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## Road Course King Chase Elliott is Back to Winning Ways



# Interest in NASCAR Charters Explodes as Next Gen Era Approaches

Not only did an estimated 100,000 fans help NASCAR celebrate a successful return to Road America last weekend, but they were also treated to a rarity in racing – a full field of cars.

Even as the government continues to dole out unemployment and benefit checks under the guise of getting the economy back on track, the sport of stock-car racing proved recovery is back in the fast lane.

And with the newest announcement of Trackhouse Entertainment Group's purchase of Chip Ganassi Racing's NASCAR assets, there is plenty of new money banking on the financial benefits of racing.

Eighteen months ago, Trackhouse owner Justin Marks added American rapper, singer, songwriter, brand ambassador, businessman and philanthropist Armando Christian Pérez, known professionally as Pitbull, as a partner. Now they will be a formidable two-car operation that includes the safety net of the guaranteed riches of a NASCAR charter.

"I always did anticipate this being the trajectory of the company in some cadence," Marks said. "But as the landscape – as the charter landscape kind of heated up a little bit, it obviously was important from Day 1 of the year to explore these options because we were leasing our charter. While this is much more than just the acquisition of a charter, it certainly was something that's been important to be pursuing the whole time."

Marks will keep Daniel Suarez in one of his cars. A driver for the second team wasn't revealed.

Trackhouse's two-car entry comes on the heels of Matt Kaulig's announcement three months ago he was buying two Cup Series charters to expand his organization's footprints from the Xfinity to the Cup series.

A year ago, Denny Hamlin partnered with Michael Jordan to create a team. Dale Earnhardt used to

drive for Richard Childress Racing, all while owning three cars from the DEI stables. Hamlin, who works for Joe Gibbs Racing, is doing the same.

Now comes word Brad Keselowski is likely to leave Penske Racing to become a driver and partner at Roush Fenway Racing. Instead of being a hired hand, he will share in the riches, job security and headaches of ownership.

The sudden interest in the Cup Series coincides with NASCAR's planned implementation of the Next-Gen race car. The new racer is expected to streamline production, maintenance and costs – all while creating a greater of competition.

NASCAR currently has 36 charters – which essentially are franchises – to guarantee teams a spot in the starting lineup. That only leaves four spots on the grid for non-charter teams. More important, prize money is calculated to benefit the chartered teams. Not only do teams without charters have to race their way into the lineup – or qualify by one of NASCAR's selection guidelines – they can't rely on prize money to make ends meet.

Until recently, it wasn't difficult to race. In fact, 15 of 20 races haven't featured a full field of 40 cars this year. The only races to enjoy a full field were superspeedway races at the Daytona International Speedway and Talladega Superspeedway, and road courses at Daytona, Circuit of the Americas and Road America.

Charters were about \$6 million a couple of years ago, but with the Next Gen on the way, that figure now has been reported to be as much as \$10 million.

"You have to pay to play, that's just the way the system works," Kaulig said.

Marks said it was important to be on board during the infancy of the Next Gen era.

"I think where my mind goes is this is proof of concept for NASCAR's vision for the future," he said. "It's proof of concept for the new car. This is exactly what they



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**JUSTIN MARKS**  
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were trying to do with this new car. The business model of the sport made the barrier of entry for new ownership just higher and higher and higher every single year and it was going to take something like this to ignite a movement like this. I think we're proving that there's a lot of desire to get into this sport, just the mechanism to do that has just been too high of a mountain for a lot of people to climb.

"But I think the promise of the new car and the model of the new car is that opportunity for a lot of owners. Denny [Hamlin] and I talk about this, and I think it's a common theme among a number of the new owners in that this is the op-

portunity to come in when the sport is in a big transition, period of transition, and I think the days ahead for the sport and for new ownership and these new teams are really, really bright, and I'm very fortunate to be a part of it."

Marks had been outspoken about the difficulty of obtaining a charter. He was the low bidder on four other charters.

"I think the only reason why I had some of those comments was because some frustration because I was a bidder on no less than four charters before this point, and I know what those charters traded at," Marks said. "But things are changing quickly in the economy of this sport."

Marks didn't wait for a fifth opportunity. This time, he made his own way with a cold call to Ganassi. Then he made Ganassi an offer he couldn't refuse.

"You still have to have big money if you want to compete," Ganassi said. "Every team owner, whether it be in the front of the pack, middle of the pack or the back thinks about whether or not this business model is really going to work for them. There's all kinds of avenues you can take to get charters, but ultimately writing the check is the easiest, but there are several different options."

Without buying Ganassi's teams – and getting the charters – Marks said he probably would "pack it up and go home."

Now he's on equal footing as far as a franchise with the other heavy hitters in the sport. If he wants to run in the same pack on race day, it will take even more money.

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# Chase Elliott Reasserts Road Course Mastery with Win at Road America

PLYMOUTH, WI - After one event in "exile," Chase Elliott once again is King of the Road.

The reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion passed

Kyle Busch for the lead on Lap 46 of 62 and cruised to victory in Sunday's Jockey Made in America 250 Presented by Kwik Trip, the first Cup race at the 4.048-mile road course in 65 years.

The win was Elliott's second of the season and the 13th of his career. Seven of those victories have come on road courses, including this year's debut race at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. Elliott had to settle for second to teammate Kyle Larson in last month's event at Sonoma Raceway.

Unable to complete a flying lap because of two ill-timed cautions during qualifying, Elliott started Sunday's race 34th in a field of 40. By the end of Stage 1, he was 10th, and by pitting three laps before the end of Stage 2, he positioned himself for a front-row restart for then final stage.

"Just really proud of our team for overcoming some adversity early and having to start in the back, having good pit stops," said Elliott, who restarted fifth on Lap 46 after the final caution of the race for Anthony Alfredo's spin into a gravel trap.

"Had a really fast NAPA Chevrolet. Just so proud. We've had a rough few weeks, so it feels really good."

Less than a lap after that final restart, Elliott pulled alongside Busch entering the Kink (Turn 11) on the backstretch and cleared him through Turn 12. Sixteen laps later, Elliott finished 5.705 seconds ahead of runner-up Christopher Bell, who passed Busch for the second position on Lap 58.

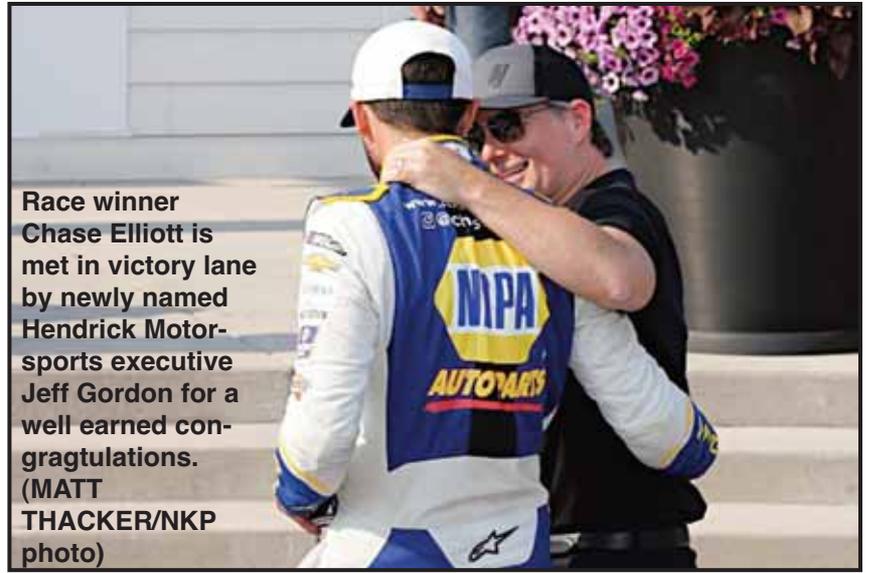
Elliott, who clinched a spot in the Cup Series Playoff with the win, finally got a feel for the mammoth road course after frustrating practice and qualifying sessions.

"Yeah, I never felt like I got in a real good rhythm all of yesterday (in practice)," Elliott said. "For whatever reason there, after about halfway through the race, I started finding some of that rhythm, was able to put it together, piece different parts of the track."

"Finally I felt like I was able to piece most of it together. Yeah, I am glad it worked out."

Hendrick Motorsports has won 10 of 20 races this season and seven of the last eight. Elliott has the most road course victories among active drivers, is third all-time behind Jeff Gordon (nine wins) and Tony Stewart (eight) and has won at more different road courses (five) than any other driver in Cup history.

Bell overcame a tail-end-of-the-



Race winner Chase Elliott is met in victory lane by newly named Hendrick Motorsports executive Jeff Gordon for a well earned congratulations. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)

field penalty for driving through more than three pit boxes on Lap 15.

"Here the last couple weeks, I've been really proud of the progress we've made," said Bell, who picked up his first Cup win in the second race of the season at the Daytona Road Course. "I'm just proud to drive for everybody on this 20 group at Joe Gibbs Racing."

"Excited for the future. I know there's more to come. Like I said, there's no reason why we can't run up front every week."

Kyle Busch started from the rear of the field and finished third in a backup car after wrecking his primary No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota in the Kink during Saturday's practice.

Brother Kurt Busch came home fourth and increased his lead to 25 points over Chris Buescher in the race for the final Playoff position. Denny Hamlin came home fifth, giving Joe Gibbs Racing three cars in the top five.

Chase Briscoe was the top-finishing Ford driver in sixth, matching his best result of the season. Ross Chastain, Tyler Reddick, Martin

Truex Jr. and Matt DiBenedetto completed the top 10.

For the second straight day Austin Cindric had an excellent run spoiled by unfortunate circumstances.

Cindric, who qualified fifth, had just retaken the lead from Matt DiBenedetto on Lap 24 when a mechanical issue thwarted his hopes for a maiden Cup victory. Cindric ran wide in Turn 5 with a broken axle and spun shortly thereafter.

"I only had one-wheel drive, and when you only have two other ones spinning with 750 horsepower, it's a bit challenging," said Cindric, who salvaged an eighth-place finish in Saturday's NASCAR Xfinity Series race after a late chain-reaction wreck. "It was quite dramatic taking the lead and then immediately losing everything. Not a weekend I'm necessarily happy about."

Pole winner William Byron led the first 15 laps and won Stage 1 but finished 33rd after spinning off course in the final stage. Reddick earned the Playoff point for winning Stage 2 after Elliott, Kyle Busch and Truex made strategic pit stops ahead of him.



Chase Elliott (9) outpaces the field on his way to winning the Jockey Made in America 250 Sunday afternoon. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

# Kyle Busch Wins Again in NASCAR Xfinity Series Debut at Road America

PLYMOUTH, WI - Taking advantage of a late wreck that foiled other contenders—not to mention fresher tires for the final six-lap green-flag run—Kyle Busch won Saturday's Henry 180 at Road America, claiming his fourth NASCAR Xfinity Series victory in four starts this season.

On Lap 41 of 45, Busch took the lead from AJ Allmendinger, whose No. 16 Chevrolet was struggling on older tires.

Over the next four laps, the driver of the No. 54 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota widened his lead to 3.522 seconds at the finish over teammate Daniel Hemric, who ran second after passing Allmendinger for the runner-up spot.

Busch who won in his Road America debut and for the 101st time in his career, extending his own series record. The victory came after Busch experienced several off-track excursions that luckily didn't deprive his car of the speed necessary to win.

"Obviously, tires—that was the saving grace for us," said Busch, who got four new tires under cau-

tion on Lap 36. "We had a set of tires left over and (Allmendinger) didn't.

"When we did put our last set of tires on, I wasn't sure we'd be able to get through that many cars. I don't know what happened on those last couple of restarts. I couldn't really see what was happening. We were fortunate to get by that stuff and get through that stuff without any damage to our race car."

Busch restarted seventh on Lap 40 after the final caution for the multicar wreck. He made up four positions almost immediately and passed Allmendinger for the lead in Turn 3 on the following circuit.

Michael Annett overtook Allmendinger on the next-to-last lap and finished third. The winner of the first two stages, Allmendinger held fourth, with Harrison Burton completing the top five.

An 11-car wreck between Turns 2 and 3 after a restart on Lap 37 damaged the contending cars of Austin Cindric and Justin Allgaier and set Busch up for his run to victory. Cindric appeared in control of the race until he pitted for tires after the No. 81 Toyota of Ty Gibbs stalled on the track with transmis-



Race winner Kyle Busch gets busy with MRN radio interview in Road America's victory lane Saturday afternoon. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)

sion issues on Lap 35 and caused the sixth caution of the race.

Cindric's No. 22 Ford sustained damaged to the right rear in the melee that followed the restart, and he was forced to pit for repairs. Nevertheless, he charged to eighth place at the finish and holds an 89-point lead over second-place Allmendinger in the series standings.

"Sometimes it works out for you, and sometimes it doesn't," Cindric said philosophically. "Today was one of those days. It just wasn't meant to be. If they gave out an award for cars passed, we would

handily have that.

"I'm not sure there's a corner on this car that doesn't have damage. I appreciate the hard work by everybody. We had a decent points day, and we will move on."

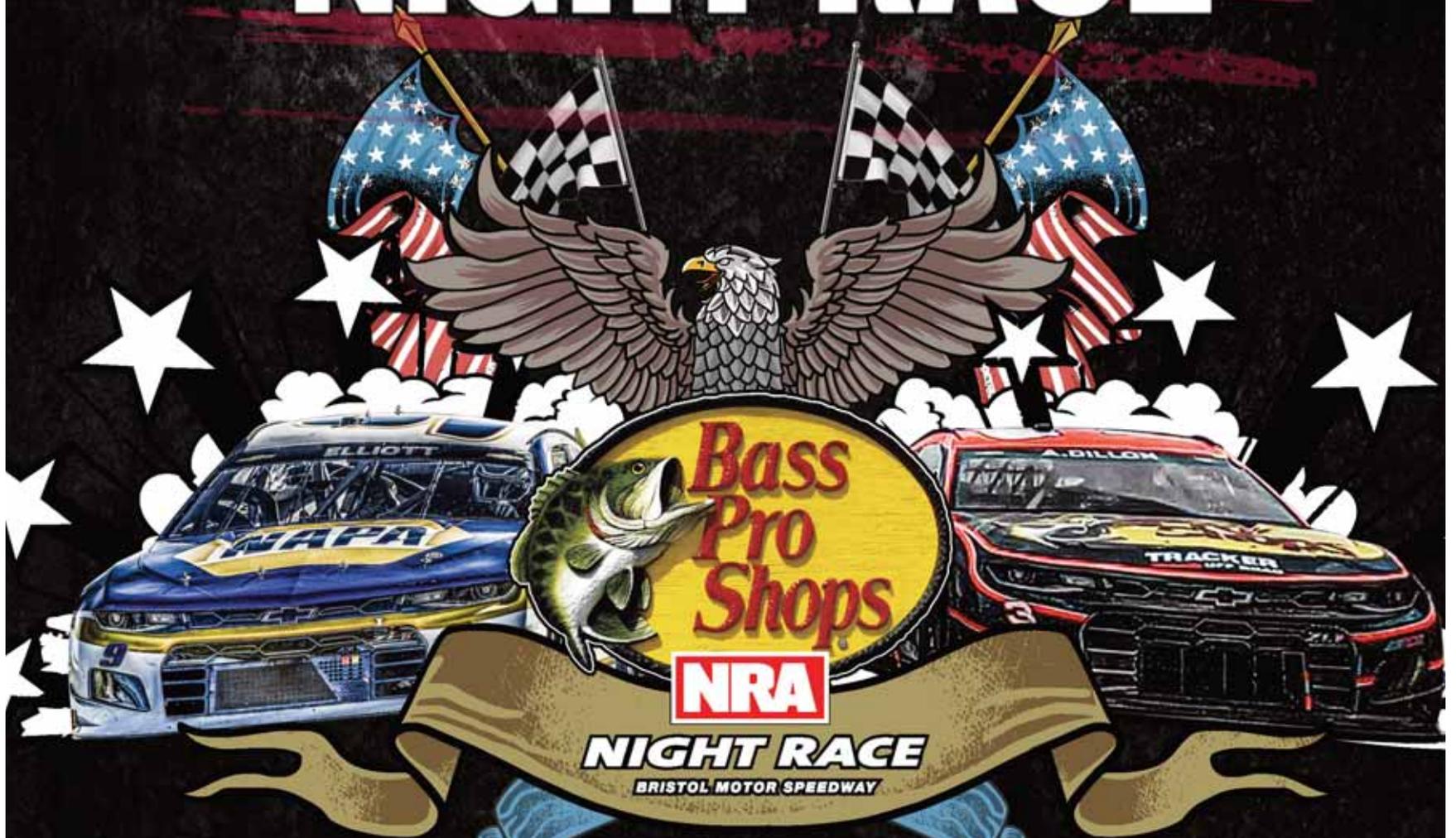
Gibbs, who edged Cindric for the pole position during Saturday morning's time trials, was running second when his car stopped because of the broken transmission at the top of the hill in Turn 6. His 31st-place result was his worst in a part-time campaign that has produced two victories and seven top fives in nine starts.



Kyle Busch (54) glides through the turns in front of second place finisher Daniel Hemric (18) to finish the race with JGR in the top two spots. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)



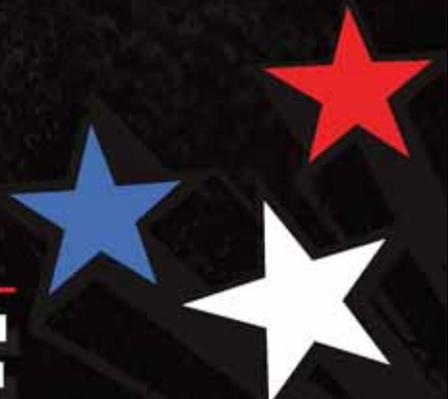
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## Jesse Love Rallies at Irwindale for First West Series Win of 2021

IRWINDALE, CA - Jesse Love spent the majority of Saturday night's ARCA Menards Series West race at Irwindale Speedway trying and failing to catch pole-sitter Dean Thompson. The 2020 Late Model track champion at the half-mile oval outside of Los Angeles was the driver to beat.

All Love needed, it turned out, was the chance to muscle past Thompson on a short run. The defending West Series champ received that opportunity when a late caution catalyzed a restart with four laps to go, and he took advantage.

At the end of those four laps, the 16-year-old from Menlo Park, California, emerged as the winner of the NAPA Auto Parts 150 presented by the West Coast Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame.

"My dad always told me the definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over again and expect a different result," joked an elated Love after the race, referring to his repeated attempts to pass Thompson on the inside of Irwindale's progressively banked corners before successfully doing so in the closing laps. "I'm so happy; it's so awesome.

"I want to say thank you to everybody at Toyota, NAPA, all of my family and friends. I have a happy team owner. Thank you everybody."

Love, the Bill McAnally Racing driver who last year became the youngest NASCAR touring series champion when he won the West Series at just 15, reached Victory Lane at Irwindale on the heels of a disappointing, 19th-place finish at Sonoma Raceway that pushed him to seventh in points.

His win in the third of nine West Series races this season moves him to fourth in the standings, just two points back from the lead.

Thompson dominated Saturday night's race, leading 144 of 150 laps after earning his first General Tire Pole Award.

"I'm just gutted for my guys," said Thompson, who is running for his High Point Racing team in the West Series this season with the support of Bob Bruncati's Sunrise Ford Racing. "We were killing this

race. We had an amazing car. Our car was the fastest all race.

"It was just that our short runs were not good. We were just loose, tight; the car was just not in place to be able to do a five-lap shootout. We had an amazing long-run car. Without that last caution, I'm sure we could have won. But we'll be back."

Thompson entered the Irwindale race fourth in West Series points and left in a tie with Todd Souza for the lead.

Joey Iest ran toward the front all night Saturday and finished third

ahead of Jake Drew in fourth and Cole Moore in fifth.

Trevor Huddleston, Souza, Johnny Borneman III, Nick Joanides and Bobby Hillis Jr. rounded out the top 10.

Saturday night's race at Irwindale featured five cautions, three of which involved one of the three drivers who made their West Series debuts in the NAPA Auto Parts 150.

Amber Balcaen, the 29-year-old Canadian who ran for Bill McAnally Racing at Irwindale, spun in Turns 3-4 on Lap 119 and collected Takuma Koga.

"The faster guys were coming. I got a little but to high up in the wall," said Balcaen, who finished 15th in her debut. "It's unfortunate, because we had a good top-10 run going."

Amber Slagle and Hiroyuki Ueno, the other two drivers who made their West Series debuts Saturday night, were involved in single car incidents themselves. Ueno finished 12th. Slagle finished 14th.

The ARCA Menards Series West will return to action on July 31 for another 150-lap race, this time at Colorado National Speedway in Decono, Colorado. After that, the series will return to Irwindale for another event on the half-mile oval on Aug. 21. Both events will be shown live on NBC Sports Gold's Track-Pass.

A replay of Saturday's NAPA Auto Parts 150 presented by the West Coast Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame will air on NBCSN on Thursday, July 8, starting at 4 p.m. ET.



Jesse Love celebrates his first ARCA Menards Series West win of the season in victory lane at Irwindale Speedway. (NASCAR photo)

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# Sammy Smith Celebrates Fourth of July Weekend with CARS Tour \$20,000 Win at Jennerstown

MOORESVILLE, NC - Sammy Smith finished second a season ago in the inaugural CARS Tour American Freedom 300 at Jennerstown Speedway. Saturday night he made it one spot better and took home the \$20,000

and Terry Senneker in the final forty laps. Heim was squeezed into the back stretch wall by Senneker's #37 machine after a restart, which resulted in Heim returning the favor, sending Senneker hard into the outside retaining wall the very

next turn.

After the incident with Heim and Senneker fans were treated to hard racing throughout the field which resulted in several cautions.

Those caution laps along with team's various different pit strategies for tires a fuel saw misfortune for many. Several drivers such as Matt Craig, Corey Heim, and Derek Griffith ran out of fuel in the closing laps.

Those incidents matched with picture perfect restarts each and every time by Sammy Smith al-

lowed the youngster to hold the top spot before finally getting a green flag run to finish the night and pull away by 1.267 seconds at the finish line.

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winner's check and the eagle trophy, capturing his first career CARS Super Late Model Tour victory.

Smith won by a large gap at the checkered flag, but it was far from easy for the Johnston, Iowa driver, as he had to hold off the field on multiple restarts in the final fifteen laps to secure the win.

Garrett Hall from Scarborough, Maine made his fans in New England proud coming away with a runner up finish after slicing through the field on a late race wreck on a restart in the closing laps. Hall, who finished fifth at Hickory earlier this season, was solid all night long running in the top ten before capitalizing the moment at the end of the race.

Corey Heim rounded out the podium after leading a large portions of laps. Heim had to bounce back from an incident between him



Sammy Smith celebrates in victory lane at Jennerstown Speedway after winning the CARS Tour American Freedom 300. (CARS Tour photo)

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## Ernie Francis Jr. Takes Camping World SRX Series Victory at Lucas Oil Raceway

BROWNSBURG, IN - Ernie Francis Jr., scored an emphatic victory in the Camping World SRX Series race Saturday night at Lucas Oil Raceway, beating NASCAR Hall of Famer Bobby Labonte in a two-lap shootout to the finish.

Francis, a seven-time Trans Am Series champion who won his first open-wheel race last Sunday in the Formula Regional Americas championship at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, led the final 65 laps in the 76-lap race around the .686-mile, paved oval near Indianapolis.

"Man, I'm totally speechless, this is incredible," said Francis, who beat Labonte by .649 of a second. "Those last 10-15 laps felt like they were taking forever. It felt like an eternity out there, all the cautions. I was just trying to focus on a good restart.

"Me and Scott Speed went at it for a few laps there, side-to-side, and I didn't know how that was going to end up. I ended up with a few donuts on the car, but man, couldn't be happier with it, super incredible. I want to thank everybody from SRX, Ray Evernham and Tony Stewart for giving me this opportunity."

The win moved Francis into second in the Camping World SRX Series championship standings, 30 points behind series leader Stewart.

"I was playing around with gearing trying to see what would work," Francis said. "Second gear was spinning off of turn four as I tried to roll through third, and that last restart I got really sideways, but I stayed in it. I didn't want to lift there. And I thought, man, when I saw that I cleared Labonte there – that was a good feeling knowing I just had to get through a few turns cleanly and I just ran my race and took it home. This is going to make that drive back to Road America a lot better."

Unlike the majority of the competitors in the Camping World SRX Series, Labonte came into the race with practical experience at Lucas Oil Raceway. The 2000 NASCAR Cup Series champion and 1991

NASCAR Xfinity Series champion made three Xfinity starts at Lucas Oil Raceway, winning in 1991 while driving for his family-owned race team.

"All night, my car was really good," Labonte said. "I got a little too tight at the end, and then Scott and Ernie got together and I was having to decide whether to go high or go low. I thought they were going to wreck, and then I was three-wide. Scott was sideways, somewhere, and we might have touched, and I got by him. We ran well from there. He was always dogging me off the bottom of (turn) four and he always seemed to be right there on my left rear. And then, that last green-white-checked when it was just me and Ernie, my car was just too tight and I didn't want to get into him too hard – just needed to keep it together and bring it home."

Speed, the former Formula One driver who transitioned to NASCAR and then Rallycross, finished third after leading the first 11 laps.

"Man, we had such a good battle, me and Francis," said Speed, who won the first heat race. "We were definitely the best two cars and we were playing cat-and-mouse with our tires, saving them. And then, with 10 to go, it was 'game on.' We were both going to charge and we had such an awesome side-by-side race. I just got a little bit too loose underneath him with a couple laps to go and fell back, lost a couple of spots. But it was a great race. I had so much fun.

"We came out of turn four and I got into Helio (Castroneves) a little bit. I didn't do it on purpose. I'm having a good time here regardless of where I finish. But I'm happy for a guy like Ernie because for a kid like that, we've all had our careers in motor racing, but stuff like this can help him establish himself and that's the big picture here."

Stewart, winner of the last two Camping World SRX Series races, finished seventh.

"I was happy after the heat races and we just tried something in the main," said Stewart, who made his USAC Silver Crown debut at Lucas Oil Raceway on June 27, 1992. "I was tight in the center (of the corner) and was a little loose off and I



Ernie Francis Jr. celebrates his SRX Series win in victory lane at Lucas Oil Raceway. (SRX photo)

didn't figure we could fix the center, so we tried to fix the exit and tried something air pressure-wise and it did not work. It was a bad call on my part on what I thought the change needed to be and dialed myself right out.

"We've just got to stay focused from here. No matter how good the point lead seems right now, you can throw it away in two weeks and lose the thing. We've just got to throw this night out and go back and get ready for Slinger next week – a place I've never been to. I don't think any of us have, actually. So we'll just have to focus and try and do a better job than we did here.

"Ernie had a hell of a night. That kid has learned so much in such a short amount of time. He's been one of the most consistent guys out there and, literally from the first night of practice on, he's gained time and gained speed and gotten better and better. There's a reason he's here. He deserves to be here."

Bobby Santos III was the local all-star at Lucas Oil Raceway who has racked up an impressive resume at the Indiana short track. The versatile Santos is a four-time winner of the A.J. Foyt Championship (2006, 2011, 2017 and 2020), which is awarded to the driver with the season-best points tally at Lucas Oil Raceway in USAC's top-three series – Silver Crown, Sprint Car and Midget.

"It was fun. These guys are awesome. It's a great group of drivers," said Santos, who finished fifth. "I really appreciate what Ray and Tony and this whole group did to put this deal together and to allow a short-track racer to be involved. It's an absolutely great opportunity, I just wish I did a little better job. I'm grateful for it and everything that these guys did was awesome."

Taking it all in was Ray Evern-

ham, the co-founder of the Camping World SRX Series.

"I always like to look at the race, but I don't always get to see it from pit road, but I could tell by the fans' reaction that they got what they wanted," Evernham said. "Watching Ernie and Scott Speed and Bobby Labonte race like that was amazing. And then, all the way back in the pack, I saw the complete sides of cars coming down the front straightaway. Guys were so sideways and just working one another over.

"If it's a good TV show and the fans love it, I'm happy. You look at these full grandstands and you look at the time people are having, I think the guys are getting some pretty good recognition on television but, more importantly, I think we're bringing a lot back to grassroots racing, and that's really important. If we can keep doing that, I'm going to be really happy."

The penultimate event of the six-race short-track series is July 10 at Slinger (Wis.) Speedway. Joining the Camping World SRX Series regulars will be the winner of Tuesday's night's Slinger Nationals – a staple of short-track racing and a proving ground for the best of the best among Super Late Model drivers.

Returning to the Camping World SRX Series at Slinger is Hailie Deegan. The 19-year-old racer finished second in her SRX debut June 19 at Knoxville Raceway. Deegan is a fulltime driver in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series and a three-time winner in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West.

Every Camping World SRX Series race is broadcast live at 8 p.m. EDT on the CBS Television Network with streaming live on Paramount+ Premium.

## Sweet Scores Fifth Straight Cedar Lake Win

The streak stayed alive on Saturday night as Brad Sweet scored his fifth-consecutive victory at Wisconsin's Cedar Lake Speedway.

In contrasting fashion to Friday's late-race stunner, this time The Big Cat had to survive several back-and-forth battles with Carson Macedo

to come out on top of the \$10,000-to-win NOS Energy Drink Feature.

The Kasey Kahne Racing, NAPA Auto Parts #49 was dominant from the start of Saturday's show, setting Slick Woody's Quick-Time and winning his Drydene Heat Race before topping his 12th Feature of the season.

He's now at 70 career World of Outlaws victories, only 14 away from reaching the top-10 on the all-time wins list.

"I wish the Kings Royal was here at Cedar Lake," Sweet joked. "We have this track figured out and have developed such a great package with our cars. Like I said, it really fits my driving style. We really tried a lot of stuff tonight. It doesn't show how hard we're working behind the scenes. There some big money ahead of us, so we'll keep plugging away."

While Sweet started fourth, Macedo put his Jason Johnson Racing #41 on the pole for the second night in a row. The Lemoore, CA native controlled the lead while Aaron Reutzler settled into second aboard the Roth Motorsports #83.

Sweet picked his way forward to second by Lap 8 and already drove around Macedo for the lead by Lap 13. The only restart of the race allowed Macedo to storm right back by, however, re-taking the lead on Lap 14 and pacing another six laps.

Tracking him down through lap traffic, Sweet reeled Macedo back in and cleared him for good on Lap 21 of 35. Macedo continued to make it close over the final few laps, but ultimately Sweet crossed the stripe with a 0.834-second margin of victory.

"It was close tonight," Sweet admitted. "I was kicking myself when I made a mistake on that restart and let Carson get by. I knew we could get him back if we just went to work, though. We've got a lot of confidence here. I thought last

night I was too patient, so tonight I wanted the lead ASAP to set my own pace."

Saturday's victory marked Sweet's 10th in the state of Wisconsin, officially making this the winningest state of his World of Outlaws career.

His fifth-straight win at Cedar Lake brings him to within one of Steve Kinser's all-time record of six consecutive wins at a single-track. He'll have a chance to break that record when the Independence Day Spectacular returns next year on July 1-2, 2022.

For the second-straight night, Carson Macedo landed on the pole and led plenty of laps, but ultimately finished runner-up to Sweet aboard the Jason Johnson Racing #41.

"He just beat me, two nights in a row," Macedo said. "I thought I was as good as him, but I just have to step my game up. That's all there is to it. We're not happy with second, you know we want to be winning these races. I'm thankful for all the hard work my guys put in. Hopefully we deliver some big runs in the Month of Money."

Making his debut at Wisconsin's Cedar Lake Speedway, Giovanni Scelzi quickly found success at the 3/8-mile by capping his weekend with a third-place result for the KCP Racing #18.

"I'm happy with it," Scelzi said. "I think we dropped a cylinder 10 laps in or something. I was wide open basically the last 30 laps. Car was awesome, I just wish we had something for them there at the end."

Rounding out the top-five on Saturday night was a pair of drivers who rebounded after suffering flat tires while running top-five on Friday. Logan Schuchart finished fourth in the Drydene Performance Products #1S and David Gravel ran fifth aboard the Big Game Motorsports #2.

Closing out the top-10 at Cedar Lake was James McFadden in the Kasey Kahne Racing #9, Donny Schatz in the Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing #15, Sheldon Haudenschild in the Stenhouse Jr. Marshall Racing #17, Spencer Bayston in the Sam McGhee Motorsports #11, and Jacob Allen in the Shark Racing #1A.

UP NEXT: The World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series will remain in the state of Wisconsin for a one-night only show at Wilmot Raceway on Saturday, July



Brad Sweet swept the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series action this weekend at Cedar Lake Speedway. (Trent Gower photo)

10. Following that, the "Month of Money" begins with the Brad Doty Classic and two Kings Royals at Eldora Speedway.

### Sweet Aces Restart to Steal Fourth-Straight Cedar Lake Win

Lately, there seems to be three certainties in life: death, taxes, and Brad Sweet winning at Cedar Lake Speedway.

The two-time and defending World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series champion snagged his fourth consecutive victory at the New Richmond, WI track on Friday night, doing so in spectacular fashion on the final lap.

Pouncing on the green-white-checked restart, The Big Cat played Carson Macedo like a fiddle and slid by his fellow Californian to steal the win from the Jason Johnson Racing #41, which commanded the first 33 of 35 laps.

It's his 69th career victory and the 11th of his dominant 2021 season, which extends his advantage in the point standings with a third-straight championship on the line for the Kasey Kahne Racing, NAPA Auto Parts #49.

"I thought we had a pretty equal car to be honest," Sweet said of Macedo. "He did a great job in lap traffic and had us covered there. I knew there was a little moisture down low, so I was surprised to see he stayed up high on the restart. It was just a timing thing, I had to let him be ahead at the cone, but got as close as I could. I think he knew he spun the tires and went into protect mode, but I went into attack mode and it worked out."

After racing through the first 33 laps, Macedo had survived several challenges from Sweet on restarts and throughout multiple stages of

lap traffic to prove his might as race leader. The pole sitter was poised for a flag-to-flag score until top-five running Logan Schuchart and David Gravel both suffered flat tires to bring out the caution.

On the ensuing restart with two-to-go, school was in session.

Macedo swung high, but Sweet stuck it low. The rules say you can't pass before the cone at the start-finish line, and Sweet played by them, but he surely timed it perfect and got as close as possible to the back of the #41.

Shooting to the high side of turns one and two, Sweet built his momentum and charged his #49 down the backstretch with a full head of steam. Into turn three, he launched a slider and tip-toed to the cushion as he cleared Macedo out of turn four and saw the white flag waving.

The Grass Valley, CA native handled his business on the 35th and final circuit, cruising away from Macedo and crossing the checkered flag with a 0.895-second margin of victory.

His 11th victory of the season combined with Gravel's misfortune means his points advantage has ballooned to 84 points over the Big Game Motorsports #2 as we hit the halfway point of the 80+ race season.

It's Sweet's fourth consecutive win at Cedar Lake, and his fifth win over the last seven races. He's now tied with Donny Schatz (5 wins) for second on the wins list through 46 World of Outlaws appearances at the Wisconsin 3/8-mile.

"Cedar Lake is always special to us," Sweet spoke on his successes. "We love this race track and all of the fan sup here. We've got a good setup and this place just fits my driving style. There's always

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## Minnesota Twin Bill Kicks off Northern Swing for World of Outlaws

JACKSON, MN - The World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models are one week away from kicking off a six race swing through three states. It starts when the Series visits Minnesota for the first time this season on July 9-10 at Jackson Motorplex in Jackson, MN.

The Most Powerful Late Models on the Planet will run two complete shows starting with a 40-lap, \$10,000-to-win Feature on Friday, July 9. Then, the Series returns to Jackson Motorplex on Saturday, July 10 for a \$20,000-to-win 50-lap Feature.

Fans can enjoy a pre-race party, including happy hour in the beer garden, music, cornhole, and a driver meet and greet on Saturday afternoon.

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Camping is available to fans at the track with hundreds of hookups available.

To reserve a camping spot: Call 507-849-7100.

The Tri-State Late Models will join the Series on both nights.

Once the World of Outlaws finish their doubleheader at Jackson Motorplex, they'll head north to Gondik Law Speedway in Superior, WI for their first midweek show of the season on Tuesday, July 13.

The Northern swing finishes with a three-day weekend spanning three states.

A trip to North Dakota starts the weekend on Friday, July 16 at River Cities Speedway in Grand Forks. Then, the Series heads back to Minnesota for a trip to I-94 Sure Step Speedway in Fergus Falls, MN on Saturday, July 17. The final race of the weekend is the Rumble at the Red Cedar at Red Cedar Speedway in Menomonie, WI on Sunday July 18.

Brandon Sheppard's quest for a fourth championship continues during the Northern swing, as he tries to fend off challenges from his biggest rival Chris Madden. The New Berlin, IL driver leads Madden by 58 points.

Fans will also have a front row seat to the chase for Rookie of Year between Tyler Bruening and Ryan Gustin. Bruening is currently the top rookie—136 points ahead of

Gustin. Both drivers are looking for their first World of Outlaws victory, as well.

Brent Larson, of Lake Elmo, MN is another driver searching for his first Series triumph. He'll have two chances to find Victory Lane in his home state during the six race swing.

### Prairie Dirt Classic Returns with Massive Payday for World of Outlaws

FAIRBURY, IL - When you combine the dog days of summer with the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models, you get one of the highest-paying crown jewels of the season. After a one-year hiatus, the Prairie Dirt Classic is back at Fairbury Speedway July 30-31 for two nights of jam-packed racing action.

The highly anticipated event showcases six Late Model Features with one driver potentially taking home \$53,000.

The racing action starts Friday, July 30 with four 25-lap Showdown Features paying \$3,000-to-win. Those races will set the lineup for Saturday's 100-lap Prairie Dirt Classic with one driver taking home

a massive \$50,000 prize for the first time in the historic event's history.

Drivers who don't qualify for the Classic through Friday's Features or Saturday's Last Chance Showdowns will have one more chance to make the show during the 25-lap Late Model Shootout. The winner can either collect \$2,500 or start last in the Prairie Dirt Classic.

The last time the Prairie Dirt Classic was held in 2019, Brandon Sheppard and Bobby Pierce were involved in one of the most exciting finishes you'll see.

The three-time and defending Series champion pulled a thrilling slide job on Pierce on the final corner to win the crown jewel for the second time.

Fans who come to see Sheppard's quest for a third Prairie Dirt Classic win will also catch a glimpse into his chase for history.

The New Berlin, IL driver is seven wins away from tying Josh Richards for the most all-time (78) and will tie Richards for most Series titles (4) if he wins the championship in 2021.

Right now, Sheppard leads the Series standings—58 points ahead of Chris Madden.

"The Rocket Shepp" must contend with several top-notch drivers if he wants to take home the trophy for the third time.

World of Outlaws tour regulars like Madden and 2004 Prairie Dirt Classic winner Dennis Erb Jr. are two of the many drivers hoping to

dethrone Sheppard. Both drivers sit top-five in the World of Outlaws standings and are coming off top-three finishes during the Firecracker 100 at Lernerville Speedway.

Sheppard also must deal with stout competition from his home state. Bobby Pierce has two extra-distance World of Outlaws wins in 2021, collecting \$50,000 between the Hawkeye 100 at Boone Speedway, and the Illini 100 at Farmer City Raceway.

Shannon Babb is another Illinois driver with multiple Prairie Dirt Classic wins (3). The Moweaqua, IL driver already has a win at Fairbury in 2021 during DIRTcar Summer Nationals.

Those drivers will have to contend with the hottest Super Late Model driver in the country Brandon Overton, as well. The Evans, GA driver has pocketed more than \$300,000 in June and hopes to add another crown jewel to his mantle at Fairbury Speedway.

Joining the World of Outlaws Late Models at Fairbury Speedway is the DIRTcar Summit Racing Equipment Modified Nationals.

For more information on the Prairie Dirt Classic visit [www.fairburyspeedway.com](http://www.fairburyspeedway.com).

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.

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multiple lanes to race on and that plays into my hand. Hopefully we can keep the streak alive tomorrow night."

After controlling 94% (33/35 laps) of Friday's Feature, Carson Macedo was forced to settle for a second-place finish. That makes it five runner-up results for the Jason Johnson Racing #41, which resides third in the champi-

onship standings.

"I feel bad for my team," Macedo admitted. "I think we had the car to win. I feel like I was making good decisions up until that point. I just spun my tires on that restart and it killed us. I saw Brad peeled off and I tried to block, but he threw the slider and cleared me. It sucks, but we'll come back and try to get that win tomorrow."

Concluding the podium was Aaron Reutzel, who quickly found success in his first-ever visit to Cedar Lake Speedway. A third-place finish is the eighth podium of the season for Roth Motorsports and their Kevin Gobrecht Rookie of the Year contender.

"We unloaded and we were decent from the beginning," Reutzel offered. "The curb went to the fence and that's where I'm good. We made the right adjustments, but I wish I would've gotten to my wing quicker. I probably wasted 10 laps or so before we got right there with them."

Sheldon Haudenschield moved forward to finish fourth aboard the NOS Energy Drink, Stenhouse Jr. Marshall Racing #17.

Finishing fifth for the first time in nearly four years was Double Down Jason Sides in the King Racing Products,

Wetherington Tractor Service #7S. It's his 170th career top-five finish, however, it's his first since July 8, 2017 at Cedar Lake. His popular run ends a streak of more than 200+ races since "J" last recorded a result that good.

Closing out the top-ten on Friday night was Parker Price-Miller in Guy Forbrook's #5, Donny Schatz in the Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing #15, James McFadden in the Kasey Kahne Racing #9, Giovanni Scelzi in the KCP Racing #18, and Brock Zearfoss with 19th-to-10th run worthy of the KSE Racing Hard Charger Award.



## Tim McCreadie Claims Third Season Win at Muskingum County

ZANESVILLE, OH - Tim McCreadie led all 50 laps to pick up Saturday Night's Prime Solutions 50 win at Muskingum County Speedway. McCreadie's third series win of the season was his first ever win at the Moran Family-promoted facility. This victory was worth

\$15,000, the highest purse in the track's history.

McCreadie's 25th career Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory snapped Jonathan Davenport's 3-race series win streak. Kyle Bronson finished in the runner-up spot for the second night in a row. In his debut at Muskingum County Speedway, Spencer Hughes finished in third followed by Jonathan Davenport and Gregg Satterlee.

McCreadie grabbed the lead at the start and went unchallenged the entire distance despite several restarts after caution flags. With his win from the pole position, it marked only the third time this season that a driver won from the starting spot.

Bronson ran second for the first 15 laps of the race until Hughes forged past him. After a restart, Bronson got back around Hughes for second, 1.6 seconds behind the winner at the finish.

"This is what it's all about, racing in front of big, energetic crowds like tonight," said the 47-year-old New York native in Lucas Oil Victory Lane. "My car owner's Donald and Gena keep telling me 'you're fast, you're fast, just hang in there.' I told my crew chief that I just can't figure out this right rear shock. We called Kevin Rumley up tonight and asked him what we should do. As bad as I felt last night, this thing tonight felt amazing."

Climbing to fourth in the championship points hunt, Bronson had another strong finish with his second place showing. "As long as we keep running up front, we are going to get a win. It's pretty awesome to see all of these fans here. Donnie Moran busted his tail getting this track ready, thanks to him and his family for giving us a place to race."

Hughes came home in third for his second straight top five finish at a track he had never seen be-

fore. "We had a good two nights of racing this weekend and will be ready to come back here next year. We will write all of these notes down for the future. Thanks to Craig Sims for this opportunity to drive his car."

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

Completing the top ten were Tyler Erb, Steve Casebolt, Hudson O'Neal, Jacob Hawkins, and Shane Clanton.

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).

### Davenport Rolls to Third Straight Lucas Oil Win

PORTSMOUTH, OH - Jonathan Davenport continued his Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series winning streak on Friday Night in the Independence 50 at Portsmouth Raceway Park.

With 36 laps in the books, Kyle Bronson moved past Tim McCreadie to hold on to the second



Tim McCreadie led all 50 laps enroute to victory lane at Muskingum County Speedway Saturday night. This win was his third of the 2021 season. (lucasdirt.com photo)

position for the remainder of the race. McCreadie led the first eight laps, but came home in third followed by a first-time visitor to Portsmouth Raceway Park, Spencer Hughes. Tyler Erb rounded out the top five.

The current series Championship point leader, McCreadie, was looking to complete a perfect night with his first-ever win at Portsmouth. McCreadie led until Davenport, who started fourth, charged around him on the ninth lap to take over the lead. Davenport won over Bronson by 2.5 seconds to record his third Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win at Portsmouth Raceway Park.

"This old car has been really good this year, we have beat it to death. With these racetracks coming up on the schedule they each

have a character of their own so that is why we saved the new one we had been running. This car ran as good as the new one."

"This place wasn't too bad from my view. I had my doubts when we first got here. But from where I was, it was perfect. I got up beside McCreadie there and I knew I had to get by him. He is such a smart racer that he would move down in that line, and it was going to be hard to get by him. I hope I left him enough room over there when I got by him."

Bronson kept himself in the hunt for his first win of the season. "We were off a little tonight but to run second, we'll take it. Our car has been really good the last couple of months. We are finally getting a good balance on it. Davenport and them Longhorn guys have been really good the last few months. We are close, we just have to do a little more and hopefully we can be out-running them here soon."

McCreadie will maintain the series point lead heading to Muskingum County Speedway on Saturday Night. "It's consistent, it's just not where we want to be. We just will try to work harder. Hats off to JD and Kyle and everybody that was out there. Hats off to the track."

The winner's Lance Landers Double L Motorsports Longhorn Chassis is powered by a Cornett Racing Engine and sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions, ASC Warranty, Spartan Mowers. Fatheadz Eyewear, Lucas Oil Products, Bilstein Shocks, VP Fuels, and Midwest Sheet Metal.

Completing the top ten were Josh Richards, Jimmy Owens, Devin Moran, Jared Hawkins, and Ricky Thornton Jr.



Jonathan Davenport continued his winning streak with the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Friday night with a victory in the Independence 50 at Portsmouth Raceway. (lucasdirt.com photo)

## Knuckles Makes Turn Four, Last Lap Pass for Iron-Man Late Model Southern Series Firecracker 40 Victory

TAZEWELL, TN - The Valvoline Iron-Man Late Model Southern Series continued its 2021 Fourth of July weekend of racing with the Firecracker 40 at Tazewell Speedway in Tazewell, TN and

Dakotah Knuckles of Ewing, VA would make a turn four, last lap pass of race leader Jensen Ford to claim the \$5,000 victory.

The win by the 27-year old Knuckles would be second career Valvoline Iron-Man Late Model Series victory, as Knuckles drives a Rocket Chassis powered by a Vic Hill Race Engines and has sponsorship from Florida Chiropractic, Marcum Oil Company, Timberline Barns, Hickory Star Resort and Marina, Western Building Supply, Hill's Truck Repair, Alaco, Estes Brothers Construction, and Jovida Enterprises.

Jensen Ford would snag the lead at the start of the Firecracker 40 main event, followed by Dakotah Knuckles, Vic Hill, Pierce McCarter, and Jason Trammell.

The action would be slowed immediately on lap two for a spin in turn four on lap two. The restart would see Ford and Knuckles remain first and second, with McCarter taking third from Hill, while McIntosh go to the fifth spot. Hill would slow with a flat left-rear tire on lap three to draw another caution.

This restart would see Ford and Knuckles continue to the top two spots, while McCarter and McIntosh would run third and fourth, while Jamison McBride take fifth. Jonathan Rowan would take fifth from McBride on lap four, while Ford would pull away a bit from Knuckles and would enter lapped traffic on lap ten, but the caution would appear again one circuit later on lap eleven when Lynn Leach would stop on the track at the top of turn two.

Ford would maintain the lead on the start, with Knuckles and McCarter second and third, while Rowan would scoot past McIntosh for fourth and this pair would continue to battle for the fourth spot until the final caution of the race flew on lap eighteen when Matt

Tharp would slow in turn four. The restart would see the front three of Ford, Knuckles, and McCarter hold the podium positions, with McIntosh taking fourth and 12th place starting Ryan King taking fifth.

Ford and Knuckles would pull away a bit while McIntosh would battle with McCarter for third and as the lead pair started working traffic, McIntosh would take third from McCarter. Knuckles would close the gap between himself and Ford and by lap thirty-five, Knuckles would close in Ford, while McIntosh and McCarter would close in on the front duo as well.

This quartet would work through slower traffic and Ford would have the lead as the field started the final lap of the race. Knuckles would make his move entering turn three and would slide up in front of Ford and take the lead exiting turn four and win the drag race to the checkered. McIntosh would get by Ford for runner-up honors, with Ford finishing third.

McCarter and King would complete the top five. The remainder of the top ten finishers would be Jonathan Rowan, John Llewellyn, Vic Hill, Ryan Winchester, and Jeff Neubert.

The next event for the Valvoline Iron-Man Late Model Southern Series will be at Lake Cumberland Speedway in Burnside, KY on Sun-



Dakotah Knuckles celebrates in victory lane after his last lap pass for the win in the Firecracker 40 at Tazewell Speedway. (Michael Moats photo)

day July 4 for the Hall of Fame 40, paying \$5,000 to win. This will be a points event for the Northern and Southern division of the Valvoline Iron-Man Late Model Series.

For more information about the Valvoline Iron-Man Late Model Series, please contact Chris Tilley at (828) 361-5981 or visit the tour's webpage at [www.IMDIRT.net](http://www.IMDIRT.net) or visit the tour page Iron-Man Racing Series on Facebook and Iron-Man Series (@CTPROMOTE) on Twitter.

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## Jeremy Campbell Wires ASCS Regional Battle at Monett Motor Speedway

MONETT, MO - Leading start to finish at Monett Motor Speedway, Jeremy Campbell topped Saturday's showdown between the ASCS Mid-South, American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Sooner Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products, and the Racinboys.com

Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps.

Holding off the field through a late-race caution, Campbell's win is his second all-time with the Sooner Region and goes down as his first

with the ASCS Mid-South and ASCS Warrior Regions.

Miles Paulus crossed second, with Kyle Clark charging ahead 13 positions for the bottom step of the podium.

Following from 12th, Gregory Paxton was fourth, with Austin O'Neal also advancing from beyond the tenth starting spot to finish fifth atop the slick and tricky surface.

Jared Sewell from 14th made it to sixth, followed by J.R. Topper in seventh. Chase Porter, Jack Wagner, and Michael Tyre II completed the top ten.

Looking at each tour, the ASCS Mid-South Region heads for Dirt on

the Rev on July 17.

The American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Sooner Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products joins ASCS Sprint Week at Tulsa Speedway on July 30.

The Racinboys.com Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps takes on the National Tour on July 16 at U.S. 36 Raceway.

The 2021 season is the 30th year of competition for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

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

## Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - As the NASCAR weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway kicks off, AMS campers will enjoy a free meal and a great time during the speedway's first Camper Appreciation Party on Friday, July 9.

The event will feature NASCAR Xfinity Series competitor Jeb Burton and his wife Brandi, who will join AMS Executive Vice President and General

Manager Brandon Hutchison and other staff from the speedway as they grill and serve free burgers to campers. The crew will be whipping up the burgers on the Pit Boss Platinum Line of grills available exclusively at Walmart and serving them hot to race weekend campers.

Atlanta Motor Speedway's Gathering Place – located in the Legends Campground – will host the event, which is open to all AMS campers free of charge. On top of the burgers hot off Pit Boss grills, the party will also feature door prizes drawn throughout the event by emcee Jose Castillo.

"Our campers are some of the most avid fans of NASCAR you'll find anywhere," said Hutchison. "We're thrilled to kick off a weekend full of fun times that'll be shared between family and friends in our campgrounds during race weekend."

The Camper Appreciation Party will kick off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 9, and continue through 7:30 p.m. When campers arrive the Gathering Place's Cornhole and Bocce Ball courts will also be open for campers looking to play during the party – and campers' furry companions will be able to enjoy the adjacent AMS dog park as well.

After he whips up burgers on a Pit Boss grill at the Camper Appreciation Party, Burton will get ready to compete in Saturday's Credit Karma Money 250. The Xfinity Series race kicks off the weekend's NASCAR action leading up to the main event: the Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday, July 11.

Tickets and camping for the July 10-11 Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart weekend are available by visiting [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 Credit Karma Money 250 NASCAR Xfinity Series race 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.

## New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - The July 18 Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) will mark the 50th time the track will host the NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) for an event at the 1.058-mile oval.

Twenty-four different drivers have won Cup Series events at NHMS over the first 49 events at the track dating back to July 1993. Let's take a look at some of the most memorable moments through the years:

- July 11, 1993 - In the early 1990s, the NASCAR Cup Series was beginning to take hold as the most popular form of motorsports in the country, but missing from the series schedule was a visit to New England. In walked legendary New England track owner Bob Bahre, who had transformed the former Bryar Motorsports Park in Loudon, N.H. to one of the country's newest major speedways. The 1.058-mile oval, then known as New Hampshire International Speedway, hosted its first Cup Series event on July 11, 1993, and one of NASCAR's biggest names was standing in victory lane at the end of the day as Rusty Wallace celebrated victory in the inaugural Slick 50 300.

- July 9, 1995 - It was a young driver from California by way of the sprint car ranks who was capturing the attention of everyone across motorsports. The legend of Jeff Gordon was taking shape that year, and New England fans got a first-

hand glimpse of it in victory lane as Gordon won the Slick 50 300. It was the seventh Cup Series victory in Gordon's Hall of Fame career, which saw him win 93 events overall. He would go on to win seven races in 1995 and capture the first of four Cup Series championships. Gordon would shine in Loudon over his career, and to this day, hold tracks records for Cup Series starts (42), top-five finishes (16), top-10 finishes (24), laps led (1,373) and laps completed (12,267).

- July 14, 1996 - With 12 wins from 1990-1994, Ernie Irvan was a star on the rise in the Cup Series, and in August 1994, he was in a fierce battle with Dale Earnhardt Sr. for the Cup Series championship. But his career – and life – were nearly cut short in a gruesome crash at Michigan International Speedway. Irvan suffered a traumatic brain injury in the crash, and doctors did not expect him to survive. He returned to racing full-time in 1996, and on July 14 of that year, his comeback was completed when he held off his Robert Yates Racing teammate Dale Jarrett to win the Jiffy Lube 300 at Loudon.

- Sept. 17, 2000 - New Hampshire Motor Speedway has plenty of special meaning for Jeff Burton. Burton found plenty of success at the track over his career, but was never more dominating than on Sept. 17, 2000 in the Dura Lube 300. Burton took the lead from the pole winner Bobby Labonte on the first lap and went on to lead all 300 laps for his record-setting fourth Cup Series victory at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

- November 23, 2001 - The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001 forced NASCAR to postpone the New Hampshire 300, which had been scheduled to take place on Sept. 16 of that year. The event was pushed back to become the final event of the Cup Series schedule that season and was run the day after Thanksgiving. Teams and drivers were welcomed to the track by freezing temperatures on the morning of the race, but ultimately were treated to a beautiful fall day at the facility that saw Robby Gordon lead 17 laps to earn his first career Cup Series victory, becoming the second driver to accomplish that feat at Loudon. Jeff Gordon had a 15th place finish that day to clinch his fourth Cup Series championship.

- Sept. 15, 2002 - By the 2000 season,

Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart had paved the way for midwestern-based sprint car drivers to find a home in the Cup Series, and it was Ryan Newman who used that similar path to find his way to NASCAR. Newman arrived in the Cup Series with high expectations but went winless through his first 34 starts. His breakthrough came on Sept. 15, 2002 when he scored his first Cup Series win in the rain-shortened New Hampshire 300. Newman, who remains active in the series, has gone on to 17 more Cup Series wins.

- Sept. 16, 2007 - Clint Bowyer was quickly becoming a fan-favorite in the Cup Series when he arrived at New Hampshire Motor Speedway for the Sylvania 300 in September 2007, but the then Richard Childress Racing driver was still searching for consistent success in his second full-time season with the series. Coming into the Sylvania 300 that year, Bowyer had just seven top-five finishes in Cup races over his first 63 starts. At New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sept. 16, 2007, he showed he knew how to dominate an event, leading 222 of 300 laps that day to record his first Cup Series win, becoming the fourth driver in series history to accomplish that feat at Loudon.

- July 21, 2019 - In one of the most dramatic finishes to a Cup Series event at Loudon, Kevin Harvick and Denny Hamlin put on a full-contact duel over the final lap. Harvick led at the white flag with Hamlin bumping him up the track in turn one. The pair went side-by-side through turn two with Harvick edging out front down the backstretch. Hamlin went to Harvick's outside in turn three, and the pair made contact again through the final turn with Harvick winning the drag race to the checkered flag for victory at the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301.

For a NASCAR race weekend schedule, visit [NHMS.com/Events/Foxwoods-Resort-Casino-301/Schedule/](http://NHMS.com/Events/Foxwoods-Resort-Casino-301/Schedule/). Log on to [NHMS.com](http://NHMS.com) for tickets, schedules and more information. Saturday tickets start at just \$35 while kids 12 and under are free. Sunday's Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 tickets start at just \$59 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under.



## Clinton County Speedway

MILL HALL, PA - The Clinton County Speedway kicked off the Fourth of July weekend with a Sprint Car double header. Garrett Bard of Wells Tannery and Ken Duke Jr of Selinsgrove each claimed a victory over a stellar field of RaceSaver sprint cars. AY Schilling of Linden won the Pro Stock feature while Timmy Bittner of

Beech Creek scored a pair of victories, claiming the 270 and 600 Micro Sprint feature events.

The first sprint car feature had Garrett Bard and Josh Beamer on the front row of the 25 lap main event. Bard jumped to the early lead with Beamer, Dale Schweikart, John Walp and Dustin Prettyleaf in pursuit. With a full field of race-cars, Bard and company quickly caught the back of the pack by the fourth circuit and began working their way through lapped traffic. On lap number six, Beamer was closing in on Bard and while trying to keep pace with Bard through lapped traffic, he attempted to put a slide job on a lapped car, but the two cars tangled causing Andrew Boyer's car to flip in turn number two. Beamer suffered a flat tire and had to go to the pits.

Bard, Walp, Schweikart, Prettyleaf and Jared Zionkowski were the top five, as the green flag waved for the restart. Again, Bard was strong on the restart and quickly caught the rear of the field by the completion of lap number ten. Zionkowski, who started twelfth, was the driver on the move and utilized the top side of the speedway to maneuver through the lapped traffic. A late race caution occurred on lap number 17, when Jeffrey Weaver spun in turn number four. Bard was flawless on this restart and was able to hold off the challenges of Walp for the win. Zionkowski finished third, Schweikart was fourth and Ryan Lynn completed the top five. Sixth through tenth were Dustin Prettyleaf, Devin Brenam, Andrew Jacobus, Scott Lutz, and Ken Duke.

In the second RaceSaver Sprint Car event, Scott Lutz started on the pole position and led the field to the green flag. Second place starter Ken Duke and fourth place starter Jared Zionkowski chased Lutz during the opening laps. Duke pres-



**In Clinton County Speedway's Sprint Car double feature weekend, Garrett Bard (above) and Ken Duke Jr. (below) took top honors. (CCS photo)**

sured Lutz for several laps, as the duo ran wheel to wheel for the top position. Duke finally executed the pass for the lead by the completion of lap number eight. Eighth place starter, Robbie Bartchy worked his way into the top five and was quickly advancing towards the front. The event ran non-stop till the first caution occurred on lap number 21, when Dominic Meliar and Josh Beamer spun. On the restart, several cars tangled to bring out the event's second caution flag. Duke brought the field back to speed as Lutz and Bartchy battled for the runner up position. When the checkered flag waved, Duke claimed his seventh career victory as the speedway over Bartchy took second away from Lutz, followed by Zionkowski and Walp. Sixth through tenth were Dale Schweikart, Mike Alleman, Derek Hauck, Ryan Lynn, and Tylor Cochran. Four heat races and a B-main were needed for the field of 33 Sprints. Heats were won by Bartchy, Alleman, Duke and

Zionkowski. Mike Melair won the B-Main.

Lady driver Sierra Hauck led the opening laps of the 600 Micro Sprint feature event. Fourth place starter Timmy Bittner quickly took over the second spot. On lap number three, the red flag came out when Kyle Knopp rolled his sprint car. Hauck led the field of gentlemen for two more circuits, until Timmy Bittner took the top position. Cody Hauck followed Bittner and shuffled Sierra Hauck back to third. The remainder of the event went caution free, with Bittner holding off the husband-wife duo of Cody and Sierra Hauck, Dexter Strawser and Jeffrey Weaver. Sixth through tenth were Jeff Gyuna, Travis Kelsner, Mitchell Holden, James Layton and Knopp. Heats were won by Weaver and Cody Hauck.

Cory Stabley and Mitchell Holden led the field of 270 Micro Sprints to the green flag. Stabley led the first three laps. Following a lap three caution, seventh place

starter Timmy Bittner made a pass on the restart to take the top position. Jeffrey Weaver who started tenth followed Bittner to take the runner up position. At the halfway mark of the event, Bittner led Weaver, Stabley, Skeetz Hockenbrock and Bobby Sanso. A lap twelve caution slowed the field, but Bittner was too strong for Weaver on the restart and claimed the win to sweep, both micro sprint victories on the evening. "This is the second time, we have been able to win both features in one night," said an excited Bittner in victory lane. Weaver finished second, followed by Hockenbrock. Shaun Musser made a late race charge to finish fourth with Sanso completing the top five. Sixth through tenth were Zachery Glass, Corey Stabley, Logan Hammaker, Matthew Dixon, and Mac Wert. Heat races were won by Hockenbrock, Bittner and Glass.

In Pro Stock competition, AY Schilling and Robert Tressler started on the front row. Tressler took command of the field to lead the opening laps of the event. Third place starter Noah Jensen edged out Schilling at the start-finish line for the runner up position, as the two racers battled for the runner up position. Schilling finally took over the position on lap number five. A caution on lap number seven, bunched the field on Tressler's rear bumper. Schilling used the restart to his advantage and made a pass for the lead as the cars raced down the back stretch. Schilling maintained a slim lead, as three cars were battling for second. Corey Long, who started fifth, joined Tressler and Jensen for a contested battle for second place. On lap number thirteen, Long took over second. On the final lap, Schilling held off long, while Tressler rallied for third over a heated battle with Jensen who finished fourth and Brandon Moser finished fifth. "The competition in this division is the strongest it has ever been," said Schilling. "I'm just thankful to finally get back to victory lane." Sixth through tenth were Jason Smith, Rooster Peters, Kris Orwig Sr., Gary Mellott and Todd Geyer. Heat races were won by Long and Moser.

The four cylinder feature was curfewed out after running two laps and will be completed on a later date. Heat races were won by Jimmy Moyer, Maddox Smith, and John Bower.

The Clinton County Speedway returns with racing next Friday, July  
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9th with a five division show. The event is presented by Century 21 and real estate agent Bob Boob. The evening will feature kid's power wheel races plus the Limited Late Models, Pro Stocks, 270 Micro Sprints, 600 Micro Sprints and double 4 Cylinder features. Gates will open at 5PM, hot-laps begin at 7PM and racing is at 7:30. For more speed-

way information visit the website, [www.clintoncountyspeedway.com](http://www.clintoncountyspeedway.com) or visit the speedway's social media channels including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

## Florence Motor Speedway

TIMMONSVILLE, SC - Teenaged standout Zack Miracle dominated Saturday night to take his fourth win of the season in the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock division at Florence Motor Speedway. It was Miracle's third straight win as well, meaning he will have to start fifth in the next scheduled event at Florence.

After qualifying on the pole, Miracle quickly jumped into the lead as Matt Linker and Jamie Weatherford tangled entering turn one. Once the green flag fell again, Miracle sped to the lead over Jeremy McDowell and Matt Cox. McDowell's strong run once again ended early, however, with mechanical problems. Miracle would go on to lead every lap to take the win over Cox, Magnum Tate, Casey Kelley, and Kevin Parsons. Rounding out the top ten were Ryan Glenski, Kade Brown, RA Brown, Tim Allensworth, and Anthony Adams.

For the second race in-a-row, Averitt Lucas and Robert Powell wowed the fans with an unbelievable Charger race that saw Lucas take his fourth win of the season. Lucas took the initial lead, but was overtaken by Powell on lap eight and dropped back to fifth. Top five runs for Davey Hatchell and Willie Grainger ended on lap 12 when they spun to avoid the spinning lapped machine of Cole Tipton. Lucas made his way back to second and began applying heavy pressure to Powell for the top spot. With two laps to go, Lucas bumped Powell out of the groove to take the lead. Lucas led the final laps to score the win over Powell, Archie



Zack Miracle made it four wins in 2021 with his dominating victory Saturday night at Florence Motor Speedway. (FMS photo)

Adams, Jr., Chris Grainger, and Brendan Lee.

Strom Altman jumped out to the lead from the pole, leading every lap for his third SuperTruck win of the year. Rounding out the top five were Lucas Williams, Cody Kelley, Jody Measamer, and Remington Prince.

AJ Sanders bounced back from a blown gasket last time out to lead flag-to-flag for the Mini Stock win. Bubba Kolb had a wild incident coming out of turn four as he spun into the tractor tires protecting the end of the pit wall. Sanders fifth win of the season came over Kevin Jackson, Bobby Taylor, Jr., BJ Thrasher, and Truett Miranda.

Dale Driggers scored the Allison Legacy win, ending Drake Williamson's undefeated season at Florence. Williamson was caught up in a multi-car accident that started following contact between Clay Abbott and Jacob O'Neal. Following Driggers at the finish were Shane Briggs, Ashley Pantoulas, Andon Mendenhall, and McKyla Spinks,

The next race at Florence Motor Speedway will be on Saturday night, July 17th, featuring twin races for the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stocks, plus Chargers, SuperTrucks, Mini Stocks, Thunder & Lightning, and the Allison Legacy Series. Be sure to "Like" Florence Motor Speedway on Facebook, follow @FlorenceMSpdwy on Twitter to keep up on all that's going on in 2021, visit [fmspeedway.com](http://fmspeedway.com). or watch all the action live each week

on [fmspeedway.tv](http://fmspeedway.tv).

## Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Another visit from Ma Nature to Grandview Speedway forced the postponement of the Firecracker 40 NASCAR Sportsman action and the scheduled Modified racing doubleheader on Saturday night. The events have been pushed to Saturday, July 10th.

The doubleheader card of racing action will see the T.P.Truck Equipment Sportsman racers trying to take home the \$2,000 first prize offering. Heading up the field of talent will be point leader Kenny Gilmore. Defending T.P. Truck Equipment Sportsman champion Brian Hirthler will be ready to challenge Gilmore as will Cole Stangle, Kyle Lilick, Dylan Hoch and a host of others including some visitors being attracted by the increased purse.

The T.P. Trailers Modifieds will be the second part of the show. Adult admission is \$22 while youngsters 6 thru 11 pay \$10. Under 6 are admitted free. Action gets the green at 7:30 p.m.

Modified racer Bobby Gunther Walsh will have his #65 on display and will be giving out American flags, Mike & Ike plus Hot Tamales candy (both are sponsors on his race car), rising star Joey Vaccaro and veteran racing talent Ryan Beltz. It happens at 5 p.m. at the main admission gate area.

On Friday, July 9th Outlaw Racing Series Enduro and Vintage racing will be the attraction with action

scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

The popular United Racing Club sprint cars will join the T.P. Trailers Modifieds and T.P.Truck Equipment Sportsman on Saturday, July 17th creating an action packed tripleheader.

Then on Saturday, July 24th, the Outlaw Vintage Racers will be part of the tripleheader show that also features Modifieds and Sportsman.

Closing out the month, July 31, will be the return of the 602 Sportsman as they join the Modifieds and Sportsman.

Full info on racing at Grandview can be found at [www.grandviewsspeedway.com](http://www.grandviewsspeedway.com) or telephone 610.754.7688.

## Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - In a statement from Grandview Speedway general manager Tina Rogers a tie for first spot in the June 26 T.P.Trailers NASCAR Modified feature has been announced. "I spoke with both Brett and Craig. I explained the situation with what the scorers saw and what the transponder read. After further review and being in contact with MyLaps Sports timing, they assured me it is possible for the loop and timing system to detect 2 cars with different transponders even if they cross the line at the same time. However, Brett Kressley's transponder was not detected by the transponder system, although the hand scorers felt he was ahead. Since the finish was so very close, and you need both scorers

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and a transponder system to properly score an event, the track management has decided the fairest thing to do with this close of a finish would be to call it an even finish, and award Brett and Craig the win. They will both receive the full points for a win. Brett and Craig were understanding of the situation and agreed upon management decisions. We

would like to thank both Brett and Craig for their professionalism through this process.”

## Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returned to action on Saturday night with an evening full of racing excitement.

The Heritage Finance Late Models would roll off first in race one of their doubleheader 40 lap features. Paul Owens III in the #54 would pace qualifying and start from the pole position with Ryan Millington in the #15 to his outside. Row two would be made up of Justin Carroll in the #57 and Gracie Trotter in the #1 side by side for the start. The start would see the two time champion Millington sail to the high side and move to the lead on the backstretch. Owens would settle in behind him and look for an opening to take the top spot. The third place battle would see Carroll and Trotter door to door for several laps until Carroll would nose ahead for the spot. Josh Kossek in the #44 would follow Carroll and move around Trotter for fourth. Carroll would challenge Owens for second and take the spot without incident. Chase Dixon in the #07 would move up to fourth and give battle to Owens for third.

The caution would fly on lap 24 as Dixon would roll to a stop on the backstretch. The restart would see Millington and Carroll bring the field to the green flag. The battle for the lead would be spirited, but clean as Millington would nose ahead after several laps. Isaac Bevin in the #27 would work his way up to fourth and pressure Owens for third. Millington would drive on to take the win. Carroll would finish 2nd and Owens would grab 3rd. Bevin would finish 4th with Trotter taking 5th.

Round 6 of the Paramount Kia

‘BIG 10’ Racing Challenge and 50 laps for the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would roll off next. Bryson Ruff in the #24 would set fast time and start from the pole with Mason Maggio in the #12 to his outside. Dexter Canipe Jr in the #4 and Max Price in the #22 would make up row two. The green flag would see Maggio use the long way around the track to take the top spot from the high line for the early lead, with Ruff close behind. Canipe and Price would battle for the third spot with Canipe maintaining the position. Close behind them would see the battle for fifth between Mark Johnson in the #13 and Josh Stark in the #22. Lap 24 would see the caution fly as Stark would spin in the front stretch. The restart would see Maggio and Ruff bring the field back to the green.

eventually take the spot with David Hasson in fourth. The battle for the win would tighten up as Dickinson would drive to Hollifield’s bumper at lap 10 and give pressure for the top spot. Dickinson would try valiantly but fall a little short as Hollifield would take the win and lengthen his point lead by an additional 2 points. Dickinson would finish 2nd with Boice taking third. 4th and 5th would be a family affair with David Hasson taking 4th and Brandon Hasson finishing 5th.

The Heritage Finance Street Stocks would roll off next for 30 laps. Cody DeMarmels in the #12 would set fast time and start from the point with Jesse Clark in the #5 to his outside. Derek Fowler in the #31 and Ethan Johnson in the #2 would make up row two for the start. DeMarmels would move to

John Clark in the #5 would take 5th.

The 4-Cylinders would hit the track next for 25 laps of action. Brian Mundy in the #6 would turn fast time in time trials and start from the top spot with Curtis Pardue in the #17 to his outside. Row two would see Cody Combs in the #9 and Robert Trivette in the #11 side by side for row two. Mundy and Pardue would battle side by side for the top spot. Mundy would take the spot after a couple laps with Pardue in second. The battle for second would pick up with Trivette and Combs giving challenge to Pardue for the position. Mundy would go on to take the victory. Pardue would finish 2nd, Trivette would finish 3rd, and Combs would come home 4th.

Closing out the evening’s festivities would be the Heritage Finance Late Models for race two of their twin 40 lap features. After the 7 car invert from the finishing order of race one, row one would be made up of Jessie Cann in the #19 and Josh Kossek in the #44 to her outside. Row two would see Gracie Trotter in the #1 and Isaac Bevin in the #27 door to door for the start. The start would see Kossek use the outside line to move to the top spot with Cann facing a furious challenge for second. Trotter would move to the inside of Cann and Bevin, to make it three wide as she would take the second position. Justin Carroll in the #57 would move to third in the ensuing battle. Lap 14 would see Ryan Millington in the #15, charge up to take third after starting seventh. The halfway point would see Kossek, Trotter, Millington, and Chase Dixon in the #07, and Carroll as the top five. Millington would move around Trotter for second a few laps later.

Lap 25 would see the caution fly as Paul Owens in the #54 would spin coming out of turn four and then Katie Hettinger in the #71 would make hard contact with his car, ending her night with fluids flowing from the radiator after the contact. The restart would see Kossek and Millington bring the field back to the restart. The battle for the top spot would be two wide, two rows deep for several laps before Millington would move to the lead. Kossek would face a challenge from Trotter for second. Trotter would make the pass for second as Dixon would look to follow Trotter around Kossek for third. Contact between the two would see Dixon collect the wall in turn four on lap 34. Millington and Trotter would

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**Ryan Millington made two-for-two, winning both of the Late Model features at Hickory Motor Speedway on Saturday night. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)**

Maggio would move back to the front with Ruff still close behind.

A few laps later Ruff would work his way around Maggio for the top spot. The handle would appear to go away on Maggio’s car as Price and Canipe would also both take the positions. Ruff would prove too strong on the night and go on to take the win. Price would finish 2nd with Canipe taking 3rd. Maggio would have to settle for 4th and Johnson would finish 5th.

After an exciting night of action last week seeing a new Hickory Motor Speedway winner, the Renegades would roll off next for 20 contentious laps. Robbie Hollifield in the #51 would turn fast time in time trials and start from the top spot with Spencer Dickinson in the #6 to his outside. Row two would see Kyle Boice in the #73 and David Hasson in the #83 side by side for the start. Hollifield would pull to the lead with Dickinson in second. The battle for third would be action packed as Boice and David Hasson would be sideways door to door for several laps. Boice would

the early lead as Jesse Clark would face a challenge from his teammate Fowler. Jesse Clark would take the spot and give chase to DeMarmels. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would dive under Johnson for the fourth position and take the spot after several laps side by side. Lap 23 would see the caution fly as Johnson would spin in turn one. The restart would see DeMarmels and Jesse Clark door to door for the green flag. DeMarmels would move to the lead with Fowler and Sutton challenging him for second. Jesse Clark would move ahead with the position and look to challenge DeMarmels for the top spot. Fowler and Sutton would battle hard for the third position with neither driving wanting to give an inch. Sutton would look to take the position as he would clear Fowler for the spot. Fowler would quickly look back under Sutton and move back around the elder statesman for the position. DeMarmels would drive on to take the win. Jesse Clark would finish 2nd with Fowler taking 3rd. Sutton would finish 4th and

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bring the field back to the restart. Millington would drive to the point with Trotter close behind. The laps would run out with Millington taking another win. Trotter would finish 2nd and Owens would take 3rd. Carroll would grab 4th and Bevin would come home in 5th.

Next week the NAAPWS returns to action with a full slate of racing action.

## Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGSGROVE, PA - One of the largest crowds in recent history flocked to Selinsgrove Speedway Sunday night to witness a thrilling duel between Brent Marks of Myerstown and Danny Dietrich of Gettysburg, the top two PA Speedweek Series points drivers, in the 30-lap Opperman-Bogar-Heintzelman Memorial for 410 sprint cars.

Marks secured the lead late in the race after exchanging multiple slide jobs with Dietrich and took the checkered flag and \$7,500 winner's share. Dietrich, however, settled the Speedweek Series championship with his second career title. Only 50 points separated Dietrich and Marks entering Sunday's finale.

Marks ended the eight-race series with a total of three wins and a second-place points finish. It was also his second sprint car win of the year at Selinsgrove.

Anthony Macri of Dillsburg was the night's Fast Tees fast qualifier over the 33-car field with a lap time of 16.923. Blane Heimbach of Selinsgrove earned a \$600 bonus as the race's hard charger.

Garrett Bard of Wells Tannery won his second 20-lap 305 sprint car feature of the season at the track.

Selinsgrove Speedway is back in action at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, July 10, with the 21st annual Mach 1 Chassis National Open for 360 sprint cars paying \$5,075 to win. The Apache Tree Service 305 sprint cars and A&A Auto Stores roadrunners are also on the three-division racing card. Track gates open at 5 p.m.

The 410 sprint cars return to Selinsgrove along with the super late models in a special 75th Anniversary Race at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, the anniversary date of the track's opening in 1946.

Fans can get a \$5 general admission discount on July 20 with their rain check from Sunday night's PA Speedweek race.

Kyle Reinhardt and Danny Dietrich shared the front row for the start of the 410 sprint car main event with Dietrich powering into the early lead. Fourth-place starter Brent Marks made a bold move entering turn one to quickly take the second position.

By lap five, a high-speed chase ensued in slower traffic with Marks in pursuit of Dietrich. The first caution flag unfurled on lap nine when Chase Dietz's car rolled to a stop on the frontstretch. When the race resumed, Reinhardt put in a bid for second but was shut out by Marks.

Anthony Macri, the night's fast qualifier, brought his car to a stop on the frontstretch with mechanical issues on lap 11.

At the halfway point, Dietrich led Marks, Reinhardt, eighth-place starter Rico Abreu and sixth-place starter Logan Wagner. With 10 laps to go, Dietrich and Marks got into a battle royale for the lead, pulling off thrilling slide jobs through the turns for several laps.

Marks secured the lead on lap 25 but Dietrich wasn't about to give up and fought a collapsed nose wing on his sprinter. At the checkered flag, Marks was victorious by just two seconds over Dietrich. Abreu was credited with third when Reinhardt's car was disqualified for being under weight. Dewease and ninth-place starter Justin Peck rounded out the top five.

Second-place starter Derek Hauck led the first three laps of the 305 sprint car feature. Hauck was chased by fourth-place starter Garrett Bard. Early in the race, Hauck and Bard swapped the lead.

On the 13th circuit, Bard took the lead the lead away from Hauck. The race was stopped on lap 17 when Tyler Snook flipped over in turns three and four. He was not injured.

When the race resumed, Hauck challenged Bard to retake the lead but Bard held him off. At the checkered flag, Bard was victorious over Hauck, Nick Sweigart, Doug Dodson, and Mike Alleman.

## Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGSGROVE, PA - Selinsgrove Speedway will present the 21st annual Mach 1 Chassis National Open for 360 sprint cars at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 10. The biggest race of the season for the 360 sprint cars in central Pennsylvania will pay \$5,075 to win the 30-lap main event to commemorate

the track's 75th anniversary.

The United Racing Club will be part of this year's Open which offers \$17,000 in prize money. The race will pay \$2,000 to finish second with \$300 posted to start the main event. Passing points will be the tentative race format.

Joining the 360 sprint cars on the July 10 racing card will be the Apache Tree Service 305 sprint cars in a 20-lap main event and A&A Auto Stores roadrunners in a 12-lap feature.

Track gates will open at 5 p.m. with qualifying slated to begin at 7:30 p.m.

In 360 sprint car racing at the track to date, Blane Heimbach (ASCS), Jason Shultz (Kramer Cup), and Ryan Taylor (Whitcomb Memorial) have taken victories in winged sprint car competition. The wingless 360 sprint car races this season have been won by Alex Bright and Briggs Danner.

In last year's race, Ryan Kissinger of Bloomsburg scored the biggest win of his sprint car racing career by taking the \$5,000 victory in the 20th Open over Jonathan Preston and Davie Franek.

There have been 11 different winners of the 358-360 Open since its inception in 2001. TJ Stutts of Liverpool is the only five-time winner of the Open, with Heimbach second on the list with four victories.

**SELINGSGROVE SPEEDWAY: A Motorsports Tradition for Generations**

Selinsgrove Speedway's grand motorsports tradition began July 20, 1946, when Bill Holland of Philadelphia won the first race. Since that historic day, Holland went on to win the 1949 Indy 500, and many of motorsports' most famous drivers have turned laps at the iconic half-mile dirt track designed by legendary Hollywood stuntman and race car driver Joie Chitwood. The speedway, celebrating its momentous 75th anniversary in 2021, will continue its legacy of rip-roaring open wheel and stock car racing this season and for future generations!

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

## Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGSGROVE, PA - Selinsgrove Speedway will celebrate its momentous 75th anniversary with a special doubleheader featuring

the 410 sprint cars and super late models at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, the actual anniversary date of the track's first race in 1946!

Each of the 25-lap main events for the 410 sprint cars and super late models will pay \$5,075 to win and \$375 to start! The tentative qualifying format will be passing points for both divisions.

Track gates will open at 5 p.m. with qualifying slated for 7:30 p.m. The rain date, if needed, will be Wednesday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m.

The ceremonial race, being presented by NRG Controls North, Selinsgrove Ford, and Jeff's Auto Body, will be capped off with a professional fireworks display.

Five lucky fans will win \$75 cash prizes through a raincheck drawing sponsored by Fast Tees of Thompsontown.

For the biggest part of Selinsgrove Speedway's grand history, the 410 sprint cars and super late models have been the headliner divisions. The July 20 anniversary race will pair up the two popular divisions for a once-in-a-lifetime race night at the Superspeedway of Dirt Track Racing.

The track's first race was held on July 20, 1946, when Bill Holland of Philadelphia took the checkered flag in the 20-lap main event. Holland also won the afternoon's qualifier and set fast time with a lap of 26.73 seconds. Holland went on to win the 1949 Indianapolis 500.

Since that historic first race, many of motorsports' most famous drivers have turned laps at the iconic Snyder County half-mile dirt track that was designed by the legendary Hollywood stuntman and race car driver Joie Chitwood Sr.

For fans who can't attend in person, the anniversary race can be purchased as a live PPV event on [sprintcarunlimited.tv](http://sprintcarunlimited.tv).

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

## South Boston Speedway.

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Bobby McCarty surged past Peyton Sellers on a restart with three laps to go and edged Sellers by just over a second to win Saturday night's Thunder Road Harley-Davidson 200 presented by Grand Atlantic Ocean Resort in front of a packed house at South Boston Speedway.

The win was worth \$10,000 to McCarty, who snapped Sellers' win streak in this event at two in a row.

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"I love that more than anything," McCarty remarked after taking the win in South Boston Speedway's showcase NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division race.

"To be able to come here and go head-to-head with him caution after caution and come out on top is really special. It means a lot."

Track position was the name of the game over the final half of the 200-lap race that was the opening race of the Virginia Late Model Triple Crown Series which also includes the July 24 Hampton Heat 200 at Larry King Law's Langley Speedway and the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 at Martinsville Speedway on Sept. 25.

Starting on the outside lane all three times, McCarty was able to work his way past Sellers on all three restarts that followed caution periods in the final 20 laps of the race.

"We just needed track position," Sellers pointed out.

"Bobby had track position. He needed it. He had the top side, and that's where I needed to be. I had fired off a few times earlier in the race and the outside lane rolled really well.

"At the end of the day, we had a solid night. We'll take a second-place finish and move on."

Justin Johnson of Durham, North Carolina finished third,



The field of 37 NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Cars takes the green flag for the start of Saturday night's Thunder Road Harley-Davidson 200 presented by Grand Atlantic Ocean Resort in front of a packed house at South Boston Speedway. (JOE CHANDLER/SBS photo)

Thomas Scott of Efland, North Carolina finished fourth and Chad McCumbee rounded out the top five finishers in the 37-car starting field.

Pole winner Mike Looney of Catawba, Virginia finished sixth, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series regular Chandler Smith took seventh place and Kayden Honeycutt, Jared Fryar and rookie Jacob Borst of Elon, North Carolina completed the top 10 finishers.

The race was a highly competitive one, with the swapping hands four times among three drivers. McCarty led the final 98 laps of the race after taking the lead from Sellers on lap 103. Looney led twice for 84 laps and Sellers led twice for a total of 18 laps. Twenty-two cars finished on the lead lap.

Sellers won the \$1,000 R&S Race Cars Halfway Leader Award and Looney captured the \$500

Sunoco/Sparks Oil Company Pole Award.

Daniel Moss Scores Win In 40-Lap Limited Sportsman Division Race

Daniel Moss of Danville, Virginia scored his biggest win of the season, taking home \$1,500 for winning Saturday night's 50-lap Limited Sportsman Division race.

Moss edged Ryan Joyner by .721-second in the event marred by eight caution periods. His flag-to-flag win was his fourth victory of the season at South Boston Speedway.

Eric Winslow of Pelham, North Carolina, who won this event in 2019 and won the \$250 R&S Race Cars Pole Award for the race, finished third. Brian Obiedzinski of Franklinton, North Carolina and Daniel Crews of Long Island, Virginia completed the top five finishers in the 16-car starting field.

Nathan Crews Eludes Bounty Hunters, Wins 30-Lap Budweiser Pure Stock Division Race

Nathan Crews of Long Island, Virginia scored his eighth victory of the season Saturday night in the 30-lap Budweiser Hornets Division race and had a big payday in the process.

Along with collecting the winner's prize, Crews pocketed a \$220 bounty that had been posted by anonymous race fans, a \$200 bounty posted by LA Paving Company and the R&S Race Cars \$250 Pole Award for winning the pole for the race.

"This is the first time I have won this race in 13 years," Crews noted.

"In fact, this is the first time I have finished this race."

Crews started on the pole and led every lap, edging Johnny Layne

of Halifax, Virginia by 1.147-second to secure his eighth win in nine starts at South Boston Speedway this season.

Randy Hupp of Halifax, Virginia finished third with Jared Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia and Jimmy Wade of Halifax, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

Jared Dawson Wins 20-Lap Budweiser Hornets Division Race

Jared Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia surged past Kevin Currin of Chase City, Virginia on the final lap to win the 20-lap Budweiser Hornets Division race. The win was Dawson's second victory of the season.

Dawson's win snapped a three-race win streak that had been compiled by Josh Dawson of Halifax, Virginia. In winning the race Jared Dawson collected a \$300 bounty posted by Italian Delight Family Restaurant and Matthews' Towing that had been established for a driver that could defeat Josh Dawson.

Josh Dawson, who finished third behind Jared Dawson and Currin, won the R&S Race Cars \$100 Hard Charger Award for the driver that gained the most positions in the race. Andrea Ruotolo of South Boston, Virginia and Dillon Davis of Nathalie, Virginia rounded out the top five finishers.

Next Race At South Boston Speedway

NASCAR racing will return to South Boston Speedway on Saturday, July 17 with the Bojangles NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s racing program.

The six-race card will be headlined by twin 75-lap races for the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts  
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Bobby McCarty (center) receives the \$10,000 winner's check from South Boston Speedway General Manager Cathy Rice (left) and Pocono Raceway and South Boston Speedway CEO Nick Igdalsky (right) in Victory Lane following his win in Saturday night's Thunder Road Harley-Davidson 200. (JOE CHANDLER/SBS photo)

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Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division competitors. Also included that night are a 50-lap Limited Sportsman Division race, twin 15-lap races for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division and a 15-lap race for the Budweiser Hornets Division.

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 July 17 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, July 16. 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 - Stafford Speedway has postponed its Midstate Site Development Street Stock 30 Weekly Racing event scheduled for Friday, July 2 due to forecasted rain. The entire race program, as well as the fireworks that were scheduled, will all move to Friday, July 16. Any tickets sold for the July 2 event will be honored on July 16. The Kids Night event with the Big Wheel race originally scheduled for July 16 will move to July 30.

Stafford Speedway will return to racing action next Friday night, July 9 with the Bud Light Open 80 program featuring Open Modifieds as well as Stafford's SK Modified®, Late Model, SK Light, Limited Late Model, and Street Stock divisions.

Tickets for the July 9th Bud Light 80 are available now online at [staffordspeedway.com/tickets](http://staffordspeedway.com/tickets) and tickets are priced at \$30.00 for adult general admission tickets, \$10.00 for kids 6-14, and free for kids 5 & under. Reserved seating is priced at \$35.00 for all ages and paddock passes are priced at

\$45.00 with a 2021 Stafford Competition License and \$50.00 without a 2021 Stafford Competition License.

For more information, visit [www.staffordspeedway.com](http://www.staffordspeedway.com), check out Stafford Speedway on Facebook or Twitter, or contact the track office at 860-684-2783.

## Wake County Speedway

RALEIGH, NC - Wake County Speedway "America's Favorite Bullring" roars back into action this coming Friday night July 9, 2021. A full card of excitement is on tap with Late Models, Modified 4 Cylinders, Mini-Stock, Legends and Bandolero Divisions all scheduled to compete. The Nascar Advance Auto Parts Weekly Racing Series track has been featured this past week with a great story in the July issue of Walter Magazine and Spectrum News highlighting Charlie Hansen and William Brown and the hard working staff plus the great fan base that's been enjoying the up close in your face racing excitement all season long.

Wake County Speedway is located at 2109 Simpkins Road, Raleigh, NC. Great concessions, Track Swag, Clean Restrooms and a fun filled evening await you. Grandstands open at 6pm, Practice at 7pm, and green flag racing action starts at 8pm, bring your family, friends and neighbors out this coming Friday. By the grace of God and 600 horsepower, see you at the races.

## Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Lance Dewease continued to flex his mid-season muscle at Williams Grove Speedway on Friday night by scoring an unprecedented sixth career victory in the crown jewel of Pennsylvania Speedweek, the 33rd annual Mitch Smith Memorial for sprint cars worth \$15,000.

The victory just added to Dewease's illustrious career statistics, as it was the 103rd of his sprint car career at Williams Grove, his third win in a row at the track and his fourth in the last five races there.

In addition, the win was his 31st overall in career speedweek action, making him the winningest driver in speedweek history since the series began in 1991.

The first 15 laps of the Mitch Smith Memorial went non-stop with polesitter Matt Campbell leading the way over second starter Dewease until lap 11.

Campbell entered the rear of the

field with the lead on the eighth tour with Dewease, Freddie Rahmer and Danny Dietrich in tow.

And once in traffic, Dewease ate up Campbell's advantage to pull off a slide job in the third and fourth turns to net the lead as the pair raced to the line on lap 11.

Meanwhile, drivers Rahmer, Justin Peck and Brent Marks were staging a wild battle for fourth when Marks slowed to a stop at the halfway point, bringing out the first caution flag of the race but rejoining for the new green.

That caution would turn out to be the first of four yellow or red flags during the second half of the event.

Dietrich disposed of Campbell for second on the restart and Peck followed suit a lap later.

And then that pair was battling for second with eight laps to go when the red flag appeared for Dylan Cisney who crunched his car after hopping the fourth turn cushion.

The stoppage erased a 1.962 second lead built by Dewease and during the red flag condition, Rahmer withdrew from the race

The recently crowned Western Pa Speedweek Champion, Ryan Smith got by Campbell for fourth on the ensuing restart and began challenging Peck for the third spot.

But then again the red flag appeared, this time for Campbell who jumped the cushion in turn three while Marks piled in as he raced in the ninth spot.

With five laps to go, action again resumed with Dewease holding sway while Peck got under Dietrich for second, nearly taking the spot only to see Dietrich squeeze back around against the outside turn two rail.

The final caution period was caused with three laps to go when Sam Hafertepe Jr. blew a right rear tire.

Dewease took the win by 1.403 seconds.

Peck, Smith and Lucas Wolfe completed the top five.

Daryn Pittman, 20th starter Paul McMahan, Mike Wagner, Rico Abreu, and a continually rebounding Marks rounded out the top 10.

Cisney set quick time over the 32-car field with a lap of 18.156.

Wolfe, Dietrich, Campbell and Rahmer won the heat races. Robbie Kendall won the B-main.

## Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Presented by Hoseheads.com and Martins Potato Chips, Fan Appreciation Night is on tap this Friday night, July 9, at Williams Grove

Speedway when general admission fans will be granted access to the frontstretch pit area before a night of 410 and URC sprint car racing.

Gates will open at 5:30 pm with heats for the Lawrence Chevrolet 410 sprints and the URC Sprints slated for 7:30.

But before then, from 5:30 until 6:15, all general admission fans will be welcome to enter the frontstretch pits to meet and greet the drivers of the night.

Those taking advantage of the FREE pit access will receive a FREE box of candy courtesy of [www.hoseheads.com](http://www.hoseheads.com) and a FREE bag of Martins Potato Chips, while supplies last.

The 410 sprints will run in a 25 lap main event paying \$5,500 to win while the URC 360-powered sprint cars will vie in a 25 lap, \$1,500 to win feature.

The URC Sprint Car Series will be making its one and only appearance of the season at Williams Grove on Friday night.

So far this season, Carlisle's Jason Shultz has put himself out front in the URC point and win column.

Shultz has taken URC wins at Port Royal, Bedford and Selinsgrove Speedways to date on the tour.

Looking for his first URC title, he leads Delaware's Andy Best in URC points.

Other winners on the URC tour this season have been Mark Smith, Ryan Smith, Robbie Stillwagon, Anthony Macri, Pat Cannon and Blane Heimbach.

Lance Dewease is currently on top in the Williams Grove point standings over Freddie Rahmer.

Dewease is the only repeat winner of the season to date at Williams Grove and has taken four of the last five events including the last three in a row.

Adult general admission for July 9 is \$20 with youth ages 13 - 20 admitted for \$10.

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

Williams Grove Speedway will present a Hoosier Diamond Series World of Outlaws Tune Up race for the 410 sprints on Friday, July 16.

A MacMor Construction Summer Series event for the 358 sprints is also on the mid-July show.

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