayed alongside Dowling in a bid for third. With only 25 laps remaining, Silk started his charge back to the front. Silk took

a position away from Pasteryak and set his sights on Dowling. Silk got by Dowling and headed toward the lead duo of Hirschman and Swanson.

Dowling continued to backslide; giving up fourth to Pasteryak. Hirschman and Swanson saw their lead disappear as the yellow flew; this time on lap 84 for a spin by Fournier. On the restart Hirschman jumped back out in front, Silk was able to move by Swanson; putting the championship contenders 1-2.

Hirschman was able to get breathing room while Silk had a mirror full of Swanson. Another caution flew on lap 88 for a spin by Jankowiak; giving Silk a shot. Silk restarted to the outside of leader Hirschman with just 12 green flag laps remaining. The two went wheel-to-wheel into turn two on the ensuing restart and onto the backstretch. Hirschman was finally able to free himself of Silk to complete lap 89. Hirschman began to stretch his advantage. Pasteryak got my Swanson for third with Dowling taking chase. A great three-car able for sixth featured Sesely, Hinckley and a fully recovered Robie.

Coming out of turn four, bumper tag between Dowling, Swanson and Pasteryak, ended with Swanson spinning on the frontstretch. The resulting caution set-up a green-white-checker to determine not only the race winner but the championship.

The restart order with two laps remaining was Hirschman, Silk, Pasteryak, Dowling, Sesely, Hinckley, Robie, Nocella, Patnode, Rocco inside the top ten. Hirschman rocketed out to the lead. Silk could do nothing as he watched Hirschman cruise to the checkers and the championship. Pasteryak ended a strong day in third followed by Dowling and Sesely. Hinckley, Robie, Nocella, Patnode and Rocco completed the top-ten at the end of the Haunted 100.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - For Ellington native Steven Midford, the 2018 Limited Late Model season at Stafford Speedway marked a return to racing after a 4-year layoff. Midford came into the Limited Late Model division with virtually no experience in a full size car coming from the Wild Thing Kart ranks where he drove Medium Pro and Sr. Champs karts. Midford posted 5 top-5 and 18 top-10 finishes this season with his #23 Kar Kare CarStar Chevrolet and took home

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the R.A.D. Auto Machine Rookie of the Year honors.

"I was very excited to win Rookie of the Year," said Midford. "Basically our ultimate goal was to win Rookie of the Year and it was what we came to the track to do so it was a big accomplishment for us. I would say it took about half the season to really come around in these cars and get used to

how they handle. It was not as easy as I thought it would be going from where I was in karts to the Limited. Taking a couple years off also didn't help and I had to knock a little rust off. I think we came up to speed pretty quickly but we just didn't get to where we wanted to be. We started to figure things out about halfway through the season and from there we were really able to pick up the pace. I have to thank Kar Kare CarStar, Snap-On Tools, NAPA Auto Parts, Hometown Pizza of Ellington, and my dad Ron Midford, my brother Ronnie Midford, Jr., Jenna from Lincoln Tech, and my wife Emily and my daughters Jordan and Makayla for their support this season."

The biggest adjustment for Midford to make after not racing for four years was the transition from a 450 pound Sr. Champ kart to a full-size 3,100 pound Limited Late Model machine and trying to figure out what the car needed to be fast. Midford says that things started to pick up around halfway through the season and it was the final Friday night race on Sept. 14 that Midford says was his best race of the season where he finished third.

"The jump from the karts to a full sized car was a big jump and a lack of knowledge about the setup of the car was the biggest hurdle for us," said Midford. "Once we started to figure out how to get the car set up towards the end of the season, the car really came around. It was definitely a big jump for us. The last Friday night of the season was the highlight of the year for us. We couldn't make it to the Fall Final so that was our last race of the year and we finally made it to the center of the infield and were able to get interviewed by finishing on the podium so that was the highlight of our season. We had talked to some people throughout the season about the setup and for that

last race we had a new setup in the car with new shocks and springs, and the car really came alive. I wish we could have had the car like that for the whole season."

While the 2018 season was a success for Midford and the #23 team, they were missing one thing. A trip to NAPA Victory Lane.

"I think my expectations were a little higher because the goal of every driver is to win a race and we didn't get a win, so that was a little disheartening," said Midford. "Overall we had a couple of podium finishes and we ran pretty consistently all year long so I'd say we did pretty well for our first year. The season was a success and we did what we could, but we did come up a little short not getting a win."

In addition to Midford enjoying a successful rookie season, he also got a lesson in the comradery of the Limited Late Model division.

"The Limited Late Model division is a great division with a great bunch of girls and guys to race with and everyone races clean," said Midford. "I remember one night in the first practice the throttle hung up and the car was destroyed, we took off the entire front end. Everyone from the division was over at the car helping us and giving us parts to get back on the track for the race. We got the car fixed but the only problem was just as we were pulling out on the track the fuel pump broke on the motor and we were done for the night. But it's a great group of people in that division."

Midford will officially be crowned as the 2018 R.A.D. Auto Machine Limited Late Model Rookie of the Year at the 49th Annual Stafford Motor Speedway Champions Awards Ceremony on Friday, November 16 at Maneeley's in South Windsor.

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Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - The 2018 season at Stafford Speedway saw Bryan Narducci come very close to a fairytale ending to his rookie season in the SK Light division. A graduate of the Wild Thing Karts, Narducci moved up to the SK Light division after 2 seasons and 6 wins in Stafford's Limited Late Model division. Narducci was bidding to become the

fifth driver in Stafford's SK Light history to win both the championship and Rookie of the Year honors in the same season but he ended 2 points short of winning the championship. Narducci will take home the R.A.D. Auto Machine Rookie of the Year honors and the \$500 bonus that goes along with the award.

"It was a great season," said Narducci. "It would have been nice to win the championship along with the rookie of the year, but we only lost by 2 points so that shows we were right there. It's definitely nice to have a bonus from R.A.D. Auto Machine. We'll definitely put that to use next season. I have to thank The Florida Connection, Chris Our, Baldwin Automotive, Curley's Kids Care, Waddell Communications, Preece's Auto, R.A.D. Auto Machine, Todd and all the guys on the crew, my Uncle Jeff for the transmission, and everyone who helps us out for their support this season."

When the first green flag of the 2018 season was unfurled at the season opening NAPA Spring Sizzler, Narducci looked like a grizzled veteran rather than a rookie driver making only his second start at Stafford behind the wheel of his #01 The Florida Connection Chevrolet. Narducci opened the year with back to back second place finishes before scoring his first win in the third race of the season. Narducci continued his hot start, racking up 11 podium finishes in the first 15 races of the season, which gave him a 48 point lead over Marcello Rufrano with 6 races to go. Although he won twice more in the closing races, several finishes outside the top-10 in that span allowed Rufrano to be tied with Narducci in the championship race and Rufrano would clinch the championship in the final race. Narducci is proud of what he accomplished this season and is already looking forward to the 2019 season.

"The season was real good for us," said Narducci. "We won 5 races and we had only 2 finishes outside the top-4 in the first 12 races so it was going real good. Then we had a couple rough weeks towards the end of the season and in any season you're going to get caught up in something or something happens. We went into the last race tied for the championship and lost by 2 points but we were real close to winning the championship and it's always a good year when you can go into the last race and be in contention for the cham-

pionship. I'm definitely itching to get back racing. We'll make sure everything is right over the winter and I'm sure we'll have a fast car once again next season."

Narducci's five victories this season, while an impressive total, was only the third most wins by an SK Light rookie driver at Stafford. Tommy Barrett, Jr. holds the SK Light rookie record with 10 wins in 2010 and Chase Dowling is second on the rookie win list with 7 wins back in 2013. Although he expected to reach NAPA Victory Lane at some point during his rookie season, Narducci never imagined winning 5 races.

"I expected to run good and we thought we could maybe win a couple of races but we didn't expect to win 5 races and be tied for the championship going into the last race," said Narducci. "If you look at some of the rookies who have come through the SK Lights at Stafford, Matt Galko won 2 championships, one as a rookie, Tommy Barrett always ran really well and won a lot of races, last year Cory DiMatteo won the championship and 4 races as a rookie, and guys like Michael Gervais and Chase Dowling are now in the SK Modified® division, so I think that rookies seem to adapt pretty well to Stafford. Hopefully I can be racing against all those guys in a couple more years."

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Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Being a rookie driver in any division can be a daunting task but for Meghan Fuller, the 2018 Street Stock season at Stafford Speedway proved just the opposite. The Auburn, MA native began her rookie campaign at Stafford with only 3 previous Street Stock starts under her belt but that didn't slow her down. Fuller scored her first career Stafford win in the second race of the season and she was a championship contender for the en-

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tire season before finishing second in the final Street Stock standings and taking home the R.A.D. Auto Machine Rookie of the Year honors in her #2 Propane Plus Chevrolet.

"I'm very excited to be the Rookie of the Year because we worked really hard this season and we had a pretty successful year completing every lap of competition," said Fuller.

"The season went pretty well for us. We didn't expect to get a win as early in the year as we did but we got a win and a few podium finishes so I was pretty satisfied with how the year went. I'd like to thank my sponsors Interstate Transmission, Propane Plus, Simoniz, Tri-State Speedway, and Tick Mike and I'd like to thank my photographer Ann, my Dad, Uncle Jimmy, my brother, Lisa, David, Chris, and all my fans for their support this season."

What Fuller was able to accomplish behind the wheel of her #2 car as a rookie driver was truly remarkable. Fuller was the only driver in the Street Stock division to complete every single lap of competition and she was tied with Street Stock champion George Bessette, Jr. for the most top-10 finishes with 19. Fuller credits her father, former Whelen Modified Tour champion Rick, her brother, and her Uncle Jimmy as the reason why she was able to be so competitive as a rookie.

"Definitely my Uncle Jimmy helping with the setup and my father, my brother, and Uncle Jimmy working on the car every week to get it ready and make it faster for me was the reason why we were able to be so competitive this year," said Fuller. "It's a pretty amazing feeling to be the only driver to complete all the laps this year. I was speechless when we won and we were hoping that we could get another win but we just couldn't quite make it happen. It was a little disappointing that we didn't get another win but I'm still very proud of how we did this year."

While getting her first career

Stafford win was a major highlight of the year, Fuller says that once the season was over and she was able to reflect on everything that she had accomplished this year, her accomplishments stood out as the highlight of her rookie campaign.

"Getting a win this season was pretty amazing but at the end of the year when I found out all the accomplishments that we achieved this season by finishing second in points, winning Rookie of the Year, finishing seventh in the UNOH Youth Achievement standings and 8th in the national standings and being nominated for Most Popular Driver, that was the highlight of our year."

With a full season of experience to be able to lean on, Fuller is looking forward to the 2019 season where she hopes to be challenging for more wins and the track championship. Fuller will also find out in January if she will become part of the 2019 NASCAR Drive for Diversity class.

"We were hoping to do the best that we could this year and gain some experience and hopefully next season we can win a few more

races and the championship," said Fuller. "Getting the championship and more wins is always going to be our goal. I'm looking forward to next season. I love the competition at Stafford and the whole environment is very laid back. We'll find out in January if I made the NASCAR Driver for Diversity program. If I do get accepted, I'm not sure how that will affect my Stafford race schedule."

Fuller will officially be crowned as the 2018 R.A.D. Auto Machine Street Stock Rookie of the Year at the 49th Annual Stafford Motor Speedway Champions Awards Ceremony on Friday, November 16 at Maneley's in South Windsor.

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