

# The Rick and Kyle Show



**Larson Dominates Coca-Cola 600**

**Hendrick Motorsports Breaks All-Time Win Record**

# A Great Start

Geoff Bodine sent a text to his former boss with four laps remaining in Sunday's Coca-Cola 600, reminding him the first win for the team came with the No. 5 car in 1984.

The record-breaking 269th win for Hendrick Motorsports also was in the No. 5 car.

Bodine was one of the first building blocks to what's evolved into one of NASCAR's greatest powerhouses. Along with five crewmen, including legendary crew chief Harry Hyde, Bodine provided the most important trip to Victory Lane of them all. Without the surprise victory at the Martinsville Speedway on April 29, there wouldn't be another 268 victories and 13 Cup Series Championships.

"Rick came in on Monday and told us he was going to shut the doors," Bodine said from his home in Florida. "Harry had to talk him into doing one more race. He said we already had the car ready and an engine in it. He told Rick [Hendrick] the Bodine guy had won a few [modified] races at Martinsville. All we needed was a few dollars for some tires."

Hendrick relented and stayed in business for another week, all believing it would end with the inevitable demise of his stock-car dream. Hendrick and his wife, Linda, didn't hold much hope because they attended a church convention in Greensboro, N.C., instead of going to the racetrack.

"That was back before we had cellphones," Bodine said. "He was at the church [conference], so we had no way to tell him we won."

That single victory was enough to keep Hendrick's attention.

Now, 37 years later, Hendrick turned that fledgling interest into a corporate giant that Sunday toppled Petty Enterprises as the all-time winningest teams — a spot the Pettys held for more than 60 years.

"Well, I was very fortunate when I started," Hendrick said after watching his newest superstar, Kyle Larson, lead 327 of 400 laps, including the final 49, to win NASCAR's 600-mile marathon at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. "I thought we had another deal that

was coming together that didn't, and so I was there with no sponsor, and I think we started with five people. Harry was making \$500 a week. You can put that in today's terms.

"You know, I think Randy Dorton had a little engine shop, and he came on board, and so Randy was a big part of the foundation of our company."

Bodine didn't earn a salary as a driver. He worked for a percentage of the purse.

"Did anyone know back then NASCAR was going to get to be this big? No. Did anyone know back then Rick Hendrick was going to be this big? No. Back then, we were just racing. There were no million-dollar deals."

Bodine said the rag-tag Hendrick group celebrated by covering his house with toilet paper. The victory dinner was at Clarence's Steak and Seafood House in

Ridgeway, Virginia, just a couple minutes south of the speedway.

Bodine, now 72, said there is tremendous satisfaction of being one of the original building blocks to what now is considered the greatest organization in stock-car history. He still watches every race and cheers for all four Hendrick



DON COBLE



Geoff Bodine takes the #5 Hendrick Motorsports to it's first victory at Martinsville Speedway 37 years ago. (MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY photo)

cars and the Ford driven by Joey Logano. His interest in Logano is linked to his involvement in Bodine's nonprofit bobsled company, Bo-Dyn Bobsled Project that provides sled to the U.S. teams and Skelton Federation.

Hendrick's current stable of drivers includes Larson, defending Cup Series Champion Chase Elliott, William Byron and Alex Bowman.

All four have won this year and have qualified for the Playoffs. Two weeks ago, at Dover International Speedway, the Hendrick cars finished 1-2-3-4, led by Bowman. At Charlotte, the Hendrick cars finished first, second, fourth and fifth.

"You know, you work hard, you hope you can pull that off and all the cars be fairly close and run the race together, and boy, I don't know what turned it on all of a sudden, but all the hard work and the cars are fast, the guys are doing a great job," Hendrick said. "Pit crews are doing well. It feels good. I can't believe we got 269. It was kind of neat too — I want any one of them to win,

crew chief who could show me how to win," he said.

Bodine said it was impossible to believe in the early days Hendrick would be successful, much less develop into the most successful teams in the sport's history. He also believes Hendrick played a significant role in building the sport by hiring drivers like Tim Richmond, Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson. What started as little more than an expensive hobby has turned into a billion-dollar industry.

"The money got crazy," Bodine said.

Bodine won seven times for Hendrick before moving to Junior

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but the first one was [No.] 5 and this one was the [No.] 5. I just remember how close it was not to finish out the first year."

Bodine wanted to be part of the original effort, even if it meant being fleeting because it gave him a chance to work with Hyde.

"When I signed up with Rick at City Chevrolet, I wanted to get with Harry Hyde. I wanted to get with a

Johnson in 1990.

"I wish I could get back in the car and drive for him now because I do feel a little responsible," Bodine said.

"I've been very fortunate, too, to see Jeff Gordon, to see Jimmie Johnson, Darrell comes on board, Tim — Geoff Bodine. If he hadn't won that race in Martinsville, we wouldn't be here today."



# One for the Record Books

The Memorial Day weekend is one of the biggest, most prestigious, and exciting motorsports weekends of the year. For many years, Sunday would begin with the Monaco Grand Prix Formula 1 race. Around noon, the action would turn to IndyCar and the Indianapolis 500 at The Brickyard in Indiana. The day would climax with the

NASCAR stars competing in the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina.

Due to a scheduling change in F1, the Monaco Grand Prix was not run on its traditional Memorial Day weekend date this year. However, the 2021 Indy 500 and Coca-Cola 600 provided enough history and memorable moments to “pick up the slack” of no Monaco event.

Every year, each race has its own tradition and is cherished by every competitor. To win any of these marquee races can be a “career defining” moment for any racer and team. This year was certainly no different.

Last season, both premiere races were held with no fans attending due to the pandemic. So, the fact that approximately 135,000 and 50,000 fans were able to attend Indy and Charlotte respectively was a welcomed sight and positive move. Both races were certainly enhanced with the excitement provided by having fans in those stands.

The 105th Indy 500 was the certainly memorable for Roger Penske. The 84-year old got to experience his first “real” Indy 500 being in charge. Last year, the race was postponed to August and had no fans. Penske now owns and operates Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

“I’ve been coming here since I was 14,” Penske said. “Being able to have fans here is truly special. It’s all about returning to what feels normal, what makes you feel like your life is back where you want it to be. For me, that’s returning to a crowd enjoying all the events that make the Indianapolis 500 such an important part of people’s lives.

And, that includes me. In the end, I’m still a race fan first.”

The 2021 Indy 500 was only historic for the #16 team in particular. The Paretta Autosport Chevrolet will be the first woman driver-owner duo to race in the Indy 500. Beth Paretta is the team owner and Simona De Silvestro the driver. Neither was the first woman at Indy in their position (Maude Yagle, owner 1929 and Janet Guthrie, driver 1977), but as a team, they’re the first.



**DENNIS PUNCH**

Paretta Autosport will have four of its seven over-the-wall crew members. De Silvestro’s two spotters were women. Two engineers will be women. And, every front office role at Paretta Autosport – from business operations to public relations to marketing to merchandising – is filled

by a woman.

“It’s important to me that the bigger message is this isn’t women at the expense of me,” Paretta added. “I’m trying to expand the grid. My hope is that in five years, us being a team of mostly women is the least interesting thing about us.”

De Silvestro, 32, is one of only three women in history to finish on the podium in IndyCar (Danica Patrick and Sarah Fisher the others). “The Indy 500 is really close to my heart. And, the older you get, the more you realize how special and important this race is.” Sunday afternoon, De Silvestro finished 31st completing 169 laps.

The Indy 500 once again provided an exciting ending with a historical result.

As the drivers meeting was being adjourned on Saturday, a very exclusive club gathered around the Borg-Warner Trophy, the award for winning the Indy 500. A.J. Foyt, Al Unser, Sr., and Rick Mears, the only four-time winners of the 500 posed for photos. Suddenly, a voice in the background shouted, “No one will ever win four again.”

Mears, the last to join this club when he won in 1991, very quietly said, “Don’t forget. Someone has a chance to do it tomorrow.” Obviously, the shouter forgot about Helio Castroneves.

One day later, Castroneves would join this elite group when he captured his fourth Indy 500. The



**Helio Castroneves holds the lead to win the Indianapolis 500 for the fourth time. (MOTORSPORTS IMAGERY/RACER DAILY photo)**

46 year-old driver battled Alex Palou to the finish to secure the victory. Ironically, Palou was four years old when Helio won his first Indy 500 in 2001.

“You get to the point in your career when people are nice to you, but they are also kind of feeling sorry for you,” Castroneves said. “The people like you. They want you to win. But, after the years go by and there are no wins to show, they forget about you as a contender, until you give them a reason to remember you again. They will not be forgetting me after today.”

“It’s not the end, it’s the beginning,” Castroneves added. “I don’t know if it’s a good comparison, but Tom Brady won a Super Bowl, Phil Mickelson won the PGA and now here you go.

The old guys still got it, kicking the young guys’ butts, teaching them a lesson.” Several members of the broadcast team added their thoughts on the victory.

“The youngsters were playing checkers today, Helio was playing chess,” Paul Tracy said.

“This is his everything. It’s his Christmas, his New Year’s, and even his Halloween when he gets to play Spider Man and climb the fence,” Townsend Bell commented.

Perhaps Mike Tirico summed up the day best. “The headline this year – simple – the fans, they are back! 135,000 strong, the largest post-pandemic sporting event anywhere in the world.”

The historic motorsports day concluded with the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte, NASCAR’s longest race. And, as many predicted before the 400-lap test of man and machine started, Hendrick Motorsports would be the story of the day.

Kyle Larson led 327 of the 400 laps to give Hendrick Motorsports their 269th victory, the most in NASCAR Cup Series history. Hendrick was tied with Petty Enterprises going into the event.

The win was Larson’s second of

the 2021 season and eighth of his Cup career. His margin of victory was 10.051-seconds over Hendrick teammate Chase Elliott. The 1-2 finish was the third straight for Hendrick Motorsports.

“It feels really good to be that guy who helped Mr. H (Hendrick) break that record finally,” Larson said. “It’s been better than I ever could have imagined,” Larson added. “For us to lead as many laps as we’ve got this year (1,105, a Cup Series best), to contend for as many wins as we have, and now to get our second win in a crown-jewel event, it feels great. I’m just very lucky that Mr. H was able to put a deal together for me. It’s just awesome. I’ve living a dream.”

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Ironically, Hendrick Motorsports and Petty Enterprises have interesting ties that bind them. Hendrick Motorsports was launched as All-Star Racing in 1984, the same year that Richard Petty scored the last of his record 200 wins. When Hendrick was enshrined in the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2017, he joined the core of Petty Enterprises – Richard Petty (2010), Lee Petty (2011), Dale Inman (2012), and Maurice Petty (2014).

A great day of racing. A great day for the motorsports record book. And, a great day to honor, cherish, and remember those who paid the maximum sacrifice for each and every one of us!

# Kyle Larson Delivers Record 269th Hendrick Win in Dominant Run at Charlotte

CONCORD, NC - In dominating fashion, Kyle Larson won NASCAR's longest race on Sunday night and in the process gave team owner Rick Hendrick a record 269th victory, most in NASCAR Cup Series history.

Larson's win in the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway was the eighth of his career and his second of the season, guaranteeing the driver of the No. 5 Chevrolet a spot in the postseason Playoffs. By the time he crossed the finish line at the end of 400 laps, Larson held a 10.051-second lead over runner-up and teammate Chase Elliott.

The 1-2 finish was the third straight for Hendrick Motorsports. Only third-place finisher Kyle Busch found a way to break up the HMS party, with Hendrick drivers William Byron and Alex Bowman

running fourth and fifth, respectively.

Larson led 327 of the 400 laps, with his only real challenges coming from Elliott and Byron, who led 22 and 19 laps.

"It feels great to be that guy who helped Mr. H break that record finally," Larson said of the victory that broke a tie with Petty Enterprises for most wins in the series.

Larson signed on with Hendrick to start the 2021 season. The car he drove to victory Sunday night bore the same number as the Chevrolet Geoff Bodine piloted at Martinsville on April 29, 1984 to give Hendrick's fledgling—and struggling—organization the first of those 269 wins.

"It's been better than I ever could have imagined," Larson said of his first 15 races with HMS. "For us to lead as many laps as we've got this year (a series-best 1,105), to contend for as many wins as we have and now to get our second win in a

crown-jewel event, too, it feels great.

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Larson started from the pole and swept the first three stages, but not without challenges from teammates Elliott and Byron.

In fact, in the green-flag run after the second stage break, Byron passed Larson for the lead on Lap 231. During the subsequent exchange of pit stops, however, Larson came in for service one lap earlier than Byron and was roughly one second faster on and off pit

road than his teammate.

Larson built a lead of more than 2.5 seconds but spent more than 15 circuits trying to lap the No. 43 Chevrolet of Erik Jones, as Byron closed to his bumper.

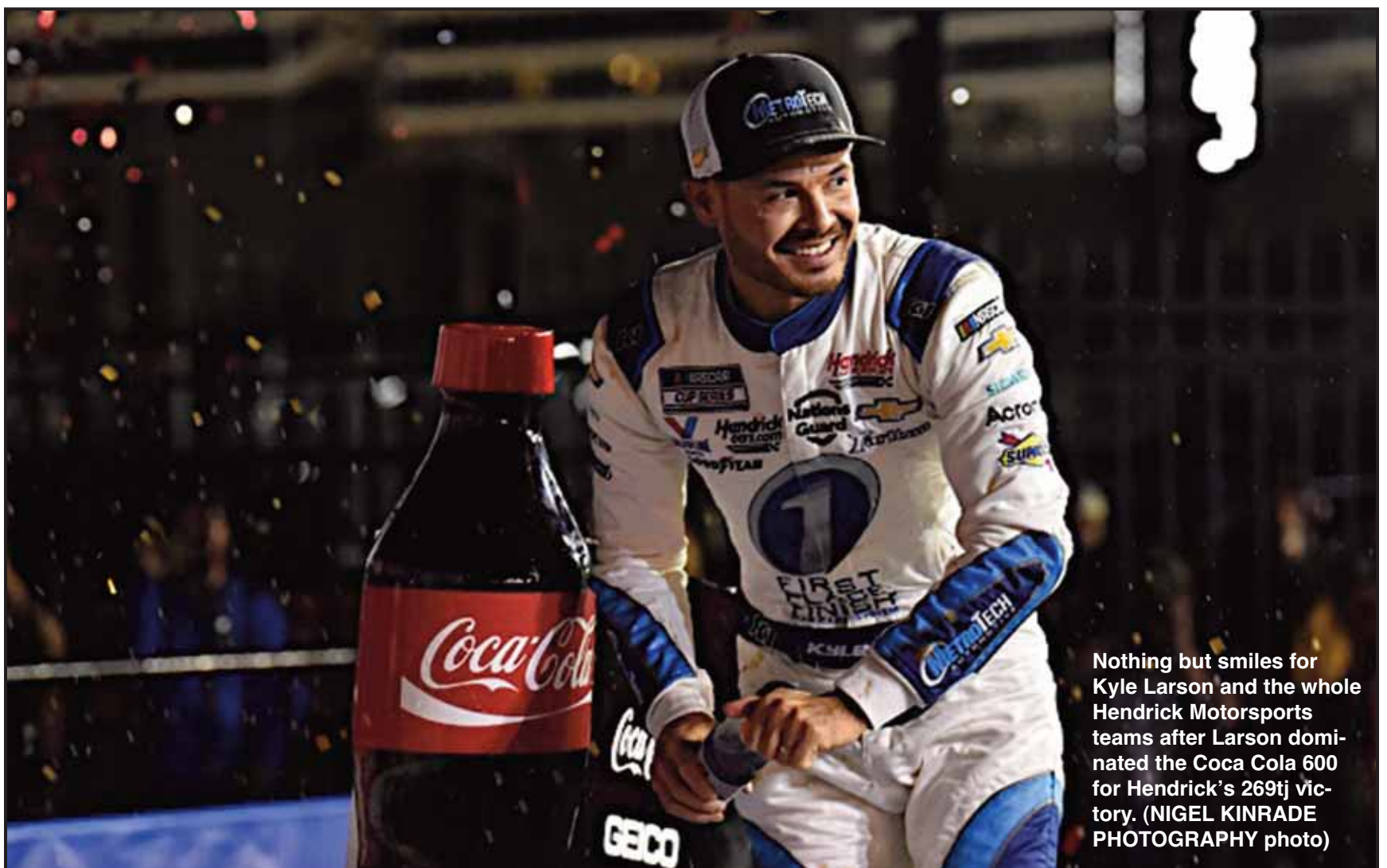
"Make him work for it," Jones' spotter, Rick Carelli, radioed to his driver as he fought to stay on the lead lap, and Jones certainly followed those instructions.

But Larson finally passed the No. 43 Camaro and began to pull away from Byron before Ryan Newman slammed the outside wall to cause the fourth and final caution of the race. The stage ended under yellow, with Larson the winner.

Coincidentally, it was also Jones who pitted for fresh tires during the final run to the finish, returned to the track ahead of Larson, and helped Larson build his winning margin.

"I just towed with him for a while and stretched my lead out," said Larson, who for the second time in his career followed three straight runner-up finishes with a pole and a victory.

Austin Dillon ran sixth, followed by Denny Hamlin, Chris Buescher, Tyler Reddick and Kevin Harvick. Hamlin retained the series lead by 76 points over Larson and Byron, who are tied for second in the standings.



Nothing but smiles for Kyle Larson and the whole Hendrick Motorsports teams after Larson dominated the Coca Cola 600 for Hendrick's 269th victory. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)



# Ty Gibbs Wins at Charlotte for Second NASCAR Xfinity Triumph

Not bad for a part-timer.

Ty Gibbs won his second NASCAR Xfinity Series victory in the sixth start of his career, recovering from a spin off Turn 4 to take the checkered flag in

Saturday's AlSCO Uniforms 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The grandson of team owner Joe Gibbs led the final 20 laps, surviving two eventful restarts during that stretch to beat series leader Austin Cindric to the finish line by .437 seconds.

Gibbs, who won't turn 19 until Oct. 4, is the youngest winner at Charlotte in any of NASCAR's top three national divisions.

The race came down to a battle for the lead between Gibbs and Chase Briscoe, who led 30 laps before spinning off Turn 2 as Gibbs closed near his bumper and packed the air on the left rear of Briscoe's Ford.

Gibbs apologized immediately on his team radio for putting Briscoe in a precarious position.

"I wasn't trying to wreck him—I was trying to race him," Gibbs said. "That was never my intention."

After taking the checkered flag and climbing from his car, Gibbs was still apologizing, even though there was clearly no contact between his No. 54 Toyota and Briscoe's No. 99 Ford.

"First off, I just want to say sorry to the 99 and Chase and his crew," said Gibbs, who spun through the artificial turf in the tri-oval at the end of Stage 2. "I didn't hit him, but I definitely helped him out with him getting loose there, and it was not my intention. Already wrecked myself so, I just want to say sorry to them more importantly than this entire win."

But the victory nevertheless assuaged whatever guilty feelings he might have had.

"It's just awesome," Gibbs said. "I'll take it. This is a good day—we got one more (race) to go. So, I just want to say thank you all the fans out there and hell, yeah!"

Briscoe conceded that his spin was simply the product of hard racing between two quality cars. Gibbs had closed on Briscoe in traffic and had actually led the previous lap as the drivers raced side-by-side across the start/finish line.

"It felt like there at the end we just made the wrong adjustment, and I was too tight," Briscoe said. "But truthfully, Ty was probably going to get me either way.... After leading that many laps, it's frustrating for sure."

Seeking his first victory in his 99th start in the series, Daniel Hemric swept the first two stages, but a pit road mistake cost him dearly. During a pit stop under the sixth caution on Lap 121 of 200, Hemric was blocked by the Toyota



Xfinity race winner Ty Gibbs sends love to the fans after battling to the checkered flag at Charlotte Motor Speedway Saturday. (BRIAN LAWDERMILK/GETTY IMAGES photo)

of Chad Finchum and had to back up to escape his pit stall.

That was the least of Hemric's problems. A tire rolled away from the car and impeded the pit stop of Landon Cassill, who was pitting behind Hemric. The resulting penalty sent Hemric to the back of the field,

and though he recovered to run as high as seventh, he couldn't avoid a seven-car wreck after a restart on Lap 187.

That accident knocked Hemric and Noah Gragson out of the race. After the subsequent restart on Lap 194, Gibbs pulled away from Cindric and sealed the victory, lowering his average finish in his six starts to 5.17—from an average starting position of 18.2.

Harrison Burton finished third, followed by Brandon Brown, whose crew chief, Doug Randolph, made the call of the race by saving a set of tires for the final 20 laps. Fighting for a Playoff spot and currently 13th in the series standings, Brown was outside the top 15 for the penultimate restart on Lap 187 but took advantage of his fresh rubber to charge to fourth.

Tyler Reddick came home fifth, followed by Briscoe, Ty Dillon, Brandon Jones, Jeb Burton and Jeremy Clements.

Cindric, the reigning series champion, now leads the standings by 84 points over second-place Harrison Burton.



Ty Gibbs (54) gets a shove from Austin Cindric during a restart. (JARED TILTON/GETTY IMAGES photo)



# John Hunter Nemechek Holds Off Carson Hocevar for Charlotte Victory

With his third victory of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series season, John Hunter Nemechek reaffirmed Kyle Busch Motorsports' mastery of 1.5-mile intermediate tracks on Friday night at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Nemechek held off Sunoco rookie Carson Hocevar over a closing 10-lap green-flag run after a violent crash at the entrance to the tri-oval stripped the body off Johnny Sauter's No. 13 Toyota and slowed the race for nine caution laps.

The victory was Nemechek's first at Charlotte and the ninth of his career. It came after the driver of the No. 4 KBM Toyota clipped the wall early in Friday's practice and ran just 10 circuits in the session.

"Hats off to all my guys, (crew chief) Eric Phillips, all my guys, everyone who works on this thing—everyone at KBM, the chassis shop, the fab shop... (owner) Kyle (Busch) for this opportunity," said Nemechek, who beat a fast-closing Hocevar to the finish line by .419 seconds. "I'm so blessed to be in this spot."

"Hopefully, we can have some fun and celebrate tonight."

Nemechek can celebrate his or-

ganization's dominance of the intermediate speedways. With his earlier victory at Las Vegas and Busch's wins at Atlanta and Kansas, Kyle Busch Motorsports has swept all four 1.5-milers so far this season.

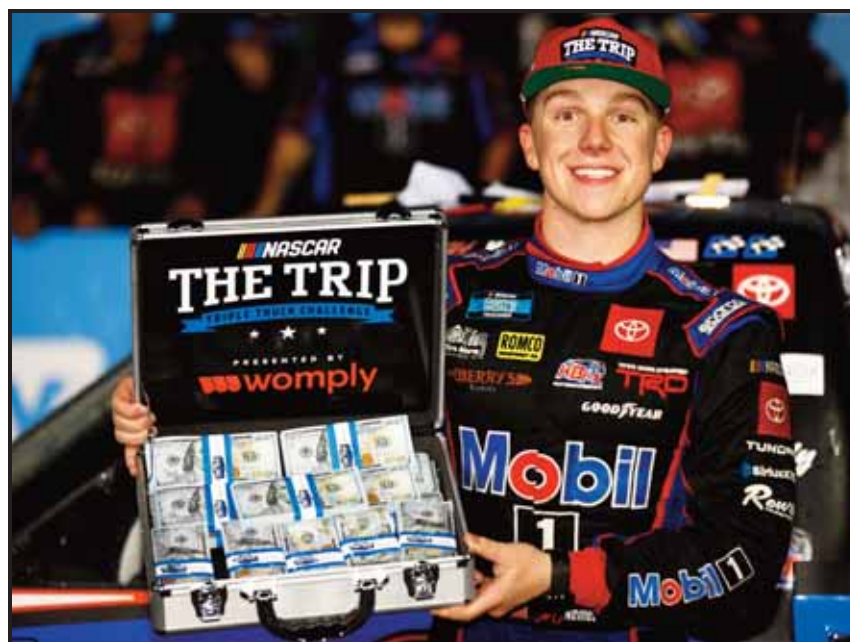
Nemechek also collected the last of three \$50,000 Triple Truck Challenge bonuses, awarded to the winners of the designated races. He also extended his series lead to 44 points over second-place Ben Rhodes.

For his part, Hocevar apologized to his Niece Motorsports team for the inexperience that prevented him from running down Nemechek at the end.

"I've never been in that position too many times, but I let it slip away," said Hocevar, who nevertheless posted a career-best finish. "We're chipping away at it."

Rhodes ran third, followed by Stewart Friesen and Todd Gilliland, last Saturday's winner at Circuit of The Americas. Chandler Smith, Ty Majeski, Derek Kraus, Austin Hill and Zane Smith completed the top 10.

Nemechek had a comfortable lead with 19 laps left when the No. 14 truck of Trey Hutchens III slowed to a crawl out of Turn 4 on Lap 115 of 134. Drew Dollar took evasive action, but Sauter,



John Hunter Nemechek not only won the NCWT race at Charlotte Friday night but he came home with the \$50,000 Triple Truck Challenge bonus. (JARED TILTON/GETTY IMAGES photo)

screened from a view of Hutchens' Chevrolet by Dollar's truck, plowed into the stalled vehicle and destroyed both trucks.

Debris from the wreck knocked the roof camera on Nemechek's truck out of commission.

Reigning series champion Sheldon Creed handily won Stage 1 but was eliminated in a three-wide wreck with Gilliland and Chase Purdy in Turn 4 on Lap 55.

Zane Smith took the green/checkered flag at the end of Stage 2, but a penalty for a crewman over the wall too soon sent him to the back for a Lap 69 restart and ruined his winning chances.

Next up for the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series is the SpeedyCash.com 220 at Texas Motor Speedway on June 12, 2021.

## NASCAR Shifts Second Race in Camping World Truck Series Playoffs to Darlington Raceway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Due to logistical challenges resulting from the ongoing pandemic, NASCAR has shifted the second race in the Camping World Truck Series Playoffs, originally scheduled to take place in Ontario, Canada at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, to Darlington Raceway. The race will be the first of a Sunday Playoffs doubleheader at Darlington and will begin at its originally scheduled time (Sunday, Sept. 5, 1:30 p.m. ET, FS1).

The NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs will kick off its 10-week playoff run later that evening (6 p.m. ET, NBCSN).

The NASCAR Xfinity Series will open a trio of races at The Lady In Black on Labor Day Weekend when cars hit the track on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 3:30 p.m. ET on NBCSN, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Darlington Raceway also hosted all three NASCAR national series for Throwback Weekend, May 7-9. In the Friday night NASCAR Camping World Truck Series affair, Sheldon Creed took home his first victory of 2021 after outdueling Ben Rhodes on the final two restarts of the race.

The Camping World Truck Series Playoffs get underway at World Wide Technology Raceway on Friday, Aug. 20 at 9 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.



John Hunter Nemechek (4) battles Carson Hocevar (47) to keep the lead and win the race. (MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES photo)



## Ty Gibbs Wins General Tire 150 to Complete Charlotte Sweep

CONCORD, NC - Evidently, Ty Gibbs leading every lap in an ARCA Menards Series race is not good enough for the 18-year-old. On Saturday at Charlotte Motor Speedway, he did just that en route to his second trip to Victory Lane in one day.

Driving the No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, Gibbs led all 100 laps of the General Tire 150 hours after he took the checkered flag in the NASCAR Xfinity Series race.

Gibbs now has won four of the six races the ARCA Menards Series has contested in 2021. He won his second Xfinity Series race in his sixth series start.

The Saturday sweep makes Gibbs the first driver to win both an ARCA Menards Series race and a NASCAR national series race since Sam Mayer did so with ARCA Menards and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series wins at Bristol Motor Speedway last season.

"What a hell of a day right there," said Gibbs. "I can't thank everybody enough. I guess we gotta bring out the broom now; that's two

in one day. I'm tired. I might take this (car) back to my house and just take a nap."

Gibbs opened the month of May leading all 100 laps at Kansas Speedway. The 100 additional laps he led Saturday night at Charlotte give him 490 laps led in 2021, easily the most in the series.

The only other driver who has won in the ARCA Menards Series this season, Corey Heim, finished second at Charlotte after fighting his race car all day.

Heim, whose second-place finish allows him to keep his points lead over Gibbs, qualified ninth in the afternoon session ahead of the race.

"I was really disappointed with our speed and the overall handling of our car," said Heim. "It's pretty unbelievable that we finishes second, honestly, for how awful we were in practice."

"In hindsight, I think we just needed to bring a different car. We had some issues at Kansas, as well."

Two of Heim's teammates at Venturini Motorsports finished behind him, with Drew Dollar and Parker Chase ending up third and fourth, respectively.

Nick Sanchez, who at times



Ty Gibbs celebrates in victory lane after winning the ARCA Series General Tire 150 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Gibbs won the Xfinity race earlier in the day at the speedway. (ARCA photo)

throughout Saturday night's race appeared to be the only driver who could compete with Gibbs, finished fifth.

Sanchez passed Gibbs for the lead on a restart with 35 laps to go, but he was unable to hold off the eventual race winner by the time they reached the start/finish line.

"I think we had a left rear going down," Sanchez said of dropping to fifth after running in the top three throughout the race. "That last lap, I really felt it; I felt the rear end wiggle."

Jack Wood, Thad Moffitt, Dave Mader III, Andy Jankowiak and Chris Hacker rounded out the top 10.

Not including a scheduled competition caution at the halfway point, Saturday's race featured four cautions for incidents. Moffitt spun by himself on Lap 29. Jason Miles did the same with nine laps to go.

A blown engine on D.L. Wilson's car and a flat tire on Kyle Sieg's car also brought out cautions.

The ARCA Menards Series will return to action next week at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio, for the Dawn 150 on Friday, June 4. It will mark the series' 1,500th race. The Dawn 150 will broadcast live on FS1 with live streaming available on Fox Sports Go. A radio broadcast will be available on MRN and SiriusXM.

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## Justin Bonsignore Returns to Victory Lane at Jennerstown

JENNERSTOWN, PA - Justin Bonsignore dominated the first trip to Jennerstown Speedway last year, and let the second visit slip away.

Saturday night, the Long Island driver almost did both in the Jennerstown Salutes 150 presented by DGV. Instead, he walked away with his first NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win of 2021 and his 30th of his career.

Bonsignore won his 15th career Mayhew Tools Pole Award and led nearly the entire event. A slip off Turn 2 of the white flag lap nearly sent him for a spin. But he righted it

and fended off the fierce challenge from Doug Coby to drive the No. 51 Coastal Fiber LLC Chevrolet across the finish line .112 seconds ahead of his rival.

Coby, who passed Bonsignore late to steal the win last time out at Riverhead Raceway, settled for second. Craig Lutz, the winner in the tour's second race at Jennerstown last year, finished third.

Woody Pitkat was fourth and Patrick Emerling fifth.

Emerling's finish, along with a short night by Eric Goodale (18th after a lap 103 wreck), allowed him to build a xx point lead in the championship standings after four races. The two entered the night tied for first.

Jon McKennedy was sixth, fol-



**Justin Bonsignore celebrates winning the Jennerstown Salutes 150 presented by DGV at Pennsylvania's Jennerstown Speedway on Saturday, May 29. (Nate Smallwood/NASCAR photo)**

lowed by Kyle Bonsignore, JB Fortin, Tommy Catalano and Dave Sapienza.

The Jennerstown Salutes 150 presented by DGV streamed live on TrackPass on NBC Gold, and

will re-air on NBCSN on Thursday, June 3 at 5 p.m. ET. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will return to action with the Steel Palace 150 at New York's Oswego Speedway on Saturday, June 12.

## Polewarczyk Takes Control for PASS Victory at White Mountain

N. WOODSTOCK, NH - Joey Polewarczyk could not be stopped down the stretch en route to the Pro All Stars Series (PASS) Super Late Model victory at White Mountain Motorsports Park on Sunday, May 23. "Joey Pole" took the lead for good with 44 laps remaining in the

150-lap event and held the division's best at arm's length for the victory to cap a doubleheader weekend of WMMP action.

Ben Rowe earned the pole in qualifying but surrendered the lead to Berwick, Ryan Green at the start. Green led the first 10 laps before Rowe went back in front. Following a lap-21 caution for Even Hallstrom's stalled automobile, point leader Johnny Clark turned up the heat, riding the outside to snatch the lead from Rowe on lap 33. Joey Pole wasn't far behind, having moved up to third from the ninth starting position.

When the second yellow flew on lap 42 for Scott McDaniel's stopped machine, it was Rowe getting the jump over Clark. The lead trio broke away from the field until lap 60, when Gabe Brown ground to a halt with a suspension failure.

Polewarczyk then decided it was

time to go, driving to the second spot after Clark slid high in turn three. A few circuits later, he swung to the high line, passing Rowe for the lead with 70 laps in the books. Pole then checked out until lap 92 when Clark cut a right-front tire and slapped the frontstretch wall.

Another yellow came out 10 laps later for debris, and Rowe gave it one more shot, putting the nose of his #4 in front for three circuits before Pole got back on top again. As Pole pulled away, Rowe and Joey Doiron went at it for 20 laps before Doiron finally cleared him to get second. Doiron was gaining on Polewarczyk when the fifth caution flew for Brian Whalley's frontstretch spin with 13 laps to go.

Doiron got to restart alongside Pole, but the leader had the better short-run car and took off at the green flag. The sequence repeated itself when Green spun out with six laps to go, giving Polewarczyk his first PASS victory since 2018.

Doiron came in second while D.J. Shaw passed Rowe late in the going for third. Clark recovered from his flat tire to finish fifth. Dan Winter, Ryan Robbins, Kate Re, Justin Larsen, and Rowland Robinson Jr. rounded out the top-10.

Max Cookson made a thrilling move on the final restart to win the 50-lap PASS Modified feature. Cookson started 10th and got as



**Joey Polewarczyk celebrates winning at White Mountain Motorsports Park with the Pro All Star Series Super Late Models. (Norm Marx photo)**

high as second in the early going before settling into third behind point leader Tyler King and former champion Spencer Morse.

When Milo Washer spun on lap 46 to bring out the fifth caution, it set up a four-lap dash to the finish. As the field got the green, Morse poked his front bumper in front of King off the outside. The duo came out of turn four a little high, and Cookson stayed glued to the bottom, taking it three-wide down the frontstretch. King was forced to back off entering turn one, and Cookson yanked the lead away from Morse to get his first win of the

season.

Morse came across the line second with King settling for third. Gary Chiasson, Ajay Cates, Bill Dixon, Tracy Gordon, Mike Davis, Kevin Durgan, and Troy Morse completed the top-10.

Jason Woodard used a little speed and a lot of luck to win the 50-lap Street Stock Open.

Tanner Woodard barely held off Watson, who roared back for a third-place finish. Kyle Hewins, Nate Leavitt, Matt Potter, Michael Potter, Phillips, Jaden Perry, and Renfrew came home fourth through 10th.



## Austin Coe Survives Tough Battle to Get Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman Win at Mt. Lawn

SALEM, IN - Fort Wayne, Indiana's Austin Coe survived a tough battle with multiple racers to get the win in Sunday night's Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman Powered by JEGS event at Mt. Lawn Speedway. He first had to survive a late side by side restart battle with Jeff Marcum, then had to hold off a hard charging Billy Hutson to get the win by less than a second as Coe and Hudson raced side by side coming to the checkered flag.

"Wow that was an intense race," remarked Coe in victory lane. "We had an issue during qualifying with a vibration, it put us back in tenth to start the race. I took my time and worked through the field to second. My crew told me Hutson was having an issue and slowing down, we made the pass, but then the yellow came out setting up that last restart with three laps to go. I knew Marcum would race me hard, we rubbed and traded some paint, which is part of short track racing, but I got by him, then Hutson came from nowhere as we came to the checkers, it was a tough win, I'm glad we came out on top! I have to thank my whole team for this win, it's our third in a row for this car at this track."

RJ Norton Jr. grabbed the lead at the drop of the green flag after Allstar Performance Fast Qualifier Ronnie Rose, who received a \$100 cash bonus in Memory of Gibbo Chew for his fast time, drew a six for the event's inverted start. JP Crabtree quickly caught Norton Jr. and began to apply pressure as the two battled lap after lap side by side for the top spot. Crabtree finally made the pass while Billy Hutson and Coe worked their way into the top four.

Hutson caught Crabtree and got by on lap 29 to take the lead and looked like he was on his way to get the win. Hutson's car started to slow, getting looser and looser each lap as his right rear tire started to go flat. Coe caught Hutson and made the pass for the lead on lap 65 while Hutson continued to fade and finally spun out with seven laps to go in the event.

Hutson got to pit road and replace the tire in time for the next restart while Marcum moved up to challenge Coe on the restart. Coe and Marcum battled hard on the restart, Coe got the initial lead, but Marcum got around Coe, contact from Coe loosened Marcum up enough for Coe to retake the lead before the final caution flew with three laps remaining after Rose spun in the short turn.

That set up the wild last three laps of the event with Coe and Marcum battling hard for position with Hutson making his way to third place and making a hard charge to try and steal the win, but Coe was able to hold him off and take the checkers. The win was Coe's fourth all time victory with the series. For being able to hold off Hutson, Coe picked up the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race Award.

Hutson would finish in second and earned the KRJ Race Products Sweet Move of the Race Award for his charge back through the field to battle for the win after his bad luck with the flat tire. Marcum would finish in third. Crabtree would finish in fourth with Cassten Everidge rounding out the top five.

The next Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman event will be on Saturday, June 5th on the famous High Banks of Winchester Speedway. Information on all the CRA Series is available at [www.cra-racing.com](http://www.cra-racing.com).

### ARCA/CRA Super Series Releases Entry Form for the 55th Annual Redbud 400

SALEM, IN - The ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS has released the entry form for the prestigious 55th Annual Greg Hubler Automotive Group Redbud 400 Presented by Mitch Smith Auto Service and Perfecto, which will take place on Monday, July 12th at Anderson Speedway. The Redbud 400 is part of the 25th Anniversary Season Presented by Team Construction for the ARCA/CRA Super Series, which had its first ever event on April 26, 1997 at Anderson Speedway.

The Redbud 400 will be 400 laps counting yellows and will once again pay the winner \$15,000. It

will also feature Controlled Caution, which were used with great success in the last four Redbud 400's. When a yellow comes out teams will have three laps to service their race car without losing laps or positions on pit road. Those cars will then line up behind the cars that did not pit at that yellow. Teams not getting out of the pits in the three laps will have to fall to the tail of the field and will risk losing laps.

Additional track and Redbud 400 event information can be found at [www.andersonspeedway.com](http://www.andersonspeedway.com).

Redbud 400 Entry Forms, Schedule of Events and ARCA/CRA Super Series rules and regulations can be found at [www.cra-racing.com](http://www.cra-racing.com).

### CRA Announces Disqualification from Recent Tire Testing with Forensic Lab

SALEM, IN - Champion Racing Association officials announced today one driver/team has been disqualified from the ARCA/CRA Super Series Event at Anderson Speedway on May 22 at Anderson Speedway after multiple forensic laboratory tests determined the team had used illegally-altered tires during the event. The lab used by CRA for testing is the same lab used by the top racing organizations in the country, including NASCAR and the World of Outlaws.

CRA officials took samples from

the top three finishers at the event, sealed the samples, signed by the teams and delivered to the independent laboratory for detailed analysis. The sample taken from the RW Motorsports car driven by Dalton Armstrong was found to not conform to the Hoosier submitted benchmark and were analyzed in duplicate to confirm the original scan result, which is laboratory protocol. The duplicate results matched the original results, thus confirming the tire samples from their car did not meet the Hoosier submitted benchmark. The samples taken from the 2nd and 3rd place finishers were found to conform to the Hoosier submitted benchmark.

As a result of these findings, and consistent with CRA's past procedures, a team found with non-conforming tires has been disqualified from their respective finishing position and placed on probation for one calendar year. The change in the final order for the event will result in affected teams receiving additional purse checks. Following the disqualification of the original winner, 2nd place finisher Anderson's Greg Van Alst now will be credited with the win.

Additionally, CRA will be announcing next week, new, stiffer penalties for infractions of these types. Officials are noting that the current penalty structure is not serving as a big enough deterrent, and adjustment to the penalties going forward will be made.

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Carolina Renaissance Festival Auditions Underway

off track

The Carolina Renaissance Festival, a combination of outdoor theater, circus, arts and crafts fair, jousting tournament and feast, will hold open auditions on Saturday, June 12th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Saturday, June 19th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Cannon School located at 5801 Poplar Tent Road, Concord NC 28027.

The Festival is calling for actors, entertainers, musicians, performers and colorful personalities of all types and experience levels to inhabit the Festival's make-believe Village of Fairhaven.

Amateur and professional opportunities are available. Prepared

material, head shots, and resumes are appreciated but not required. Auditionees should be age 13 or older.

Auditionees should be prepared to adhere to Covid19 safety protocols as detailed on our audition registration form.

Visit <https://carrenfest.festival-pro.com/form/5048/55> to register for your audition! Unable to make the auditions? Performer proposals are welcome. Visit <https://www.carolina.renfestinfo.com/performer-proposals> for more information.

The annual Carolina Renaissance Festival returns weekends, Saturdays and Sundays, October 2th through November 21st, on a 325 acre site minutes north of Charlotte, between Concord and Huntersville, at the junction of NC 73 and Poplar Tent Road.



## Kyle Larson Follows Coca-Cola 600 Title with World of Outlaws Win

Making history is all that Kyle Larson knows how to do.

This weekend, he did just that; Beating the beat Stock Car drivers in the world and the best Sprint Car drivers in the world within a 24-hour span at two tracks 500 miles apart.

It started on Sunday evening, when “Yung Money” cashed in for a dominating crown jewel victory at Charlotte Motor Speedway’s Coca-Cola 600. The Team Hendrick driver crossed the finish line for his eighth career NASCAR Cup Series win at 10:27pm.

Less than 24 later, at 10:15pm on Monday night, Larson found victory lane again at Lawrenceburg Speedway. Only this time it was aboard the Paul Silva owned #57 for his 21st career World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series win.

He conquered the best on pavement, and the best on dirt. It was the first time in the history of Motorsports that a driver has topped both the NASCAR Cup Series and the World of Outlaws Sprint Cars in consecutive days.

“It’s really cool to win that [NASCAR] Cup race last night and then come here in a totally different race car, totally different atmosphere and get it done again,” Larson spoke on his remarkable accomplishment. “I think it shows that I’m in such great equipment all around from the #5 Hendrick Cup car, Paul Silva’s #57 right here, and even the Late Model with Kevin Rumley. It’s been a lot of fun lately.”

Larson’s path to a popular win at the Lawrenceburg, IN 3/8-mile wasn’t exactly easy.

Yes, the Elk Grove, CA native did tear apart dirt racing with 46 total triumphs last year, 12 of those against the World of Outlaws. However, it’s been much more of a struggle since the 2021 season started. Larson and Silva went 0-for-6 through Bristol, Jacksonville, I-70, and Williams Grove. They didn’t just not win, they didn’t even make it on the podium up to this point.

That all changed in Monday’s Memorial Day Spectacular; an event Larson considers the true

start to his summer slate in Silva’s Finley Farms #57.

“I’ll be honest, we’ve really been struggling this year in the #57,” Larson admitted afterwards. “Lawrenceburg is always at the right point in the season for us to get going, though. Hopefully this moves us forward in the right direction.”

Starting from the outside pole of the 35-lap NOS Energy Drink Feature, Larson took the green flag with Aaron Reutzel alongside him on pole position.

Reutzel of Clute, TX bolted to the initial lead and paced the opening 10 circuits aboard the Roth Motorsports #83. The duo ran through lap traffic until Larson got the best of him on Lap 11 and slid by with an inside move through turns three and four.

Larson led from there to the finish, but it didn’t come without challenges. Reutzel was mighty cutting away at his advantage with less than ten-to-go when one slip on the cushion sent his #83 for a wild flip on Lap 28 and removed him from the running.

Logan Schuchart, who set Slick Woody’s QuickTime and won his Team Drydene Heat Race, was next in line and got the closest of all to the rear bumper on the #57. If it weren’t for Larson’s presence of mind to peep the DIRTVision big

screen down the backstretch, Schuchart quite possibly could’ve stolen the win away.

Ultimately, Larson beat Schuchart to the line by 0.764-seconds for the \$10,000 score.

“I actually snuck a look at the big screen and saw Logan right behind me there at the end, so I changed it up a bit,” Larson mentioned on the final laps. “I wasn’t sure what to do, so I just tried to take some of his air away. Lawrenceburg is such an awesome track. It’s so technical with all the waves, holes, and a thick cushion. I hope all the fans had as much fun as I had driving.”

Closing out the podium at Lawrenceburg was Logan Schuchart of Hanover, PA and Sheldon Haudenschield of Wooster, OH.

It was a career-best finish at the high-banked track for both the Team Drydene #1S and the NOS Energy Drink #17.

“We might have to take that big board down soon.” Schuchart joked. “He’s a smart driver, though, I knew he either heard me or saw me coming. My heart said to fly it across the middle, but my brain told me the opposite. We’ve never had a top-ten here, so a second-place run is pretty good too.”

“I don’t know that I even needed much more from the car tonight,” Haudenschield thought. “We were good, it was just about surviving this one. I’m just glad we can keep putting this NOS Energy Drink #17 up here on the podium.”

Buddy Kofoid of Penn Grove, CA drove the Swindell SpeedLab #39

to a career-best fourth-place finish from tenth. Closing out the the top-five and matching his season-best of fifth-place was Kerry Madsen in the Tony Stewart Racing #14.

Rounding out the top-ten was Kraig Kinser in sixth, Brad Sweet in a backup car from 24th-to-seventh, Donny Schatz in eighth, Carson Macedo in ninth, and Lachlan McHugh of Australia finishing tenth in his World of Outlaws debut.

UP NEXT: The World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series has three days off to make the 15-hour haul west. This weekend, The Greatest Show on Dirt visits River Cities Speedway on Friday and then heads to Granite City Speedway on Saturday.

### World of Outlaws at Terre Haute Action Track Postponed

Friday’s originally scheduled World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series event at Terre Haute Action Track has been postponed due to afternoon showers hitting the track with more rain on the way.

World of Outlaws and Terre Haute officials are working together to find a new date for the event at the historic half-mile speedway.

For fans who have already purchased tickets to Friday’s show at Terre Haute, you can use those tickets for the rescheduled date. Once the new date is announced, those unable to make it to the rescheduled date will have the opportunity to request a refund.



Kyle Larson celebrates his 21st career World of Outlaws win in victory lane at Lawrenceburg Speedway 24 hours after winning the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway 500 miles away. (Trent Gower photo)



# Madden's Consistency Sets Him up for Title Run

CONCORD, NC - When you look at the top of the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models standings, there's no surprise. Three-time defending champion Brandon Sheppard is #1 – literally. Second place, however, might raise an eyebrow. Not because of the driver. Because of his starts and proximity to

Sheppard.

Chris Madden has risen to second in points – 26 points behind the reigning champion, even with missing two races – due to a consistent string of good finishes since joining the Series full-time in March.

Recently, "Smokey's" won three Morton Buildings Features in a row, including a weekend sweep at Port Royal Speedway.

The Gray Court, SC driver has four wins this season, more than any other driver. He also has more top-fives than anyone else (8) and is tied with Sheppard for the most top-10s (13).

Madden's success comes after switching to a Rocket chassis. He's been pleased with the team's results, so far.

"I'm very proud of our team and very proud of the help and the feedback we've gotten through [Mark Richards, who owns Sheppard's car]," Madden said.

Despite winning 32 Morton Buildings Features in his career, the veteran is still going through a learning curve this season.

"I've been to a lot of these [tracks], but I've never been to them in a [Rocket Chassis] before," Madden said.

"To get a basic starting point at some places has been very helpful, and there's a small group of guys on this tour that've been very helpful."

Even with all the help he's getting from Richards and his competitors, one of the keys to his success has been his crew.

"Without having a great team, and a great group of guys I bring with me, we couldn't do it," Madden said.

"A lot of the thanks and appreciation needs to go to my guys as much as to me. Ricky and Steven do a heck of a job, and they're great employees and great workers."

Madden's success in 2021 started before joining the World of Outlaws full-time. Over the winter, he won his second consecutive Drydene Xtreme DIRTcar Series championship.

But "Smokey" knows running with the World of Outlaws is a whole different animal.

"Daytime racing in the South is totally different than what we're doing out here," Madden said. "But obviously seat time is important. I don't care when it is or where it is, so seat time in the car definitely helped."

Madden may be second in points, but his goal is to stay consistent through the end of the year. He knows if he stays on the path, more wins will come.

"You'll get wins if you're consistent and competitive," Madden said. "Right now, I feel like we have been, and we've got a few wins and have been consistent. My goal is to just stay consistent with it and keep doing what we're doing."

"If I can keep myself happy and my guys happy, it'll all work out in the end."

Madden will try to keep his momentum rolling when The Most Powerful Late Models on the Planet make their sole Indiana swing of the year. The Series stops at Circle City Raceway Friday, June 4, and Plymouth Speedway Saturday, June 5.

If you can't make it either night, watch all the action live on DIRTvision with the annual Platinum FAST PASS subscription for \$299/year or the monthly FAST PASS subscription for \$39/month.

## World of Outlaws Late Models Prepare for 15th Annual Firecracker 100

SARVER, PA - When the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models schedule starts to heat up, it means the highly anticipated Firecracker 100 at Lernerville Speedway is around the corner.

In one month, The Most Powerful Late Models on the Planet will travel to the Sarver, PA track for three nights of action-packed racing.

On Thursday, June 24, and Friday, June 25, the Series will run a 30-lap Morton Buildings Feature, paying \$6,000-to-win both nights.

Those races set the stage for the Firecracker 100 on Saturday,



**Chris Madden's 2021 consistency is setting him up for a Championship run. He sits second in the points standings, 26 points behind Brandon Sheppard. (Jacy Norgaard photo)**

June 26, with the winner collecting a massive \$30,000 top prize.

The event has an "Every Lap Matters" format, as Saturday's Drydene Heat Race lineups are determined by Thursday and Friday's results.

Eleven drivers have won the Firecracker 100, including Cade Dillard who put on a history making performance last year.

Three-time champion Darrell Lanigan kept the pressure on the red #97 throughout the entire event, but Dillard never caved and brought fans to their feet with his popular win.

To make it back to back victories this year, he'll likely have to contend with 2018 Firecracker winner Chris Madden – the only other full-time World of Outlaws driver to win the event.

Madden is currently on a hot streak, winning the last three Morton Buildings Features. He also has more wins than any other driver in 2021 with four victories after picking up two consecutive wins at Port Royal Speedway.

The Gray Court, SC driver's performance has given him an extra boost in the points, and he's closed the points gap to leader Brandon Sheppard down to 26 points.

Sheppard, the three-time and defending champion, has accomplished a lot in his World of Outlaws career, but he's still searching for a Firecracker 100 win. The New Berlin, IL driver isn't only chasing Victory Lane at Lernerville Speedway, but also history. His next win will be the 71st of his career, putting him only seven wins behind Josh Richards for the most all-time (78).

Scott Bloomquist, the 2004 Series champion, is also expected to

be at Lernerville Speedway that weekend. "Black Sunshine" has won the Firecracker 100 three times, more than any other driver.

Those drivers and the rest of the tour regulars will be joined by a stout field of regional competitors, all searching to park their cars in the illustrious Victory Lane.

The RUSH Late Model Series will be in action throughout the weekend, as well. They'll compete in the \$10,000-to-win Bill Emig Memorial.

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/34nZOC8>  
For Competitor Notes, visit: <https://bit.ly/3oTfSWb>

Fans attending the event can enjoy several events throughout the weekend.

Tickets, merchandise, and driver memorabilia will be raffled off all three days on the midway. The money from the raffle will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Fans can also meet their favorite drivers on the midway Saturday during an autograph session, starting at 4 pm.

Events will be happening in the Speedway's parking lot, as well.

Anyone staying after the races on Thursday and Friday can enjoy post-race concerts at the stage. That's also where Slick Woody's Cornhole Company is holding a cornhole tournament on Saturday at noon.

If you plan on camping throughout the weekend, you could be up for a prize. On Friday, World of Outlaws officials will judge who has the best campsite at the speedway.

If you can't make it to the track, watch all the action live on DIRTvision with the annual Platinum FAST PASS subscription for \$299/year or the monthly FAST PASS subscription for \$39/month.



## Hudson O'Neal Takes Show-Me 100 for Biggest Win of His Career

WHEATLAND, MO - Hudson O'Neal recorded the biggest win of his racing career on Saturday Night at Lucas Oil Speedway. The third-generation racer picked up the \$30,000 first place prize in the 29th Annual Show-Me 100 Presented by Protect the Harvest. The event was sanctioned by the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series and the Lucas Oil Midwest Latemodel Racing Association.

The 20-year-old Indiana native took the lead on lap 68 from series point leader Tim McCreddie and marched away to win the first crown jewel event of the 2021 season. In a competitive race that saw five different race leaders, O'Neal crossed the finish line in jubilant fashion for his third LOLMDS win of the season and the tenth of his career.

Brandon Sheppard made a late-race charge to finish second behind O'Neal. Josh Richards took the third spot with McCreddie and Shane Clanton rounding out the top five drivers.

Richards started on the pole and led the first 4 laps of the race before yielding to Clanton on the fifth circuit. Clanton then held the point until four-time Show-Me 100 winner Jimmy Owens took over the lead. McCreddie took charge on lap 41 and he led until O'Neal passed him with 32 laps remaining.

O'Neal emerged from his car with tears streaming down his face after the 100-lap thriller. He joined his father, Don as the only father-son combo to win the Memorial Day Weekend tradition that began in 1993. "I looked up at the board with about 18 to go and my signal guy Eric Webber was telling me they were closing a little bit. I didn't drive the greatest the last 20 laps by any means, but it was just good enough. I knew we had a racecar that could win this thing earlier in the weekend. My dad called and gave me some words of encouragement that we could do this. I just wanted to drive my own race. I don't think we will leave this place tonight! We will be celebrating this for sure!"

Sheppard was driving his family-owned car this weekend and finished

1.4 seconds behind O'Neal. "I pulled up alongside Hudson after the race and gave him a thumbs up, he deserved it. He's a tough competitor. We kind of have grown up together, but he's a little younger than I am. It's cool seeing these young guys get big wins. The speedway crew had the racing surface awesome all weekend long. This is a fun place to race at."

Richards came home in third and was satisfied with his finish. "Hudson did a great job tonight and our hats are off to him. He's been really consistent this year. We had a really good weekend. We led early on and then went back a little. I thought we might run fifth, but we had a little bit of momentum at the end get back to third."

The winner's Roger Sellers/Double Down Motorsports Rocket Chassis is powered by a Cornett Racing Engine and sponsored by Lazydays RV, O'Neal's Salvage and Recycling, Lucas Oil Products, 2150 Enterprises, WR1 Sim Chassis, and Midwest Sheet Metal.

Completing the top ten were Mike Marlar, Ricky Thornton Jr., Jimmy Owens, Kyle Bronson, and Brian Shirley.

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

### Richards Rides to Win at Lucas Oil Speedway

WHEATLAND, MO - Josh Richards came from the sixth start-



Hudson O'Neal celebrates his Show-Me 100 win in victory lane at Lucas Oil Speedway. (lucasdirt.com photo)

ing spot to dominate Friday Night's Tribute to Don and Billie Gibson at Lucas Oil Speedway. Richards took the lead on lap six and went on for his second Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win of the season and the 33rd of his career. The race was co-sanctioned with the Lucas Oil Midwest Latemodel Racing Association.

Several cautions closed gap between Richards and the field behind him, but each time Richards pulled away. He ultimately went unchallenged for the victory. Shane Clanton started alongside Richards in row number three and finished second to the West Virginia native.

Chris Ferguson failed to turn a lap in time trials but recovered nicely from a rough start to finish third after starting in 23rd. Brandon Sheppard made a late-race charge for fourth and Kyle Bronson rounded out the top five.

Brian Shirley led the first five laps until Richards passed him for the top spot. While Richards was pulling away, an entertaining battle for second was going on between

Shirley and Scott Bloomquist. As Shirley and Bloomquist were racing hard for second Clanton was able to slip by both of them by the 27th circuit, right before a caution flag came out for Hudson O'Neal and Chase Junghans.

Sheppard made a daring move on the restart to climb to third place. Coming from inside of row 12, Ferguson was able to get by several drivers in the late going as he crossed the finish line in third.

"This team deserves to be up front," said the 2017 LOLMDS [Richards] Champion in Lucas Oil Victory Lane. "We feel like we have been off the last couple of years from where I really want to be. I feel like if we can get some momentum, we can build on this. I was a little concerned with those late yellows, I feel like the right rear tire kind of greased-up a little on that long run. I was a little conservative on the corner entry, but after a couple of laps I could widen out my line."

Clanton claimed second at the checkers. "I really needed the

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Josh Richards celebrates in victory lane after winning Friday Night's Tribute to Don and Billie Gibson at Lucas Oil Speedway. (lucasdirt.com photo)



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longer runs more than I needed those cautions. Those cautions at the end really hurt me. Overall, it was a good night, and it should put us in a good-starting spot tomorrow night."

Ferguson ended his night on a high note after a tough start to begin the evening. "We changed rear ends after practice. We didn't get to qualify so we had to battle

all night. We had a good hot-rod tonight. We just needed a couple of more laps."

The winner's Clint Bowyer Racing Rocket Chassis is powered by a Cornett Racing Engine and is sponsored by iRacing, Rush Truck Centers, Big River Steel, Integra Shocks, Sunoco Race Fuels, Ford Performance, and Cometic Gasket.

Completing the top ten were Scott Bloomquist, Tim McCreadie, Brian Shirley, Jimmy Owens, and Earl Pearson Jr.

## McCreadie Leads All The Way to Win Cowboy Classic

WHEATLAND, MO - Tim McCreadie took the lead on the first lap and blazed his way to win the Cowboy Classic on Friday Night at Lucas Oil Speedway. The current Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Point Leader charged from his third spot at the drop of the green, taking the lead from polesitter Brandon Sheppard. He went on to lead all 45 laps to win the 8th Annual Cowboy Classic. The event, originally scheduled for Thursday Night, was co-sanctioned by the Lucas Oil Midwest Latemodel Racing Association.

Hudson O'Neal came from his sixth starting spot to finish second. He was 1.22 seconds behind McCreadie at the finish. Bobby Pierce finished in third followed by Sheppard and Josh Richards.

Sheppard challenged McCreadie early on until Pierce picked up the pace to move into second on lap nine. Pierce then closed the gap on McCreadie. He briefly managed to get within a car length of McCreadie. There was only one early caution on lap 7.

While the differential between McCreadie and Pierce stayed consistent for several laps. Pierce saw O'Neal close the margin on him



Tim McCreadie led lap-to-lap to bring home the victory in the Cowboy Classic on Friday night at Lucas Oil Speedway. (lucasdirt.com photo)

and take over the second spot on lap 31. O'Neal was able to make up some ground on McCreadie once he got to second, but lapped traffic kept O'Neal at bay in the waning laps.

In Lucas Oil Victory Lane for the second time this year and for the 24th time in his career, McCreadie was very grateful to get the win, "I mean you are always worried about being boxed in at this place when you are going through traffic. When you see Pierce and Hudson on the board, those two don't take laps off. I knew the best shot I had was to not wait around in traffic. I got beat a month ago by JD by being a little too cautious at the end of the race. I wasn't going to let that happen again. This is an amazing

weekend out here for Memorial Day and to have our car all dressed up by being Patriotic. If you see anybody from the military give them a thanks."

O'Neal came home in second. "The car felt pretty good out there this evening. By the time I got to second everybody was pretty much spread out. Not that I was any faster than Timmy, but I would have liked a chance to clear out the lap traffic and take a shot on him at the end. It took me about 15 laps to really get going."

Bobby Pierce, took third. "Now that we got third, we can push it a little harder in the race tonight. It was really a good Show-Me Point Race for us in this first one. So, we can take some more chances in the

second feature. I really wanted to win that one. I was closing in on T-Mac for a while. He moved back down and pulled away from me, after that I tried some things and the next thing I knew, Hudson was underneath me and there was nothing I could do."

The winner's Donald and Gena Bradsher-owned Paylor Motorsports Longhorn Chassis is powered by a Cornett Racing Engine and is sponsored by Mega Plumbing of the Carolinas, Bilstein Shocks, New Point Lighting and Design, D&E Marine, Raci8ng for Heroes, and The Aesthetic Haus.

Completing the top ten were Ryan Gustin, Jimmy Owens, Frank Heckenast Jr., Stormy Scott, and Scott Bloomquist.

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## Ryan Timms Makes History With Lucas Oil ASCS Aat Lake Ozark Speedway

ELDON, MO - Becoming the youngest driver by far to ever win a SawBlade.com A-Feature with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, at 14 years, 9 months, and 25 days, Ryan Timms collected \$10,000 at Lake Ozark Speedway.

Ryan is the 157th driver to capture an A-Feature with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network. The win also marks the 191st time a driver from Oklahoma has gone to Victory Lane and the fourth from Oklahoma City; joining Wayne Johnson, Larry Neighbors, and Shane Carson.

The triumph adds to a wildly successful weekend for the entire family, Ryan's father, Randy Timms, swept all three USRA Modified feature events for car owner Joe Duvall at the Show-Me 100 at Lucas Oil Speedway to go along with Ryan's POWri National Midget League win on Saturday.

"I just focused on hitting my marks. Everyone was biking up, so I just raced the track," stated Ryan when asked about his approach to the race. "The car was great. My dad, Billy, Jimmy, Conner, everyone behind this team I can't thank them enough. The reds, it just got me thinking and really, just focused on saving myself so that I could be there at the end."

Eclipsing the record set by Devon Borden on June 28, 2019, at Grays Harbor Raceway at 16 years, 8 months, and 6 days, Timms held on with everything he had through a rough and wild A-Feature. Leading all but two laps, Timms was able to work above the cushion at times to keep JJ Hickle at bay through slower traffic. That move was especially used through the fourth turn.

While slow to get things rolling, as red flags plagued the opening laps, the race ultimately saw the leaders having to contend with traffic numerous times, with Timms threading lapped cars in the closing laps. The quick moves pulled the No. 5t to a 3.092-second advantage at the close of the 30 laps affair. JJ Hickle crossed second for the first time against the National

Tour, and with the finish, has re-taken the point's lead. Chasing Blake Hahn and Matt Covington coming into the night, Blake Hahn flipped while leading on Lap 7. This after Matt Covington tumbled during the opening melee of starts.

Dylan Westbrook made his second podium appearance of the weekend and moved the No. 47x into the top five in tour standings. Picking through the ruts from 15th, Missouri's Ayrton Gennetten made it to fourth, with Brenham Crouch going 11th to fifth.

Derek moved from 16th to sixth, with the night's hard charger going to Brandon Anderson with 16 positions gained. Two nights of clawing through the field, Garett Williamson moved from 19th to eighth, followed by Chance Morton from 14th. Slater Helt, with 10 positions improved, completed the top ten.

The next event will be the Fred Brownfield Classic at Grays Harbor Raceway in Elma, Washington, on Saturday, June 19, and Sunday, June 20. Tickets are on sale at <http://www.graysharborraceway.com>.

### Scott Bogucki Collects Lucas Oil ASCS Score at Lake Ozark

ELDON, MO - Getting his second win of the year in as many races with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the



Ryan Timms, the youngest ASCS winner, celebrates in victory lane at Lake Ozark Speedway. (Patrick Grant Photography photo)

MAVTV Motorsports Network and Racinboys.com ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps, Australia's Scott Bogucki manhandled his SawBlade.com No. 28 at Lake Ozark Speedway for Saturday's preliminary night score in the Memorial Day Weekend Sprint Nationals presented by The Driver's Project.

Nearly breathless in Victory Lane, Bogucki gave high praise to the people who support his racing endeavors,

"I can't thank enough who supports this. It's me and one guy, Anthony [Miller]. He's a really good friend, and he works like a dog. I couldn't ask any more of him because we've had speed all year. We just needed the luck to come our way and for us to do this tonight at what's become kind of my home track this year after hooking up with Bryant Paver Motorsports right up

the street and have Scottie McDonald here from Houston. To win with two of my biggest supports right here, it's great."

Bogucki's sixth career win with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network; the opening laps were spent chase Gunner Ramey and Dylan Westbrook. Leading the opening three revolutions, Ramey's lead fell to Dylan Westbrook after the two traded multiple slide jobs.

Caution on Lap 6, Westbrook kept Bogucki trailing until working into traffic a few laps later. Stalking the No. 47x, Scott ran varying lines, with the top side of the third and fourth turn providing the largest run. Taking that momentum to work on Lap 16, Bogucki shot to the lead the following lap.

Held up by slower traffic in the final five laps, it wasn't enough to allow a challenge as the No. 28 hit the stripe with a 2.064-seconds advantage. Dylan Westbrook in second was trailed by Waco's Chase Randall, rolling from eighth for his first career podium finish with the National Tour. Matt Covington picked up seven positions to finish fourth with Ryan Timms, who picked up the Lucas Oil POWri Midget win, coming from 13th to complete the top five.

Holding the championship lead by a single digit, Blake Hahn crossed sixth with Derek Hagar seventh. JJ Hickle was the night's Hard Charger with 13 positioned to finish eighth. Kyle Bellm was ninth, with Garett Williamson rebounding from a Lap 5 spin to finish tenth.

Saturday's field consisted of 46 drivers. The qualifying format yielded a new track record, with Dylan Westbrook running a 12.073-second lap. Tim Doogs held the previous record at 12.192-seconds, set in 2004.



Scott Bogucki raced his way to victory lane with the American Sprint Car Series Saturday at Lake Ozark Speedway. (Allen Horcher photo)



## Lance Dewease Scores 2021 Bob Weikert Memorial at Port Royal Speedway for \$29,000 Payday

PORT ROYAL, PA - It was a special day in Port Royal for Fayetteville, Pennsylvania's Lance Dewease, as the National Sprint Car Hall of Famer not only secured the 2021 Bob Weikert Memorial title for a 42nd-career FloRacing All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 victory, a 13th Series win at the Port Royal "Speed Palace," but the pilot of the ever-familiar Kreitz Racing No. 69K accomplished his first All Star triumph of season on Davey Brown's 87th birthday; one of Central Pennsylvania's legendary mechanics and the head wrench for Kreitz Racing. Dewease scored a \$29,000 payday for his efforts, as well as the coveted bull trophy.

Three-time Port Royal Speedway track champion, Logan Wagner, finished second on Monday evening, followed by leading All Star Circuit of Champions title contender, Tyler Courtney, a hard-charging Danny Dietrich, and Mike Wagner.

"He didn't come to victory lane at my 100th victory at Williams Grove. He was there, but left, so I told him we had to win this so he could be in victory lane with me because that's what it's all about," Lance Dewease said in Port Royal Speedway victory lane.

"He is 87 years old. Just think about that. And he still works on this race car and he is the drive behind this race car, working to make it go as fast as it can. If I get to that age and have that level of desire and dedication, I'll be happy."

Although Dewease, who started from eighth on the grid via top-ten redraw, led the majority of the 30-lap program, his march to Bob Weikert Memorial victory lane was full of challenges, as well as a few lucky breaks. In fact, a caution on lap seven for a slowing Brent Marks initiated Dewease's first challenge for the top spot. Marks, who started fourth, had just slid early race leader, Hunter Schuerenberg, for the lead, but hard contact with the turn one and two wall forced the "Myerstown Missile" to retire. The ensuing restart saw Dewease power to the

front, utilizing the low line through turns three and four to take command before crossing back under the flagstand.

Meanwhile, Anthony Macri, a 2021 All Star winner at Bedford who started tenth on the Weikert lineup, was on the move, using a caution on lap 10 to power by two cars in a single circuit to claim second. Another caution on lap 12 allowed Macri to restart on the tailtank of the Hall of Famer.

Laps 15 through 20 resulted in an all-out war between Macri and Dewease. Attempting slider after slider, Macri eventually made a move stick, barely edging out Dewease in a drag race back to the start/finish line to complete lap 20. All momentum would halt the following lap, as a caution would set up an open red.

On the ensuing restart, Dewease charged back by Macri, utilizing the lowline through turns one and two to reclaim the point over the Dillsburg-native. Refusing to give up, Macri hounded Dewease yet again, returning to the cushion with hopes of powering around the Kreitz Racing entry. Unfortunately for Macri, massive contact with the turn three wall ended his efforts on lap 26; he would be

forced to leave on the hook.

Without further challenges, Lance Dewease drove on to claim the five-figure payday.

"Anthony is really good here. He pounds the wall hard," Lance Dewease continued.

"He was going to have to really earn it to get back by me. I guess he hit the wall too many times. We were really good on restarts. I could get into the corner flat out. I knew Anthony wasn't going to go down to block me. He probably thought he wasn't going to have to worry about me.

"It's great to be here racing in the sunshine. Port Royal does such a fantastic job. I'm just really happy to be here."

The All Star Circuit of Champions will continue their 2021 campaign with a four-pack in the Midwest, kicking-off the long weekend with a visit to Fairbury American Legion Speedway in Fairbury, Illinois, on Thursday, June 3, followed by a Wisconsin tripleheader at Wilmot Raceway, Plymouth Dirt Track, and Angell Park Speedway on Friday through Sunday, June 4-6.

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### Night One of Port Royal Speedway's Bob Weikert Memorial Canceled

PORT ROYAL, PA - Due to heavy overnight rains and an impending forecast predicting additional precipitation throughout the afternoon and evening hours, FloRacing All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 and Port Royal Speedway officials have been forced to cancel night one of the Bob Weikert Memorial.

### Impending Forecast Forces Williams Grove Davey Brown Tribute Cancellation

MECHANICSBURG, PA - With weather forecasts predicting heavy precipitation throughout the afternoon and evening hours, FloRacing All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 and Williams Grove Speedway officials are forced to cancel Friday's \$10,000-to-win Davey Brown Tribute.



Lance Dewease celebrates with legendary mechanic Davey Brown in victory lane after winning the Bob Weikert Memorial at Port Royal Speedway. (Chad Warner photo)



## Sonoma Raceway

SONOMA, CA - For the first time in almost two years, the North Bay will be transformed into Thunder Bay as the sights and sounds of NASCAR make their long-awaited return to the twisting, turning layout of Sonoma Raceway, June 5-6.

The Toyota/Save Mart 350 NASCAR Cup Series race will mark NASCAR's first race in the state of California in more than

15 months and the first race in Sonoma in nearly two years.

The return of racing at Sonoma Raceway also signals the return of race fans to the facility as well. Sonoma County authorities have given the green light to host a reduced capacity crowd that will be thirsting for the roar of engines.

No one will be more excited to get back to the 12-turn, 2.52-mile road course than Martin Truex Jr. The 2017 NASCAR Champion has won the past two Cup races in Sonoma and will be trying to join Jeff Gordon as just the second driver to ever win three races in a row at Sonoma. Gordon won the 1998, 1999 and 2000 Toyota/Save Mart 300s.

"I've been waiting for a while to go back to Sonoma and try to get the three-peat," Truex said. "Sonoma is such a fun track and it's a great part of the country. It's beautiful and always great weather. I can't wait to get there and see all of our fans in California that we haven't seen in quite a while."

More impressively for Truex, is he has won the past two races on two different configurations. The 2018 race marked the final race for "The Chute", which was introduced in 1998 and shortened the track to 1.949 miles and eliminated the famous Carousel. The Carousel, which will be in use again this year, returned to the track layout in 2019. Truex and legendary racer Ricky Rudd are the only two drivers to win NASCAR Cup races on both layouts.

Other storylines to watch include Chase Elliott's pursuit of Jeff Gordon's career road course win record. Gordon won a NASCAR-record nine road course races during his career. Elliott, the defending series champion, picked up his sixth career road course victory at Circuit of the Americas in Austin just a week ago.

There will be a distinct California feel to the race as well as five native Californians are expected to compete in the Toyota/Save Mart 350. Kyle Larson (Elk Grove), Kevin Harvick (Bakersfield), Matt DiBenedetto (Grass Valley), Tyler Reddick (Corning) and Cole Custer (Ladera Ranch) make up more than 10 percent of the starting field.

This year's event is a one-day show for the NASCAR Cup Series as there will be no practice or qualifying due to previously established limitations issued by NASCAR on the duration of race weekends due to Covid-19 precautions.

However, there will still be plenty of racing action throughout the weekend as the General Tire 200 for the ARCA Menards Series West hits the track on Saturday. In addition, the Historic Trans Am Series will compete in timed races on Saturday and Sunday and will feature NASCAR on Fox lead announcer Mike Joy trading in his tie and microphone for a driving suit and a steering wheel.

The General Tire 200 is set to start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday's Toyota/Save Mart 350 will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 6. Sunday's race will be televised live on Fox Sports 1.

## Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - Vintage Market Days of Tri-Cities Tennessee, an event that's so much more than a flea market and offers guests a weekend of fun-filled shopping, music, food and vendors, is returning to Bristol Motor Speedway June 11-13 with its "Vintage Roundup" collection.

The event will be held at the BMS South Building, located inside the South Entrance of the Speedway off Hwy 11 E/Volunteer Pkwy. Doors will open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. all three days.

Vintage Market Days' "Vintage Roundup" is an upscale vintage-inspired indoor/outdoor market featuring original art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, handmade treasures, home décor, outdoor furnishings, consumable yummys, seasonal plantings and a little more. In addition to the numerous merchandise vendors, the event will feature food trucks for visitors to sample tasty regional treats.

Tickets to the Vintage Market Days event at Bristol Motor Speedway are \$10 on Friday and Saturday and \$5 on Sunday. Children 12-and-under are admitted free with a paying adult. Tickets can be purchased at the entrance gate and include free re-entry to the

event throughout the weekend. For more information, please visit <https://vintagemarketdays.com/market/tri-cities-tennessee/>.

## Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - One of the best places to experience NASCAR – inside Atlanta Motor Speedway's oval as a pack of stock cars rumbles by – will be back open to tent and soft-sided pop-up campers during the July 10-11 Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart weekend.

The speedway's High Speed Corral, which sits in the infield inside turns 3 and 4 of the 1.54-mile oval, will welcome tent and pop-up campers in July thanks to continued collaboration between AMS and NASCAR. The reopening of the High Speed Corral will give more fans the opportunity to enjoy race weekend from inside the track while also providing space within the infield for NASCAR industry and staff.

"Tent campers have told us loud and clear they want to be back at the track and we can't wait to see them in our infield during the races in July," said AMS Executive Vice President and General Manager Brandon Hutchison.

Along with the newly approved tent and pop-up camping inside the track inside turns 3 and 4, RVs will once again be able to camp within the infield inside turns 1 and 2 as they did in March. In addition to the infield options, AMS has camping available outside the track for tents, pop-ups, and RVs in its exterior campgrounds.

Fans interested in purchasing camping and tickets for the July 10-11 Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart race weekend should call 877-9-AMS-TIX or visit [www.atlantamotorspeedway.com](http://www.atlantamotorspeedway.com).

About the Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart: New for 2021 the Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart headlines the summer slate of NASCAR racing at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

The Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart will be the first NASCAR Cup Series race held at Atlanta Motor Speedway in the month of July since 1974. The 400-mile race is sure to be one of the most challenging races of the summer for NASCAR's best.

Accompanying the Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart is the NASCAR

Xfinity Series on Saturday, July 10. The summer race will challenge the rising stars of the sport to stand out and succeed on one of the circuit's most challenging tracks.

More information on the July 10-11, 2021 Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart and ticket availability can be found online at [AtlantaMotorSpeedway.com](http://AtlantaMotorSpeedway.com) or by calling 877-9-AMS-TIX.

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## Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Speedway Children's Charities – Texas Chapter will provide NASCAR All-Star Race fans with the opportunity to hit the track with their own vehicles mere hours before their heroes compete for the \$1 million-to-win prize with the June 13 All-Star Laps for Charity Presented by S.W.A.T. Roofing & Contracting.

Participants will experience the thrill of driving around the 1.5-mile speedway oval from 8-10 a.m. to benefit local children who are in need. A \$50 donation provides three laps on track and all proceeds going to Speedway Children's Charities – Texas Chapter. Pre-registration is required.

"Driving on the track the same day as NASCAR's greatest drivers is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and now we are giving our fans that chance all while raising money to help local children in need," said Speedway Children's Charities - Texas Chapter Executive Director Marissa Chaney. "There is no better way to kick-off All-Star race day than that!"

All drivers must be 18 years of age or older, and passengers must be at least six years of age. Safety belts must be worn by all occupants. Electric cars are prohibited. The Texas Motor Speedway pace car will set the speed limit. Visit [www.speedwaycharities.org/texas](http://www.speedwaycharities.org/texas)

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for more information and to register.

On-track activity for the 2021 NASCAR All-Star Race weekend begins June 12 with a doubleheader, opening with the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series SpeedyCash.com 220 (12 p.m. CT on FS1, MRN, and 95.9 The Ranch) followed at 3 p.m. CT by the NASCAR Xfinity Series Alcosco Uniforms 250 (FS1, PRN, 95.9 The Ranch). Then, on Sunday, June 13, is the NASCAR Open (5 p.m. CT on FS1, MRN and 95.9 The Ranch) followed by the \$1 million NASCAR All-Star Race (7 p.m. CT on FS1, MRN and 95.9 The Ranch).

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### Homestead-Miami Speedway

MIAMI, FL - One of Homestead-Miami Speedway's most popular philanthropic events will be returning on Sunday, June 6th, hosting "Give Back at the Track," that gives guests the rare opportunity to drive around the 1.5-mile oval in their own, personal vehicle – and all for a good cause.

From 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET, drivers can experience first-hand the picturesque, colorful setting of Homestead-Miami Speedway and its unique progressive banking as they run laps around the track that has seen so many historical moments in NASCAR and other motorsports. Guests can take their street-legal vehicles around the oval following behind the official Homestead-Miami Speedway vehicle. Three different packages are available, and participants can purchase as many as they would like. Both credit cards and cash will be accepted.

3 laps: \$25

6 laps: \$45

10 laps: \$80

Proceeds from the event will benefit Homestead-Miami Speed-

way's charitable outreach program, "Driving for a Cause," a donor-advised fund of THE NASCAR Foundation. For more information on Give Back at the Track, please visit [www.HomesteadMiamiSpeedway.com](http://www.HomesteadMiamiSpeedway.com)

Guests who wish to participate will enter the infield through Gate 18, off Palm Drive.

In addition, the following are guidelines that will be in place for the event:

- All vehicles must be street-legal
- A valid driver's license must be presented to drive
- Drivers younger than 18 must be accompanied by, and drive with, an adult with a valid driver's license
- Motorcycles are not permitted
- For the safety of everyone who comes through the gates, all participants must remain in their vehicles at all times

Local car clubs are invited to attend the event for a group rate. Car clubs will receive a set amount of laps on the track. Please contact Felicia Vega at (305) 230-5211 or [fvega@nascar.com](mailto:fvega@nascar.com) for more details.

### Charlotte Motor Speedway

CHARLOTTE, NC - Building on its longstanding partnership, Charlotte Motor Speedway (Speedway) and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC), along with Speedway Children's Charities (SCC), are teaming up to address childhood hunger in the Charlotte area with its "Drive Out Hunger" initiative. Through a series of events, the organizations will work together to drive out childhood hunger by encouraging both monetary and non-perishable food donations.

"What makes partnerships like this so special is that we can take activations like the 'Drive Out Hunger' campaign beyond the speedway and into the community and make a positive impact for others in need in our community," said Greg Walter, executive vice president and general manager at Charlotte Motor Speedway. "We're grateful for partners like Blue Cross NC who share our passion for service and help bring wonderful programs like this to life."

A "Drive Out Hunger" campaign branded Pace Car will make its debut during the Coca Cola 600 race weekend and remain at the speedway for races and events throughout the year. This visual representation of the campaign aims to bring awareness to the initiative and encourage fans to do-

nate to help "drive out hunger."

This collaboration builds on Blue Cross NC's ongoing commitment to address critical non-medical drivers of health, specifically food security.

"Nearly 15% of Mecklenburg County's households are considered food insecure, and as an insurer that calls North Carolina home, it is crucial that we are actively working to combat food insecurity in our own backyards," said Reagan Greene Pruitt, vice president of marketing and community engagement at Blue Cross NC. "Ensuring that all North Carolinians have access to food is something Blue Cross NC is committed to as we continue to work to make health care better for all."

"Drive Out Hunger" events set to take place throughout the year at the speedway include:

- Camper Food Donation Drives — Campers staying at Charlotte Motor Speedway for race events will find bins located throughout the camping areas to donate non-perishable foods.
- Gate Entry Canned Goods Collections at select events at Charlotte Motor Speedway and the zMAX Dragway.
- Summer Movie Nights — Ticket proceeds will benefit the initiative. Canned goods will also be collected at the events.

All donations collected throughout the year will be donated to local community partners through Speedway Children's Charities.

For more information regarding the "Drive out Hunger" initiative, please visit <https://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/drive-outhunger/>.

### Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Texas Motor Speedway is honored to host the \$1 million-to-win NASCAR All-Star Race on June 13 and, in turn, will honor and host a very special group of Fort Worth all-stars.

The Great American Speedway is partnering with the "All-Stars of the Fort Worth Police & Fire Departments", where 24 of the city's finest will be honored during pre-race ceremonies and throughout the NASCAR All-Star race (live coverage begins at 7 p.m. on FS1, the Motor Racing Network, Sirius/XM NASCAR Ch. 90, 95.9 The Ranch).

Each department will be represented by 12 individuals chosen to honor the thousands of heroes that make up the two entities. The Fort Worth Fire Department will select 12 firefighters from their staff. The Fort Worth Police Department,

working with Texas Motor Speedway, will allow a public nomination of personnel to represent their department. Once the nomination period ends, the Fort Worth Police Department will evaluate the nominations to provide the 12 officers who, along with the 12 from the Fort Worth Fire Department, will serve as the "All-Stars of the Fort Worth Police & Fire Departments."

The fire and police department honorees will be assigned to a specific driver and in the race, have their names affixed to the race car, be introduced with the drivers and teams during pre-race ceremonies and shown on Big Hoss TV and the race broadcast on FS1. Fort Worth police and fire department vehicles will also be included in pre-race ceremonies.

"The Fort Worth Police Department is honored to have been selected to participate in this historic event," said Fort Worth Police Chief Neil Noakes. "We attribute our success as a police department to the great relationship that we have with our community and local businesses and the hard work of our officers who are committed to keeping their city safe. We would like to thank Texas Motor Speedway for allowing us to participate in this event and for honoring our first responders who are so dedicated to the citizens of Fort Worth."

The nominated employees for both departments will be announced June 2 and the final pairings with the drivers eligible for the NASCAR All-Star Race will be announced June 8.

"The Fort Worth Fire Department is humbled by the continued support of the Fort Worth community," said Fort Worth Fire Department Assistant Chief Executive Services Richard Jordan. "Our longstanding partnership with Texas Motor Speedway continues to grow stronger each and every time we have an event. We appreciate NASCAR's dedication to our first responders and we are looking forward to a great weekend of racing"

The Fort Worth Police Department will show support for the exclusive event by its personnel wearing NASCAR All-Star Race lapel pins while Fort Worth Fire Department personnel will wear NASCAR All-Star Race T-shirts in the weeks leading up to the race.

"The amazing men and women of the Fort Worth Police Department and Fort Worth Fire Department are the everyday all-stars in our community," said Texas Motor

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Speedway President and General Manager Eddie Gossage. It is a privilege, during this special NASCAR All-Star Race, to honor the work, effort and sacrifice they provide to keep us safe at home, at work, and on the road."

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### Sonoma Raceway

SONOMA, CA - Lead race announcer for FOX NASCAR Mike Joy will trade his microphone for the steering wheel when he competes in the Historic Trans Am Series at Sonoma Raceway, June 5-6. The series is paired with the ARCA Menards Series West on Saturday and the NASCAR Cup Series on Sunday.

Joy will take to the track in the No. 89 1966 Ford Mustang built and raced by Jim Whelan and Pete Dock. They primarily raced in SCCA's A Sedan amateur road races, but also occasionally competed in the Trans Am series against larger, better-funded teams and world-class drivers. The car is owned by Ken Epsman of Saratoga and prepared by McGee Motorsports at Sonoma Raceway; Joy raced it previously in the Monterey Historics and won an Historic Trans Am race in the rain at Lime Rock.

"While I love broadcasting the NASCAR Cup Series each week for FOX Sports, my heart is with the great Historic Trans Am racers that I followed in 1966-72," said Joy. "That these exact cars have been so lovingly restored AND are being raced hard today is simply amazing. This adds a great 'throwback' aspect to Sonoma's NASCAR weekend, and I'm very honored Ken has asked me to run the car."

The Historic Trans Am Series hits the track on Saturday morning with practice beginning at 9 a.m., qualifying at 10:30 a.m. and a 30-minute timed race at 1 p.m. Sunday's Historic Trans Am action will kick off with warm up laps at 9:15 a.m. followed by another 30-minute feature at 10:30 a.m. prior to the Toyota/Save Mart 350 NASCAR Cup Series main event at 1 p.m. These are real Trans Am race cars – not reproductions – racing and competing 50 years after the series' heyday in the late 1960s and early '70s.

"Fans of NASCAR and all types of sports car racing will love seeing and hearing these ground-pounders in wheel-to-wheel action," continued Joy.

Other significant Trans Am cars scheduled to compete include a 1969 championship Camaro raced by Mark Donohue at then-Sears Point Raceway; a 1970 championship-winning yellow Mustang driven by Parnelli Jones; a lime green Dodge Challenger raced by Sam Posey and a 1972 championship-winning AMC Javelin driven by George Follmer.

NASCAR returns to Sonoma Raceway, June 5-6. Limited tickets and camping remain for the Toyota/Save Mart 350 weekend. Visit [www.SonomaRaceway.com](http://www.SonomaRaceway.com), call 800-870-RACE or follow @RaceSonoma for more information.

### Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Texas Motor Speedway and Big Frig have reached a multi-year agreement for the provider of premium rotomolded coolers, tumblers, growlers and dry boxes to assume naming rights to the luxury RV space located above the backstretch now known as Big Frig's Burnout Alley.

Founded in 2016 and based in North Sioux City, South Dakota, Big Frig offers superior quality products to withstand extreme conditions at affordable prices and is an Official Partner of Texas Motor Speedway. Big Frig's Burnout Alley opens June 10 for the June 12-13 NASCAR All-

Star Race weekend.

"We are excited to partner with Texas Motor Speedway to bring racing fans Big Frig's Burnout Alley," said Big Frig founder Brock Hutchinson, "We have enjoyed several races in Burnout Alley over the past couple of years and it fits the Big Frig way of life. Whether its tailgating an event, hunting in extreme conditions or enjoying a weekend at Big Frig's Burnout Alley, we have the premium coolers and tumblers to fit your way of life."

Opened in 2009, Big Frig's Burnout Alley provides unparalleled views and oversized RV parking spaces that can be customized to fit every RVers needs. Each of the 54 spaces can accommodate up to 20 guests and includes concierge service for groceries or catering, full RV hook-ups, free wireless internet, 24-hour restroom access and 24-hour security during major event weekends at No Limits, Texas.

"Big Frig's Burnout Alley will be a great location to catch all the action for the upcoming NASCAR All-Star Race weekend and all the other great racing for years to come at Texas Motor Speedway," said Texas Motor Speedway President and General Manager Eddie Gossage. "Race fans should be on the lookout for future promotions between our two teams as the season continues."

### World Wide Technology Raceway

Three legends from the famed "Street Outlaws" television show will bring their radical cars to World Wide Technology Raceway's drag strip on Wednesday, June 2. The first "Street Outlaws No Prep Kings" event of the 2021 season will take place on Friday in Ohio and Tony deJonge (Higbee, Missouri), Kye Kelley and Jeff Martin will test at WWTR during Wide Open Wednesday.

The June 2 edition of Wide Open Wednesday will be packed with entertainment:

- "Street Outlaws No Prep Kings" TV show stars testing on the drag strip.
- Rockin' 'n' Racin' Concert Series featuring country artist Jordan Suter & The High Road (<https://www.jordansuter.com/>) on stage on the midway.
- Ranken Technical College presents High School class drag racing.
- Test 'n' Tune for dragsters, cars and motorcycles.

- NHRA Jr. Street program.

Gates will open at 5 p.m. with racing at 6 p.m. Spectator admission is \$18 for adults and \$8 for kids ages 8-15. Children 7 and under are free.

For additional information on World Wide Technology Raceway, please call (618) 215-8888 or visit [www.WWTRaceway.com](http://www.WWTRaceway.com). Follow WWTR on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram.

### Nashville Superspeedway

LEBANON, TN - TriGreen Equipment, a leading regional John Deere supplier, has been named the Preferred Lawn Equipment Provider at Nashville Superspeedway as the track prepares for its June 18-20 NASCAR tripleheader weekend, track and company officials announced today.

TriGreen Equipment's lawn-care machinery works throughout Nashville Superspeedway's approximately 1,000 acres, including the track's infield and RV campground areas.

The June 18-20 NASCAR tripleheader weekend at Nashville Superspeedway includes the "Ally 400" NASCAR Cup Series race on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20 (2:30 p.m. CT, NBCSN), the inaugural NASCAR Cup Series race in track's history and the first NASCAR Cup Series race in Middle Tennessee in 37 years.

TriGreen Equipment, formed in 2006, has almost two dozen full-service John Deere dealerships throughout Tennessee and Alabama and employs more than 400 people. In addition to residential customers, TriGreen provides lawn-care equipment to larger agricultural, government and commercial firms.

Nashville Superspeedway's first two races on its Father's Day weekend slate include the "Tennessee Lottery 250" NASCAR Xfinity Series Dash 4 Cash race on Saturday, June 19 (2:30 p.m. CT, NBCSN) and the "Rackley Roofing 200" NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race on Friday, June 18 (7 p.m. CT, FS1).

Fans can order tickets by visiting [NashvilleSuperSpeedway.com](http://NashvilleSuperSpeedway.com) or calling 866-RACETIX. Keep track of Nashville Superspeedway's latest news and updates by visiting [NashvilleSuperSpeedway.com](http://NashvilleSuperSpeedway.com).





## Bowman Gray Stadium

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - TrackPass on NBC Sports Gold announced today it will exclusively air Bowman Gray Stadium's return to racing live on Saturday, June 5. The Winston-Salem, North Carolina, short-track, known as "The Madhouse," will host the Hayes Jewelers 200 (a 200-lap Modified contest), along with Sportsman, Street Stock and Stadium Stock division events. It marks Bowman Gray's first on-track action since August of 2019. The venue's 2020 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, TrackPass will air live racing from Bowman Gray on Saturday, July 24. The night's events include the Colors Edge Sportsman 100, a chain race, and competition from the Modified, Street Stock and Stadium stock divisions.

Bowman Gray seats 17,000 fans and is known for its intense on-track action, feuds, crashes and passionate crowds.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series track has hosted races since 1949 and enters its 72nd season in 2021. Opened by NASCAR Founder Bill France Sr. and Alvin Hawkins, the quarter-mile asphalt oval has held more than 1,000 NASCAR-sanctioned races.

"Bowman Gray Stadium is one of the most storied tracks in the history of NASCAR and represents everything that is great about weekly racing," said Brandon Igdalsky, NASCAR managing director weetouring series. "It's a big win for fans across the country to see the Bowman Gray racing on TrackPass and hopefully experience the energy there in person one day."

A who's who of NASCAR legends have competed at Bowman Gray, including Junior Johnson, Richard Petty, Glen Wood, David Pearson, Richie Evans and Jerry Cook. Petty won his 100th career race at Bowman Gray, while Richard Childress sold concessions at the track before purchasing his first car to run there. Racing dynasties that are part of Bowman Gray's lore include, the Pettys, Alisons, Myerses and Earnhardts.

This season, 10-time champ Burt Myers and 10-time champ Tim

Brown will once again be battling for the title – with challengers such as James Civali, Brandon Ward, Jonathan Brown, and Jason Myers vying for the crown as well.

"We're excited to get back to racing in 2021 and can't wait to bring the action of the Madhouse once again to fans - both in person and online through TrackPass on NBC Sports Gold."

## Carteret County Speedway

PELETIER, NC – Summer Sullivan's first career Carteret County Speedway victory was made all the more special when her father, Steve, picked up a win on the same night in Sunday's Solid Rock Carriers Memorial Classic at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway.

Summer Sullivan had finished either second or third in every race in 2021 while division points leader Adam Mattice had entered the season undefeated. On this night, however, it was the 12-year-old from Swansboro who would shine – starting on the pole, leading the most laps, and retaking the lead on the last lap from Mattice en route to

led wire-to-wire in a wild U-CAR feature to pick up the second win of the evening for the Sullivan family. After the race, Summer, with her trophy still in hand, hugged her father in victory lane.

"I am so proud of him," she stated on the microphone after the U-CAR race. "He did such a good job staying in front."

Sullivan had to hold on to the lead during a frantic start of the race when multiple cautions set up multiple restarts, but once the race got going, he was able to drive away from the field to score his fourth consecutive U-CAR win.

"I never thought, in a million years, that we would have wins together on the same night," Steve Sullivan said in victory lane after the U-CAR feature. "We're definitely going to do some partying tonight."

The celebration for the Sullivan family was not just limited to Steve and Summer. Steve's son, Russell, said after the U-CAR race, "I'm so proud of my dad out there, I love you dad so much."

Adam Mattice went on to finish second in the Jr. Mini Cup feature

Series saw its second different winner.

Entering Sunday night's Memorial Classic, Trevor Ward had an average finish of 12.67 across three starts at Carteret County Speedway, all of which coming in the Solid Rock Carriers CARS Tour. The fourth time would be the charm.

The Winston Salem driver entered Sunday's race with a win on the season, which came at the re-opening of Ace Speedway in Alamanace County – a track that is flat much like Carteret but has a different configuration. After falling back to sixth on the race's opening lap, Ward methodically raced his way through the field over the course of the 75 lap race, taking the lead from on lap 42 and never looking back, taking home the winner's trophy and a \$5,000 check.

"We've been needing another win," Ward said. "We got one earlier this year. All I told myself was I wanted to win one this year for my little girl. She just turned one and I wish she was here today. She'll be happy. We struggled in practice, car felt good but I'm not real familiar with



**It was a winning day for the Sullivans at Carteret County Speedway. Daughter Summer won her first career victory Saturday night. Her father Steve also won his series feature. (CCS photo)**

her first career win.

"I am so freaking excited," Summer Sullivan said with maximum enthusiasm in victory lane. "This is my first time winning here and I am so excited. It's so special. It's a once in a lifetime thing. I'm so glad and I hope it can happen again."

After scoring the victory, Summer watched as her father, Steve,

over Alexis Steffan, Mylah Provost, and Blaine Mattice. Curtis Lanier finished second to Sullivan in the U-CAR race while Lynn Waller, Abby Jolly, and Ricky Houser rounded out the top-five.

Trevor Ward claims third round of Fast Five Late Model Series

The third round of the Solid Rock Carriers Fast Five Late Model

the rules here. There's a lot less horsepower than what we have. We missed it in qualifying but I knew we had a good racecar. I've got to thank the good Lord above. It's always good to get a win. I'm not familiar with who I was racing with. Just raced everyone as clean as we could and put on a good

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show.”

In addition to the money and the trophy, Ward’s name will be added to the Wall of Winners on the track’s frontstretch.

“That would be awesome,” Ward stated. “I definitely should make it back here. We’ll see how the money goes. Y’all treat everybody good. Great track owner here. Couldn’t ask him for any better for what

he’s trying to put on for short track racing.”

Connor Hall settled for a second-place finish while Daniel Vuncannon, Boo Boo Dalton and Kenneth Mercer rounded out the top-five.

Singletary dominates for fourth career Legends win

Chase Singletary was lights out in the Legends feature on Sunday, leading wire-to-wire and holding off challenges from both Shane Irving and Brenton Irving.

In the closing laps, Shane Irving had tucked to the inside of Singletary to make the pass for the lead but spun out in turn two before completing the pass, setting up a lone attempt at an overtime finish. In overtime, Brenton Irving also made a daring attempt to pass with the same result, which ended the race and secured a dominant win for the Burgaw, North Carolina driver.

“I was trying to play the mind game after those couple restarts,” Singletary said. “Was just trying to think about what he was thinking and think about what I was thinking. Overall, today, we had a really fast car. It’s been a really good day for us and I’m glad to be back in victory lane. It was a good clean race. I drove good, everybody else drove good.”

Because the caution came out on the last lap of the race, a lengthy review of the results had to be initiated which included video replay. The review determined that Aaron Crumpler finished second and Chris Smith finished third, with Shane Irving and Brenton Irving rounding out the top-five.

Other divisions and looking ahead

Travis Miller scored the win in the Battlefield Tire Pros Mini Stock feature, Ricky Heigl, Sr. got redemption in the Invida FN Bomber division with a victory, and Dwight

Sauls scored the overall win in the Southern Ground Pounders feature while Chris Hicks scored the Vintage Sportsman win.

Carteret County Speedway will be back in action on Saturday night, June 5th, with the Saturday Night Shootout presented by Jersey Mike’s Subs of Cape Carteret and Swansboro. The Saturday Night Shootout will kick off with an exhibition BMX performance from Chain Reaction Action Sports out of New Bern, North Carolina, and will continue with racing for the Invida FN Bombers, Battlefield Tire Pros Mini Stocks, Super Trucks, Legends, Champ Karts, and Jr. Mini Cups.

The Saturday Night Shootout will also serve as First Responders Appreciation Night with police, firefighters, and Emergency Medical Responders getting in for \$10 each.

Racing will get underway at 6:15pm.

For more information about Bobby Watson’s Carteret County Speedway, visit the track’s official website at [www.carteretspeedway.com](http://www.carteretspeedway.com), “like” Carteret County Speedway on Facebook or follow @carteretcoswy on Twitter and Instagram

## Clinton County Speedway

MILL HALL, PA - Clinton County Speedway officials made the decision to cancel the Friday, May 28th event when it started to rain mid-afternoon on Friday. The extended forecast for the remainder of the evening also predicted continued rain throughout the night.

As a result, the speedway will focus on the upcoming show on Friday, June 4th. Werner Fuels of Paxinos will present a 5 division racing program featuring the Race Saver Sprint Cars, Pro Stocks, 270 Micro Sprints, 600 Micro Sprints, and the 4 Cylinder Stock Cars. Gates will open at 5PM, hot-laps are at 7PM and racing begins at 7:30PM.

So far this season, the current championship point leaders are as follows: Garrett Bard of Wells Tannery leads the RaceSaver Sprint Cars, Andrew Yoder of Middleburg leads the Limited Late Models, Brandon Moser of Millerstown leads the Pro Stocks, Johnny Smith of Scranton leads the 600 Micro Sprints, Jeffrey Weaver of Lock Haven leads the 270 Micro Sprints, and Blake Snyder of Montgomery leads the 4 Cylinder Stock Cars.

For more information, visit [www.clintoncountyspeedway.com](http://www.clintoncountyspeedway.com) or visit the speedway on Facebook.

## Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - Saturday night would see the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series return to action at America’s Most Famous Short Track, Hickory Motor Speedway, with a full slate of racing action.

Leading off the evening’s festivities would be the Heritage Finance Late Models with the first of their twin 40 lap features. Ryan Millington in the #15 would pace qualifying and start from pole position with Isabella Robusto in the #55 to his outside. Landon Huffman in the #21 and Josh Kossek in the #44 would make up row two for the start. Millington would move quickly to the lead with Huffman challenging Robusto for second. Huffman would take the spot as they would line up to chase down the leader, Millington. The halfway point would see Millington, Huffman, Robusto, Charlie Watson in the #9, and Rajah Caruth in the #6 as the top five. Lap 30 would see Caruth move around Watson for fourth. With ten laps to go Huffman would drive to within a car length of the leader Millington. Millington would prove too strong and take the win. Huffman would finish 2nd and Robusto would take 3rd. Caruth would finish 4th with Watson taking 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off next for their 35 lap feature. Bryson Ruff in the #24 would pace qualifying and start from the top spot with Max Price in the #22 to his outside. Row two would see Casey Pierce in the #18 and Mason Maggio in the #12 side by side for the green flag. Price and Ruff would go door to door for several laps until Price would move into the lead on lap 3. Maggio and Pierce would battle several laps for third before Maggio would nose ahead for the spot. Lap 18 would see the #71 of Katie Het-

tinger move by Pierce for fourth. Ruff would make the move for the top spot and take the lead from Price on lap 29. Ruff would go on to take the win. Price would finish 2nd and Maggio would take 3rd. Hettinger would grab 4th with Pierce taking 5th.

The 4-Cylinders would be the next to hit the track for their 15 lap feature. Cody Combs in the #9 would pace qualifying and start from pole position with Robert Trivette in the #11 to his outside. Trivette would take the lead with Combs close in his path. Lap 12 would see Combs move around Trivette for the top spot. Combs would hang on to take the win with Trivette grabbing 2nd.

The Heritage Finance Street Stocks would roar to life next for their 30 lap feature. Cody DeMarmels in the #12 would pace qualifying and start from the top spot with Jesse Clark in the #5 to his outside. Row two would see Ethan Johnson in the #2 and Derek Fowler in the #31 side by side for the green flag. DeMarmels would drive to the early lead with Johnson looking under Clark for second. Clark would keep the position and look to run down the leader, DeMarmels. Lap 10 would see Marshall Sutton in the #64 move to fifth, passing Jonathon Smith in the #16. The caution would fly on lap 14 as smoke would billow out from underneath Clark’s second place running machine. Clark would pull to the pits and end his night early.

After a lengthy caution for cleanup, DeMarmels and Johnson would bring the field back to the green flag. DeMarmels would move to the lead and bring Fowler with him to second place. Sutton would move around Johnson for third on lap 24. DeMarmels would face a late challenge by Fowler but would

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Ryan Millington and crew celebrate winning both 40-lap Late Model features at Hickory Motor Speedway. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)



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hang on for the win. Fowler would take 2nd and Sutton would finish 3rd. Johnson would finish 4th and Smith would grab 5th after a spirited battle with #03 of Kevin Eby.

Next up would see the Renegades hit the track for their 20 lap battle. Robbie Hollifield in the #51 would pace qualifying and start from pole position with Brandon Hasson in the #82 to his outside.

Matthew Chambers in the #81 and David Hasson in the #83 would make up row two for the start. Hollifield would pull to the early lead. The #6 of Spencer Dickinson would start shotgun on the field, but roar up to second by lap 10. Father and son would battle for third place between Brandon and David Hasson. Hollifield would drive on to take the win. Dickinson would close the gap and have to settle for 2nd with Brandon Hasson taking 3rd. David Hasson would finish 4th and Chambers would grab 5th.

Closing out the night's events would be the Heritage Finance Late Models for the second of their 40 lap features. After an 8 car invert from the finishing order of race one, Jessie Cann in the #19 and Bryson Dennis in the #6 would make up the front row for the green flag. Row two would see Josh Kossek in the #44 and Charlie Watson in the #9 side by side for the start. Dennis would nose ahead for the lead with Cann facing a challenge from Kossek. Kossek would take the position and look to move into the lead. Lap 4 would see Kossek move to the top spot around Dennis. Rajah Caruth in the #6 would move to 2nd and give chase to the leader, Kossek. The caution would fly on lap 8 for a three car incident involving the #21 of Landon Huffman, the #55 of Isabella Robusto, and Cann. All would be able to continue.

The restart would see Kossek and Caruth side by side for the restart. Kossek would move quickly to the lead. Ryan Millington in the #15 would come charging through the field and take the lead on lap 16. Caruth would move up to second and bring Huffman to third. Millington would go on take the win, sweeping the twin features on the night. Caruth would finish 2nd with Huffman grabbing 3rd. Kossek would finish 4th and Robusto would

take 5th.

For more info check us out at [www.hickorymotorspeedway.com](http://www.hickorymotorspeedway.com), Facebook, Twitter, or call 828-464-3655.

## Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Selinsgrove Speedway will present the Eighth Annual Kramer Cup sanctioned by the United Racing Club at 7 p.m. this Saturday, June 5, to honor the memory of sprint car racing legend Kramer Williamson of Palmyra. The 25-lap 360 sprint car race will pay \$2,573 to win and \$273 to start.

Joining the 360 sprint cars will be the Apache Tree Service 305 sprint cars and A&A Auto Stores roadrunners in 20-lap and 12-lap main events, respectively.

This Saturday senior citizens with ID will be admitted grandstand general admission for just \$10. Apache Tree Service of Middleburg will also sponsor the annual \$500 Kids' Money Scramble on the frontstretch of the speedway for three age groups: 4 and under, 5-9 years old, and 10-12 years old.

Pit gates will open at 4 p.m. with grandstand gates at 5 p.m.

For fans who can't make it to the track, the race will be available to purchase as a live PPV event on [sprintcarunlimited.tv](http://sprintcarunlimited.tv).

Keller's Auto Body & Towing of Selinsgrove finished the beautiful custom pink trophy cup that will be presented to the winner of this weekend's Kramer Cup memorial race.

Kramer Williamson succumbed to injuries he sustained in a sprint car racing accident at the Lincoln Speedway in Abbottstown in August of 2013.

For most of his racing career, Williamson drove the famous "Pink Panther" No. 73 sprint car and won hundreds of races across the country as well as in Australia and Canada. He clinched sprint car track championships at Selinsgrove Speedway and Williams Grove Speedway, where he also was a former winner of the prestigious Williams Grove National Open.

In 2008, Williamson was recognized for his incredible accomplishments in auto racing when he was inducted into the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Iowa.

At Selinsgrove Speedway, Williamson's lone championship was in 1978. His first win in a super sprint car at the track was on Sept. 3, 1973, and his last was on Aug. 10, 1981. He is tied with Barry Camp of Beavertown for the ninth

spot on the track's all-time win list for super sprint cars with 25 career victories.

During the latter part of his career, Williamson had been touring on the URC circuit. He scored a single URC win at Selinsgrove on July 8, 1995, which was the last time he won a race at his former home track. In all, Williamson recorded 67 career wins and three championships with URC.

Mark Smith of Sunbury has won five of the seven Kramer Cups, with victories in last year's race along with checkered flags in 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018. Robbie Stillwagon of Burlington, N.J., scored the prestigious win in 2015 and Ryan Smith of Kunkletown was the 2019 winner.

Members of the Williamson family are expected to be in attendance with one of the Pink Panther No. 73 sprint cars on display at the track. Race fans and teams are invited to wear pink apparel to honor the memory of Williamson.

For the latest news, results, and race status, visit [selinsgrovespeedway.com](http://selinsgrovespeedway.com) or follow us on Twitter and Facebook. The speedway office can also be reached at 570.374.2266.

## South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Peyton Sellers admitted he didn't have the best car, but it was good enough to deliver a win in the 100-lap NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division race that headlined Saturday night's Southside Disposal Memorial Day Weekend Showdown at South Boston Speedway.

Sellers, of Ringgold, Virginia, sped past pole winner Stuart Crews of Long Island, Virginia to take the

lead on the 14th lap, with Thomas Scott following him to the front. From there, the race became a battle between Sellers and Scott, with Scott hounding Sellers for the lead for most of the remaining 86 laps.

Scott, of Efland, North Carolina, made several runs at Sellers for the lead, but Sellers fended off Scott's challenge each time. Sellers gradually inched away from Scott over the last 15 laps, crossing the finish line 1.518 seconds ahead of Scott to take the win.

"It's good to put this Clarence's Steak House car in Victory Lane," Sellers remarked.

"We didn't have the best car here tonight. Thomas Scott did. I just kept it (the car) on the bottom. I really didn't have to make the car wide. I was just able to slide up, and I had good grip off the top side and the bottom. I was just able to beat him on drive-off (off of the corners)."

Scott had multiple opportunities to take the lead but was unwilling to move Sellers out of the way.

"If it had been anybody else, I probably would have used him up a little more," Scott said.

"They've been working hard and he's running for a national championship. If I wrecked my boss, it would have put me in a weird spot."

Scott said he felt good knowing he had the best car.

"It feels good to have the best car," Scott remarked.

"I ran my right rear tire pretty hard trying to pass him a few times. He was holding strong on the top. When it came time to go the last 15 laps, I just didn't have any right rear (tire) left to get off of the corner and he was able to get away from me a little bit."

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**Peyton Sellers (26) fends off a challenge from Thomas Scott (8) during the 100-lap NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division race that headlined Saturday night's Southside Disposal Memorial Day Weekend Showdown at South Boston Speedway. (JOE CHANDLER/SBS photo)**



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olina finished third with Crews finishing fourth and Landon Pemberton of Amelia, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

Chris Johnson of Ashland, Virginia finished sixth and was followed by Carter Langley of Zebulon, North Carolina, Trey Crews of Halifax, Virginia, Camden Gullie of Durham, North Carolina and Chris Denny of Timberlake, North

Carolina.

The results of Saturday night's 100-lap Late Model Stock Car Division race are unofficial pending post-race inspection.

**Eversole Captures Limited Sportsman Division Victory**

It has been two full seasons since J.D. Eversole of North Chesterfield, Virginia has won a NASCAR Limited Sportsman Division race at South Boston Speedway. The long drought came to an end Saturday night in the first 25-lap race of what had been scheduled as twin 25-lap races.

Eversole took the lead on the opening lap of the race and fended off a challenge from Drew Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia in a two-lap dash to the finish that followed the last of the race's three caution flags to secure his first win of the sea-

son.

Dawson finished second .569-second behind Eversole with Eric Winslow of Pelham, North Carolina finishing third. Daniel Crews of Long Island, Virginia and Andrew Amos of Callands, Virginia rounded out the top five finishers.

**Johnny Layne Scores His First Win Of The Season In The 30-Lap Pure Stock Race**

Johnny Layne of Halifax, Virginia had to wait through a lengthy rain delay but the wait was worth it as he captured his first win of the season in Saturday night's 30-lap Budweiser Pure Stock Division race.

Layne led twice in the race, leading all but seven laps enroute to a 1.242-second win over runner-up Justin Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia. Scott Phillips of Halifax, Virginia finished third in his best outing of the season. Bruce Mayo of Halifax, Virginia and Randy Hupp of Halifax, Virginia completed the top five finishers.

Layne's victory ended a six-race win streak that had been compiled by division points leader Nathan Crews of Long Island, Virginia. Crews was leading the race when the engine in his car expired, forcing him to the sidelines.

Rain washed out the night's scheduled second 25-lap Limited Sportsman Division race and the 15-lap Budweiser Hornets Division race.

**Next Race At South Boston Speedway**

South Boston Speedway will

continue its Celebrate America Campaign when NASCAR racing action returns to "America's Hometown Track" on Saturday night, June 12 with the Halifax Insurance NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s racing program.

Twin 75-lap races for the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division will headline the five-race card. A 50-lap race for the Limited Sportsman Division, a 30-lap race for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division and a 15-lap race for the Budweiser Hornets Division are also included in the night's racing action.

The race day schedule has registration and pit gates opening at 2 p.m. Practice will begin at 4 p.m. and grandstand gates will open at 5:30 p.m. Qualifying will start at 6 p.m. and the first race will get the green flag at 7 p.m.

Advance adult general admission tickets for the June 12 race are priced at \$10 each and may be purchased online on South Boston Speedway's website, [www.southbostonspeedway.com](http://www.southbostonspeedway.com), through Friday night, June 11. Adult general admission tickets at the gate on race day are priced at \$15 each. Kids ages 12 and under will be admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.

The latest news and updates about South Boston Speedway and its racing events can be found on the South Boston Speedway website and through the speedway's

social media channels.

## Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - When the green flag flew on the first Late Model feature of the 2021 season back on April 24 for Stafford Speedway, Kevin Gambacorta kicked off his 21st consecutive season of weekly competition at the Connecticut half-mile facility. Over the years, Gambacorta has made his name familiar to full fender race fans with 18 feature wins spread across the Late Model, Limited Late Model, and Street Stock divisions to go along with 3 career track championships. Gambacorta's most recent victory on May 21st came as a result of some unusual circumstances.

Gambacorta has piloted his own car ever since he made his Stafford debut back in the Street Stock division in 2001 and that's how he started this season. Gambacorta was driving his familiar #23 Lavigne Law Dodge and also put together a backup car. When he experienced a mechanical issue in his #23 car several weeks ago, he turned to an old friend, Andy Marchese and took over the driving duties of the #5 Marchese Landscaping Chevrolet. After a disappointing 19th place finish on May 14th where Gambacorta had to deal with 2 flat tires during the race, he came back on May 21st and drove the #5 car to NAPA Victory Lane for his first feature win nearly 2 years to the day

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Kevin Gambacorta is racing his 21st season at Stafford Motor Speedway this year and is doing it in winning fashion. (SMS photo)





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with his last win coming on June 7, 2019.

"A couple weeks ago in practice I broke a spindle in my car," said Gambacorta. "In the process of starting to get things fixed, I got to thinking about my future in the Late Model division and I needed to come up with a plan on where I wanted to go before I got trapped in a box. Andy is a good friend of mine and I knew his car was only a year or two old and it has the best of everything on it. Andy agreed to let me drive his car so I called Bob Fill and told him what the plan was and asked if he would work with me. Bob was on board and originally I was looking to get 3 races and see if I liked everything and if it worked for me but now my deal with Andy is I'm going to drive the #5 car for the rest of the season. I just sold my #23 car and our plan is to start building a second car that will be a twin to the car that Andy has now so we have 2 cars for next season."

Normally any time a driver changes cars it takes time to get used to the feel and handling characteristics of the car, but for Gambacorta the transition from his #23 car to Marchese's #5 car was an almost seamless transition.

"I had a feeling the first week I drove the car that if we didn't have 2 flat tires that we would have had a good shot at winning that race," said Gambacorta. "I felt very comfortable in the car and I was able to drive back through the field even though we were a lap down. I had been doubting myself because it was almost 2 years since I last won a race but that race helped me get my confidence back. I was telling myself right before that first race in Andy's car that I might go out and finish 15th or something like that and it might be a couple of races before I got comfortable in that car. I've run the same car for the last 15 years in the Limited Late Model and then Late Model divisions so I figured if I had the chance to try something new without going out and buying everything first then I should take advantage of that opportunity."

Gambacorta's new ride not only has him feeling confident about winning races again, but it has also helped alleviate the stress of running his own team with very little

crew help.

"The last 2 races, I've been more relaxed at the track than I've ever been before," said Gambacorta. "Bob [Fill] comes down after every practice to look at the car and he made a change on the car before the feature last week just as I was getting strapped in. I have no idea what he did and I guess I don't really care what it was because it worked and I don't have to worry about that stuff any more. Alex Grab is working with me on tires, so I don't have to worry about that either. Normally I'd get out of the car after a practice round or heat race and I'd have no one to lean on so I'd be thinking about maybe check this or change that and I'd be all over the place. It's a lot more relaxed now."

With a renewed confidence and less stress at the track, Gambacorta is now targeting more feature wins as well as making a run at the Late Model championship. Gambacorta is only 28 points, or 14 positions on the track, behind Michael Wray for the Late Model points lead and he is looking to become the first driver in Stafford history to win track championships in three different divisions.

"I think as long as we have good luck we should be a top-5 car every week," said Gambacorta. "We obviously want to win more races and right now we're only 28 points out of the lead so Andy is excited to go try to run for a championship. I've wanted to win a Late Model championship for a long time now and Andy would be more than thrilled to win a championship as a car owner so that's kind of where our talk is right now. Andy has really good equipment and I have good people all around me so now if I struggle, we can keep things going in the right direction. I have to thank all my sponsors, Lavigne Law, Life-Care Family Chiropractic, Cold Creek Tavern, Hometown Pizza, Conventional Builders, CT Axle and Spindle Service, Marchese Landscaping, Right Image Signs, Neil's Fine Wine and Liquors, and Auto Machine. We didn't have them on the car last week, which I felt really bad about, but they'll all be on the car this Friday and for the rest of the season."

For more information, contact the Stafford Motor Speedway track office at 860-684-2783 or at [www.staffordmotorspeedway.com](http://www.staffordmotorspeedway.com).

## Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway has canceled its Weekly Racing event scheduled

for Friday, May 28th due to forecasted showers and rain. Stafford Speedway will return to racing action next Friday night, June 4 with a Kids Night Weekly Racing Series program featuring the SK Modified®, Late Model, SK Light, Limited Late Model, and Street Stock divisions. Any tickets sold for the May 28 event will be honored next Friday night, June 4.

Tickets for June 4th are priced at \$20.00 for adult general admission tickets with all kids 14 & under admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult. Reserved seating is priced at \$25.00 for all ages.

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## Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Rain has cancelled the May 28 All Stars Circuit of Champions Sprints Davey Brown Tribute Race at Williams Grove Speedway.

The Davey Brown Tribute Race honors and activities will be made-up at the opener of the Pennsylvania Speedweek Series coming up at the track on Friday, June 25

Infield pre-race activities that night are tentatively slated to begin at approximately 5:45 with an hour of driver and personality interviews, and cars on display – all in honor of legendary, Hall of Fame mechanic Dave Brown Sr. who turns 87 on Memorial Day.

A lineup of attending drivers and other personalities forever linked to Brown will be released in the coming weeks.

Famed veteran sprint car driver, author and personality Brad Doty of Apple Creek, Ohio will also be on hand for the big event!

Williams Grove returns to action on Friday, June 4 with H & N Landscaping Schools Out Night, featuring the 410 sprints and the USAC East wingless 360 sprints.

Action will start at 7:30 pm.

Keep up to all the latest speedway news and information by visiting the oval's official website at [www.williamsgrrove.com](http://www.williamsgrrove.com) or by following the track on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Williams Grove Speedway will be in action this Friday, June 4 with H & N Landscaping School's Out Night for the kids featuring racing action for the Lawrence Chevrolet 410

sprint cars and the wingless USAC East 360 sprints.

Gates will open at 5:30 pm with race time set for 7:30.

Adult general admission for the June 4 racing program is set at \$20 with students ages 13-20 admitted for just \$10.

Kids ages 12 and under are always admitted for FREE at Williams Grove Speedway.

And the kids will be the focus on this night as they celebrate School's Out!

Activities, games and prizes will be set up for the youngsters in the infield beginning when gates open at 5:30.

A driver autograph session will also take place. There will also be a fireworks display for the kids.

To date in seven events run at Williams Grove Speedway, there has not been a repeat winner in 410 sprint car action.

Lance Dewease is the most recent 410 sprint car winner at Williams Grove, having taken his unprecedented 100th career speedway victory on May 21.

USAC East has been in action only once before at the track, last August.

Steve Drevicki took the win in that event.

Allentown's Briggs Danner is the current USAC East series point leader while Dewease leads the 410 sprint car point standings at Williams Grove.

June 11 will be a big night for fans at Williams Grove Speedway as the track hosts Fan Appreciation Night, presented by Hoseheads.com.

Beginning at 5:30 when gates open on June 11, general admission ticket holders will be granted unrestricted access to the frontstretch sprint car pit area until 6:15.

Fans will be able to get up close and personal with their favorite cars and drivers, get autographs and take photos.

Free candy will be go to fans entering the pits courtesy of [www.hoseheads.com](http://www.hoseheads.com), one of the most prominent internet sprint car results websites as owned and hosted by Drums' native Allan Holland.

Racing action will include the 410 sprints and the 358 sprints in a MacMor Construction Summer Series race.

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