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The Busch Brothers Battle to a 1-2 Finish at Sonoma with Kyle Winning His Way to a Chase Possibility

Road Rage... It Happens On and Off the Track

Whether it's the result of stifling traffic on the way home from work, getting in a fender-bender in a parking lot or a four-hour afternoon at 200 mph on the racetrack, emotional meltdowns are frustrating a part of driving a car.

But only in NASCAR can everyone hear it happen.

An ill-handling car, mixed with the competitive nature of drivers and crew chiefs, often create a volatile mixture that can create some angry, sometimes profanity-laced, arguments on the team's two-way radio.

Imagine being able to sit in when a baseball manager chews out a player or a basketball coach tries to get his team better motivated. In NASCAR fans are allowed to hear everything that's going on during the race.

Jeff Gordon and crew chief Alan Gustafson provided an extremely contentious conversation a few weeks ago at the Pocono Raceway. Gustafson wanted to take a late-race gamble to put four new tires on Gordon's No. 24 Chevrolet for the stretch drive, while Gordon violently disagreed.

Gustafson: "Four [tires] and fuel. Sorry, four, no fuel."

Gordon: "Why four, no fuel?"

Gustafson: "Because we're 22nd, going backward. We've got to find a way to go forward."

Gordon: "I suck on new tires."

The dispute continued with Gordon complaining of slower traffic before both ratcheted their anger to a higher level.

Gordon: "Do you think we're going to win from here?"

Gustafson: "I don't want to finish [expletive] 20th."

Gordon: "Tires are not our problem."

Gustafson: "Then what the [expletive] is the problem?"

Gordon: "They're five wide and the [expletive] splitter hits the [expletive] racetrack every time I go into Turn 1. How 'bout that?"

Gordon went on to finish 14th. A week later at the Michigan International Speedway Gordon said both were affected by the heat of the moment.



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"No, it's intense out there. We had a car far better than what we finished," Gordon said. "I would say a little bit of build up with the type of season that we have had so far. It seems like every time we have a car that is capable of either winning

or running in the top five some circumstances come about that take us kind of out of that. That is frustrating.

"When you are in the closing laps of a race or coming down to the final pit stops, and you are making choices and decisions you are not always going to like those decisions. At that point I think both Alan was frustrated and I was frustrated. The restarts weren't going great. I got a little heated."

Fiercy exchanges aren't new in NASCAR. Dale Earnhardt Jr. and crew chief Lance McGrew once went into such a tirade in 2010, team owner Rick Hendrick had to step in and tell both to shut up over the radio.

Six-time champion Jimmie Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus are famous for their blowups and sarcastic radio banter.

"Chad and I, in our relationship, we've had peaks and valleys," Johnson said. "We've had times where there has been plenty of frustration on the radio."

"It isn't fun. I'm sure people hear plenty of colorful things from drivers and crew chiefs during the course of a race."

Tensions usually subside after the race, Gordon said.

"But it is all good. We are big boys," he said. "We respect the heck out of one another and we had great conversations [last] week. I think it's actually been more positive that we kind of got that out there and had this heated moment and said some things and got them off our chest."

But not before everyone else had a chance to listen in.



Jeff Gordon (right) has a conversation with his crew chief, Alan Gustafson before the race begins. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

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ON THE COVER:

MATT THACKER/NKP

Changes Are Coming!

It's the Fourth of July holiday season and the motorsports news is just as hot as the weather. Over the next couple weeks, the sport of NASCAR racing will see several changes that are significant and relevant. Each one of these changes will be met with both positives and negatives, depending on which side of the fence you stand. I'll address each and, obviously, the NASCAR fans will register their voice.

Several weeks ago, NASCAR announced a new rules package that will be used at Kentucky Speedway in July. The changes include a shorter spoiler (6 inches to 3.5 inches), a splitter extension panel, and a splitter change. Almost immediately, Sprint Cup teams had crews of employees working on the new "package" that would be required for the Kentucky race. Thousands, maybe millions of dollars will be spent in the next three weeks to insure the maximum performance for Kentucky. NASCAR has even designated an official "open test day" on Wednesday of Kentucky race week to give each team an opportunity to extent their practice time with the new package.

While some may question the rules change at this time, it is to be used only for the Kentucky race at this time. Why you ask? Well, the Kentucky event is the final Cup race on a 1.5-mile track before the Chase for the Sprint Cup begins. And, with five of the ten Chase races held on that length track, the results of the changes, and the racing action, may have a significant bearing on any future rules leading up to the Chase. Obviously, the jury is out on these rule changes at this time. But, let's not be too judgmental until after July 11 th.

The second change that has occurred is the final race for Fox Sports of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series for 2015. Their final event on their schedule was certainly a memorable one with Kyle Busch scoring an emotional victory at Sonoma. And, speaking of emotional, the Fox broadcast booth at the California road course was full of it. The Toyota Save Mart 350 at Sonoma will be the final telecast in the Fox booth for Larry McReynolds. McReynolds will end a 15-year relationship with Mike Joy and Darrell Waltrip as the main announcers for the Fox coverage of NASCAR. McReynolds will move to another role with Fox and Fox Sports in 2016. Fox announced recently that Jeff Gordon will join Joy and Waltrip in the booth in 2016.

"There's no question, I'm a human being, and Sunday is going to be very tough on me because I do know that this will be the last time to stand in a broadcast booth with Darrell and Mike," McReynolds said. No matter whether it's here at Sonoma or as it's been the last eight years where we've ended at Dover every year, it's always bittersweet because one thing that has made our Fox deal work so well the last 15

years is we are a family. We all care about each other. And, it's just like Mike, Darrell, and I, we are the best friends.'

"We're humans, and we're creatures of habit," McReynolds added. "When things are going good, you don't want to see anything change. But, I've come to realize in my 56 years that change sometimes can surprise us and actually lead to even better things than we have now."

So, it's McReynolds out and Gordon in at Fox for the NASCAR coverage in 2016. An interesting change for sure, but let's reserve our thumbs up or down until this time next year. While I will admit that I will miss the down-home Southern drawl that McReynolds brings to each telecast. His Alabama-bred style and voice add a certain flair to the booth. Certainly, his knowledge of the cars, strategy, and history of the sport bring a unique perspective each race. His "crew chief" mind gives viewers an idea of what each of 43 chiefs on the pit boxes are thinking when they make crucial decisions before, during, and after each race.



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His crew chief insight will truly be missed. However, it will be interesting to see how two NASCAR champions, Gordon and Waltrip, mesh together in the booth. Mike Joy will have his hands full for sure. Both Gordon and Waltrip are well spoken individuals who have excelled as drivers at the top level of our sport. Now, it will be their duty to relay that knowledge and experience to the millions of viewers each race beginning with the 2016 Daytona 500.

Thank you Larry McReynolds for your 15 outstanding years in the Fox booth for NASCAR racing. I know you will continue to be associated with the network and their coverage of the sports through a variety of shows, but I'll have to admit that I will miss you in the booth. Didn't always agree with you, but I respect your knowledge and accomplishments in our sport and your ability to give each one of us an inside look from a unique angle.

So, with Fox Sports ending their schedule of telecasting NASCAR races for 2015, a new partner takes over next week at Daytona. NBC Sports will begin their coverage of the remainder of the NASCAR schedule at Daytona on July 4 th weekend. This week, they announced their staff who will lead their coverage.

Rick Allen will join analysts Jeff Burton and Steve Letarte in the telecast booth to call the Xfinity and Sprint Cup races. Krista Voda with host pre- and post-race coverage with former drivers Kyle Petty and Dale Jarrett. Marty Snider, Kelli Stavast, Mike Massaro, and Dave Burns will report from pit road with Nate Ryan and Rutledge Wood completing the 12-person on-air team.

"NBC Sports has always taken great pride in the belief that we surround each of our broadcasts with the very best on-air talent in the business and this NASCAR team is exemplary," Sam Flood, Executive Producer, NBC Sports and NBCSN, stated. "We're bringing fresh viewpoints from behind the wheel and on top of the



Larry McReynolds signed off as the FOX main announcer after the race in Sonoma his past weekend. It ended his 15-year relationship with Mike Joy and Darrell Waltrip in the broadcast booth. (LARRYM-CREYNOLDS.COM photo)

pit box, multi-generational perspectives and Hall of Fame credentials, journalistic muscle, and an entertaining style that fans will enjoy and ultimately feel closer to the action."

With their NASCAR partnership, NBC's 20 Sprint Cup Series races include a designation as the exclusive home to the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup. The Chase culminates with the season-ending 10-race championship events, which return to network television for the first time since 2009. Of NBC Sports Group's 20 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events, seven will be carried on NBC, with thirteen televised on NBCSN. Four of NBC Sports Group's 19 Xfinity Series races will air on NBC, with 15 airing on NBCSN.

NBCSN will also have a 30-minute weekday news and highlight program, NASCAR AMERICA, dedicated to America's fascination with speed and stock car racing, and features regular appearances by NBC Sports NASCAR experts as well as a rotation of guests analysts.

I'm very interested to begin watching the NBC NASCAR coverage starting this week from Daytona. I can only imagine the fans when they realize that a large portion of the actual race telecasts will be on NBCSN, a cable network not readily accessible to many viewers. I know how passionate NASCAR fans are, and I remember their loud displeasure when NASCAR races were shifted from Fox to Fox Sports 1 and Fox Sports 2. A NASCAR fan who cannot watch his favorite sport live on Sunday afternoon (Saturday too) is not a happy camper. I don't believe I will volunteer to answer the phones at NBC headquarters or their local affiliates when their first premiere NASCAR event airs on NBCSN. Maybe I'll be wrong, but I wouldn't bet that way.

Three major changes to NASCAR racing. Only time will tell the true significance of each.

Kyle Busch Resurrects Season with Spectacular Victory at Sonoma

By REID SPENCER
SONOMA, CA— Check the box. Kyle Busch has a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory.

That simple statement hardly plumbs the depth of emotion Kyle Busch was feeling after winning Sunday's Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma Raceway.

In the first-ever 1-2 finish in the series by the Busch brothers, Kyle Busch beat Kurt Busch to the finish line by .532 seconds to win for the first time since returning from an 11-race absence because of a broken right leg and left foot sustained in a Feb. 21 accident at Daytona International Speedway.

"First Busch brothers 1-2, boys," Kyle Busch exulted on his radio after taking the checkered flag. "Mom and Dad should be proud."

On Lap 106 of 110, Kyle Busch muscled Jimmie Johnson out of the way and took the lead on the way to his second victory at the 1.99-mile road course and the 30th of his career. Johnson had stayed out on old tires while Busch joined a parade to pit road for new rubber after the left rear wheel assembly separated from Casey Mears Chevrolet to cause the fifth and final caution of the race on Lap 99.

Johnson led the field to a restart on Lap 104, but the cars with fresh tires soon asserted their superiority, with Kurt Busch, Clint Bowyer, reigning series champion Kevin Harvick and Joey Logano all following Kyle Busch in putting the six-time champion behind them.

Kyle Busch restarted seventh and got past Bowyer, the eventual

third-place finisher, soon thereafter in heavy traffic at the top of the hill in Turn 2. Two laps later, he passed Johnson for the lead.

All told, 46 races had passed since Kyle Busch last went to Victory Lane in NASCAR's premier series, including the 11 he missed because of the Daytona injuries. Busch last won at Fontana, Calif., on Mar. 23, 2014. The victory extends his streak of winning at least one race per year to 11 years.

More significant, the triumph gives Busch the first element he needs to qualify for the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup. Busch also must finish in the top 30 in the series standings after 26 races in order to maintain his eligibility for NASCAR's playoff.

With the win, Busch gained two positions in the standings to 37th, 136 points behind 30th-place Cole Whit with 10 races left in the regular season.

"Yeah, we have our work cut out for us," he said. "We knew we did in the beginning (after returning to competition five races ago), and I knew we put us in the hole in points. It's unfortunate that we've had a couple crashes (in recent events at Dover and Michigan).

"As much as I can do, that's what we're going to do. Adam Stevens, this is his first win as a Cup crew chief, so this is pretty special.

"My wife is here, she flew in this morning. So it's awesome to have her with us today. Brexton (Busch's newborn son) is at home, though. He didn't want to fly six hours, so we let him stay at home this time. This is so cool."

Kurt Busch led a race-high 43 laps but spent too much time get-



Kyle Busch is all smiles after winning the Toyota/Save Mart 350 Sunday at Sonoma Raceway Sunday. It was his first win of the 2015 season in the NSCS. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

ting past Bowyer in the closing laps to have a realistic chance to catch his brother. But his disappointment at finishing second was trumped by empathy for the ordeal Kyle has endured this season.

"It was emotional," Kurt Busch acknowledged. "I know he's been through quite a bit; to have your leg broken, your foot shattered, to never (before) be injured and out of the car ... I don't know what that feels like, but I do know that working with Tony Stewart and having him go through rehab, rehab is very difficult, and it is a mental challenge.

"And I'm very proud of Kyle for what he's done to get back in the car as soon as he did get back in the car, and then to be competitive at a track with hard, hard braking and to use his left foot to drive to victory lane, I'm very proud of him."

Then Kurt's competitive juices took over, and he added, tongue-in-cheek, "I just wish I could have one more lap to get to his bumper, but I think he didn't want to see an extra lap."



The M&M's crew celebrate with their driver Kyle Busch after the checkered flag fell in Sonoma. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)



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DJ Shaw Scores First PASS North SLM Victory This Season at Lee USA Speedway

LEE, NH - DJ Shaw of Center Conway, New Hampshire raced past early leader Derek Ramstrom of West Boylston, Massachusetts and drove to his first AIM Recycling USA PASS North Super Late Model victory of the 2015 season Friday night at Lee USA Speedway in Lee, NH.

Shaw, the reigning champion of the series, fought an overheating Precision JLM-sponsored racecar in the early stages of the race, and survived long bouts with lapped traffic during a 120-lap green flag stretch to claim first-place hardware at the MacDonald family's race-track.

Ramstrom, making a rare appearance in his Super Late Model, held off several different challengers – including multi-time LEE USA and ACXT Late Model champion Wayne Helliwell, Jr., during the race to claim a season-best runner-up finish.

Jeremy Davis continued his rise in the rankings with his third straight top-five finish on the PASS North SLM circuit. Joey Doiron of Berwick, Maine came from deep on the starting grid to post a fourth-place finish.

Former Lee USA Speedway Late Model regular Bryan Kruczek was the fifth-place finisher. Mike Rowe (Turner, ME), Joe Squeglia, Jr. (Derry, NH), Derek Griffith (Hudson, NH), Cassius Clark (Farmington, ME) and Dave Oliver (Standish, ME) rounded out the top

ten. Ramstrom and Shaw won heat races.



Reigning champion DJ Shaw is all smiles in victory lane as he celebrates his first PASS North SLM win of the season. (Norm Marx/PASS photo)

The PASS Super Late Model National Championship Series visits New Hampshire Motor Speedway for the AIM Recycling USA 60 on Sunday, July 5, with racing ac-

tion set for 12 noon. The next AIM Recycling USA PASS North Super Late Model race is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway in Scarborough, Maine. For more information please visit proallstarseries.com.

Bonsignore Scores Second Whelen Modified Tour Win at Riverhead Raceway

RIVERHEAD, NY - Justin Bonsignore has to enjoy racing at Riverhead Raceway. Bonsignore passed Timmy Solomito in Turn 3 on Lap 9 and waited out a rain delay and a late charge by Todd Szegedy to score his seventh career NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win and second at his home track.

Bonsignore piloted his No. 51 M3 Technology Chevrolet around some late race traffic to hold off Szegedy and continue of his streak of scoring at least one tour win every year since 2011.

Doug Coby followed Szegedy in third to score his best career finish at Riverhead with Eric Goodale fourth and Woody Pitkat fifth.

Timmy Solomito, who led the first eight laps of the race, followed in sixth while polesitter Tom Rogers Jr. rebounded from having to start the race at the rear of the 28-car field to finish seventh. Ryan Preece was eighth with rookies Vincent Biondolillo and David Sapienza rounding out the top 10.

The race was slowed seven times for caution with Shawn

Solomito and Donny Lia involved in the only multi-car incident in the race on Lap 39. The race also featured a 45 minute red flag for rain to set up the final 51-lap sprint to the finish.

After six points events, the championship standings now feature a tie for the lead between Coby and Preece with 251 apiece. Pitkat sits third, just two tallies back of the co-leaders.

The Riverhead Hoosier Tire East 200 is slated to air on NBCSN Thursday, July 2nd at 6 p.m. ET.

Mayhew Captures Sonoma Win On Green-White-Checkered Finish

SONOMA, CA - Dalton Sargeant led and led and led. And then, he didn't.

For almost the entirety of Saturday's Carneros 200 at Sonoma Raceway, Sargeant, a regular in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East, looked primed to steal another one from his West series counterparts.

Then, with four laps remaining, Dave Smith's Dodge slid off course. And the yellow flag flew.

That proved to be Sargeant's undoing, as pole winner David Mayhew used a strong restart and



Justin Bonsignore takes a victory lap after winning the Whelen Modified Tour race at Riverhead Raceway. (Will Schneekloth/Getty Images for NASCAR photo)

eventual pass for the lead on the first lap of a green-white-checkered finish to capture his first victory of the season. It was his ninth victory in 92 career races in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West.

It was also payback for the finesse move Sargeant pulled on Mayhew on Lap 3. Sargeant, a member of the current NASCAR Next class and Sunoco Rookie of the Year contender in both the East and West, dipped his No. 52 GALT Chevrolet under Mayhew in the hairpin turn (turn 11) to grab a lead he held for all but the final two laps.

Mayhew led the first two and final two laps. In between, Sargeant, who won the season

opener at Kern, led a total of 64 laps.

"Those last few laps were tense for sure," Mayhew said. "We've been second a few times, third. We've been right there knocking on the door. It's great to finally come away with the win."

Sargeant finished second, followed by J.J. Haley, Ryan Partridge and William Byron. Austin Dillon and Trevor Bayne finished sixth and 10th, respectively.

Chris Eggleston, the points leader entering Sonoma, saw his lead dwindle after a 13th-place run, but by a single point. He heads into the July 11 race at Stateline Speedway with an 11-point lead over Garcin Raz.

Self Wins at Winchester Speedway for First ARCA Victory

(WINCHESTER, Ind. – June 28, 2015) – Austin Wayne Self passed Brandon Jones with six laps remaining in the Herr's Chase the Taste 200 presented by Federated Car Care Sunday at Winchester Speedway and then all he had to do, he said, was stay focused on victory lane.

"I was just looking ahead and listening to the countdown of laps, 4-3-2-1," Self said. "I kept driving it in deeper and making sure I got on the gas as hard as I could. I was trying not to think about it too much and just driving the race car as hard as I could."

Self, in the No. 98 AM Technical Solutions-Pirate Energy Ford, made slight contact with Jones in turn four, reminiscent of last year's race when Jones passed Mason Mitchell for the win on lap 199. Mitchell is the team owner of the No. 98.

"It was pretty dramatic," Mitchell said. "It was basically last year, only reversal of roles. He was well aware of that and I'm pretty sure the other team was too. I thought it was clean just like last year. You do what you have to do nowadays to win races."

Jones led almost half of the race – 98 laps – before finishing third in the No. 25 Ansell-Menards Toyota. About the contact, he said it was just hard racing.

"I felt like we had the dominant car here all day," Jones said. "It's unfortunate, but it's all good."

Grant Enfinger finished second, getting past Jones on the last lap in his No. 23 GMS Racing Chevrolet. Kyle Weatherman, who started first in the No. 22 Cunningham Motorsports Ford, finished fourth and Justin Boston, in the No. 55 Hydraulics Cylinders Inc. Toyota, fifth.

Enfinger widened his driver point lead, finishing five spots ahead of runner-up in the standings, Josh Williams.

"We knew it was going to be crazy, especially if those two guys in front got into each other," Enfinger said. "We wanted to be there to capitalize if the two leaders wrecked, but I slipped as well. It wasn't enough to get by them. Plus, I was trying to look at the big picture. We brought home the car in one piece again – another second place for us. It was really a solid run."

Tom Hessert was sixth in the final finishing order, just ahead of Williams, James Swanson, Sarah Cornett-Ching and A.J. Fike. It was a career best for Swanson, in the No. 48 Kan Do-Radon.com Dodge, while Williams scored his series-best ninth top-10 of the season.

Kyle's brother, Clayton Weatherman, was 11th, in the United Nissan-St. Charles Glass Ford.

Ken Schrader, who led 55 laps, finished 13th following a late pit stop under green that put him four laps down at the end.

The race took 1 hour, 35 minutes to com-

plete with seven cautions, the last coming at lap 194 for debris.

Mitchell was on the pit box for the No. 98 team. He said during the last caution, he and Self talked about what he had to do to win.

"We coached him through the caution and really the whole weekend," Mitchell said. "We told him what he needed to do correctly. He was racing hard and made a little bit of contact, then he had to protect our line after that and he ended up pulling away. I was proud of him for using the car up a little bit."

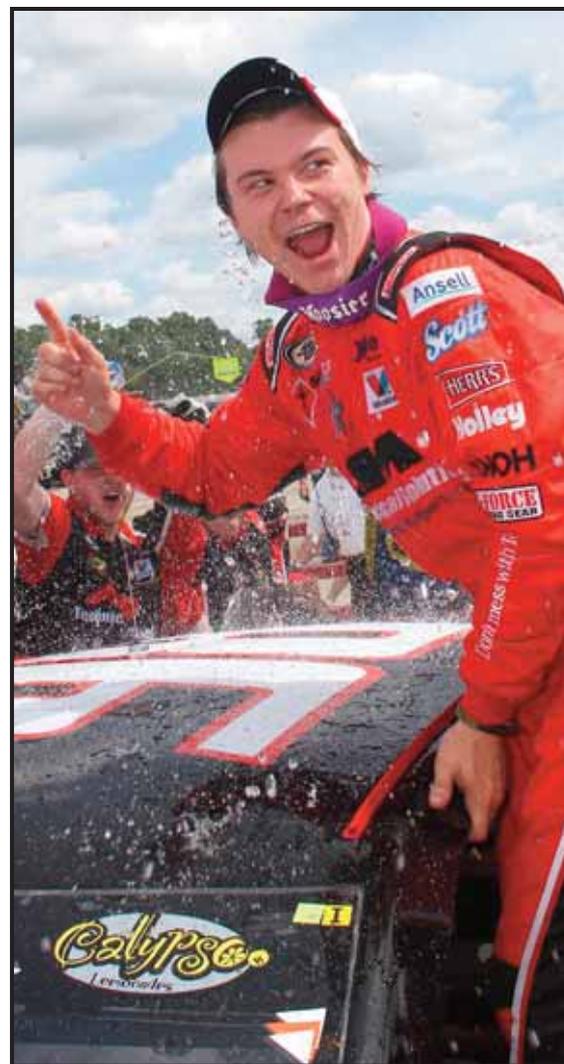
"I think we had a better car. We kept on pulling away, so it took care of itself."

Jones took his third different lead of the day on lap 150, staying in front for the next 36 laps until the caution came out at lap 186 for debris. Self and Enfinger appeared to be catching up with Jones during the long green flag run. When the caution came out, the cars were separated only by about a car length.

"We had a good car," Self said. "My team was making sure I was focused. You don't get too many chances to be in position with six laps to go in second on a restart. They were just making sure I was up on my game."

"On that last restart, I definitely feel like we had the car to win," Self said. "It's awesome. We finished second to Frank Kimmel here in 2013. This was always the place that I really wanted to win. I had a lot of family and friends here. I love this place a lot. The racing is always fun. To be able to come home with a win is really big for me."

The race was not only a Calypso Lemonades Short Track Challenge race but the third leg of the Bill France Four Crown championship. Point standings for both series-within-a-series will be released Tuesday on arcaracing.com. Weatherman entered as the short track challenge leader with car No. 55 leading the Four Crown title



Austin Wayne Self gives the symbol for first win in Winchester's victory lane Sunday afternoon. (ARCA photo)

chase.

CBS Sports Network will re-air the Herr's Chase the Taste 200 at 5 p.m. today, 2 a.m. June 29, 11 p.m. July 1, 3 a.m. July 2 and 6 a.m. July 4.

The ARCA Racing Series will have two consecutive weekends off before heading to Iowa for the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards 150 at the Newton, Iowa short track.

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When tens of thousands of race fans visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for one of NASCAR's biggest races of the summer, one name will stick out among the rest. Come Race Day, not only will fans recognize the name within the Crown Royal Presents the "Your Hero's Name Here" 400 race title,

but they will also understand the reason why Jeff Kyle is being honored as an American hero.

During a special reveal event at the Texas Rangers game, Kyle was announced as the winner of Crown Royal Canadian Whisky's annual "Your Hero's Name Here" program, which awards naming rights to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to a deserving hero. As the program winner, Kyle's name will be incorporated into the official race title, the Crown Royal Presents the Jeff Kyle 400 at the Brickyard.

Kyle, of Lorena, Texas, was deployed multiple times to Iraq and Africa while serving in the military for eight years. During his time with the 3rd Marine Division, Kyle received the Navy Achievement Medal for leading the first Marine detachment to transport a nuclear submarine through hostile waters.

After leaving the military, Sergeant Kyle has dedicated his life to helping his fellow servicemen and women through his tireless efforts to bring awareness to veterans' needs. Kyle advocates for veterans across the nation and provides support through his involvement with a handful of organizations.

A board member of the Guardian For Heroes Foundation, Kyle oversees the stewardship of the charity which provides free, in-home fitness equipment, health club memberships, personal training, life coaching and support for the disabled. He also plays a large role with American Valor, the foundation which runs the memorial benefit to honor his brother, CPO and U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle. In addition, Kyle is one of the founders of Texas Elite Tactical Academy and trains individuals about firearms safety through his passion to educate those in a safe environment.

"Honestly, I don't feel like I'm de-



serving of this recognition," said Kyle of being named the winner of the 2015 "Your Hero's Name Here" program. "My true service to this country didn't begin until I got out of the military and I'm proud to be in the position I am."

Thursday at Globe Life Park in Arlington, home of the Texas Rangers, over 29,000 fans witnessed the announcement of Kyle as the 2015 "Your Hero's Name Here" winner as the official race logo incorporating his name was unveiled during the pregame festivities. As Kyle made his way to the mound to throw the honorary first pitch, the logo was displayed across every screen within the stadium.

After the monumental moment, Kyle was greeted off the field by his closest family and friends who surprised him in celebration of the honor, alongside representatives from Crown Royal and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Kyle's wife and parents were in attendance, as well as Kyle's personal hero and nominator for the program, 2014 "Your Hero's Name Here" race namesake and Green Beret John Wayne Walding.

"Jeff has made his sacrifice time and time again, whether he's serving his country overseas, locally or nationally," Walding said. "After everything he has done living his life for others, having something that is just for him will be really special."

This will mark the ninth time the Crown Royal brand has awarded NASCAR race naming rights to an adult fan. After receiving hundreds of entries during the nomination period, five heroes were chosen as finalists and adult fans had the opportunity to cast their votes for the person they felt was most deserving of the honor. In addition to Kyle, program finalists included: Benjamin Parker, retired Army Staff Sergeant from Cincinnati, Ohio;

Hector Manley, community leader from Bonita Springs, Florida; Brendan Marrocco, retired Army Sergeant from Staten Island, New York; and Margy Bons, founder of the Military Assistance Mission from Phoenix, Arizona.

"Jeff Kyle's dedication to helping veterans in Texas and across the country is a testament to his selfless nature," said Matt Pechman, Brand Director for Crown Royal Canadian Whisky. "The race on July 26 will mark a special event for Kyle as he'll experience his first NASCAR race in an incredibly unique way - as the namesake!"

As the "Your Hero's Name Here" winner, Kyle will receive the ultimate VIP race weekend, including garage tours and pace car rides before delivering the trophy bearing his name to the race winner in Victory Lane.

While raising a glass to the heroes in your life, Crown Royal reminds consumers to please drink responsibly.

Martinsville Speedway

MARTINSVILLE, VA - As the sun sets on Jeff Gordon's historic racing career, fans at Martinsville Speedway will have the opportunity to see the NASCAR legend up-close and personal before the start of the Goody's® Headache Relief Shot® 500 on Nov. 1.

Thanks to long-time Gordon and Martinsville Speedway partner Pepsi, the eight-time Martinsville winner is the first driver to sign on to participate in the Green Flag Experience.

Gordon is scheduled to participate in an emceed question-and-answer session in The Plaza presented by Pepsi on race morning.

"You cannot mention the history of Mar-

tsville Speedway or NASCAR without mentioning Jeff Gordon," Martinsville Speedway President Clay Campbell said. "To have him as part of the Green Flag Experience before the Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500 is really great for our fans."

"Pepsi and Hendrick Motorsports have really given our fans a great opportunity to say 'thanks' to a true racing icon."

In addition to his eight Martinsville wins, Gordon owns four NASCAR Cup Series championships and his 92 Sprint Cup Series wins rank third all-time.

Additional drivers participating in the Green Flag Experience will be announced in the coming weeks.

The Green Flag Experience also gives fans the chance to watch driver introductions from the track, along with a morning full of fun and excitement on the track and under the large tent in The Plaza presented by Pepsi, located on the hill behind the souvenir display area.

In addition to the emceed question-and-answer sessions, the Green Flag Experience offers fans the opportunity to walk the frontstretch on race morning, sign the start/finish line, a photo opportunity in mock Victory Lane, enjoy music, games and prizes along with show cars plus doughnuts, Danishes, coffee and juice. The cost of the

Green Flag Experience is \$30 until July 6, when the cost increases to \$40.

The driver question-and-answer sessions, food, music, games and prizes, and show cars will be held in The Plaza from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. The track portion will open at 9:15 and will remain open until the finish of driver introductions.

Admission to the Green Flag Experience does not include a ticket for the Goody's® Headache Relief Shot® 500. Advance ticket prices for the Goody's® Headache Relief Shot® 500 begin at just \$45.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 1.877.RACE.TIX. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.martinsvillespeedway.com.

Hard Charging Schatz Wins JB Memorial at Beaver Dam Raceway

BEAVER DAM, WI - Four different drivers led an intense Jim Boyd "JB" Memorial presented by Karavan Trailers at Beaver Dam Raceway on Saturday night, but it was a familiar face who emerged at the end - Donny Schatz.

The reigning World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series champion battled through traffic from a 10th place starting position and around leader Daryn Pittman late in the race to score his 17th win of the season and the night's KSE Racing Hard Charger Award.

"This race team, you don't count them out," Schatz said of his No. 15 Bad Boy Buggies team. "It doesn't matter if we start 10th or 20th. They've got their game face on, they're really motivated right now, they're really on top of things. The more people mess with them, the more they work hard so that obviously showed tonight."

When the green flag fell on the 40-lap feature, Kerry Madsen led Shane Stewart, Daryn Pittman and Joey Saldana. Stewart quickly battled to the lead as the scrum behind him began. Pittman and Madsen traded positions through the opening laps with Pittman taking over second then losing it again on lap 10. By lap 12, Madsen drove past Stewart for the lead as the two drivers exited turn four.

As traffic came in to play, the front of the field bunched up. Stewart and then Pittman both made runs at the lead, at times getting side-by-side with Madsen, but neither one was able to close the deal until lap 26 when Pittman drag raced Madsen down the front stretch and beat him as they came off of turn two. He took over the lead on lap 27.

Schatz, meanwhile, had moved from 10th to sixth by lap nine. He stayed between there and fifth for the majority of the feature. Then, on lap 30, Schatz began his assault on the leaders, picking up fourth on lap 28, then third on lap 30. As Pittman worked his way through traffic, Schatz found his opportunity.

Pittman went to low side in turns three and four, Schatz went to the high side. Both found lapped cars in front of them, but Pittman got

stuck as Schatz used the middle to get around the one blocking his line.

"He trapped himself there," Schatz said of Pittman. "There were guys on the bottom and he was having trouble getting by them and you just kind of had to go all over."

Joey Saldana, who hovered around the fourth position all night, worked his way around Stewart for third, using traffic as a pick.

The only caution of the night flew with four laps remaining. When the race returned to green Schatz built up a healthy lead as Pittman tried to run him down. Saldana had his hands full holding off Stewart. Ultimately though it was Schatz standing in victory lane - the first time since 2002 he has won at Beaver Dam.

"(My crew chief Ricky Warner) asked me at the start if I wanted to be married to the top or the bottom and I said, I need to go everywhere and they did a phenomenal job getting the racecar to do that," Schatz said. "It could float through the middle a little bit if I caught it just right and I could hammer the cushion if I had to or even slow down and hit the bottom. Lap traffic is fun, it's what helped us win the race. It's the only way we probably would have started 10th tonight and won."

Schatz extended his lead in the championship battle to 210 over



Donny Schatz (15) races under Joey Saldana Saturday night at Beaver Dam Raceway. (Ken Simon/Beaver Dam Raceway photo)

second place Shane Stewart. Schatz and his Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing team have won six of the last ten Outlaws races.

Pittman, the 2013 World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series champion, said the track has historically been good for his No. 9 Great Clips team.

"I honestly consider this my second best place next to New Egypt as far as my performance," Pittman said. "We had a good run and we had a good car. Traffic just killed me... I just made a couple of mistakes. Man, that was a lot of fun. It was a fun race, hats off to this whole Great Clips team because we had a good car all night."

Saldana, who took home the quick time award of the night, his eighth of the season and the most of any driver in 2015, said traffic was the key for the night, especially when battling Schatz.

"Donny seems to figure out lap traffic better than anybody or he knows where to put his car in the

right spot at the right time," Saldana said. "You just have to learn from that and try to get better. We had a great car all night. The whole Motter team worked hard. We've been a solid car, we've just had a ton of bad luck. Just finishing tonight and knowing we can go to the next race and have some momentum on our side is huge."

The World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series return to action Wednesday night at Lakeside Speedway for the O'Reilly Auto Parts presents the Outlaws at Lakeside, a makeup of the previously rain postponed event on June 6. For more information on the event and to learn how to purchase tickets, visit <http://woosprint.com/lakeside-speedway>.

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Junghans Scores First-Career World of Outlaws Late Model Series Victory on Night Two of Firecracker 100

SARVER, PA - With two of the sport's top drivers behind him and a steady line of lapped traffic ahead of him, Chase Junghans expected his lead in Friday's Firecracker 100 preliminary feature at Lernerville Speedway to be shrinking.

Instead, signals from a crew member during the second half of the 30-lap race told the second-year World of Outlaws Late Model Series driver that he was pulling away from former WoO LMS champion Scott Bloomquist and current series points leader Shane Clanton.

"I was just riding around out

there trying to be patient and my crew guy was giving me signals saying I was pulling away," said Junghans, the 22-year-old racer from Manhattan, Kan. "I was like 'Are you kidding me?'" But I guess I was, and now, I just don't know what to say. This is surreal."

Junghans was indeed nearly speechless after dominating Friday's A-Main to score his first-career WoO LMS victory during the second night of Lernerville's ninth annual Firecracker 100 presented by GottaRace.com. In notching his fourth top-five finish in the past six WoO LMS events, Junghans earned \$6,175 at the 4/10-mile oval and picked up plenty of momentum heading into Saturday's \$30,000-to-win Firecracker 100 finale.

Junghans' Shop Quik Racing



Chase Junghans takes the checkered flag on his first career World of Outlaws Late Model Series victory at Lernerville Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

Capital Race Car finished the caution-free race with an advantage of 2.932 seconds. Bloomquist of Mooresburg, Tenn., was second with Clanton, the Zebulon, Ga., driver who won Thursday's Firecracker 100 opener, advancing from his seventh starting spot to fin-

ish third. Chub Frank of Bear Lake, Pa., finished fourth with Davey Johnson of Latrobe, Pa., rounding out the race's top five finishers.

Junghans was fast all night at Lernerville, setting quick time in qualifying and finishing second to
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Sweet Picks Up Third Win of the Season in NAPA Rumble in Michigan

LAKE ODESSA, MI - Racing on the bullrings of his home state of California early in his career taught Brad Sweet how to negotiate some pretty intimidating cushions. A nearly foot and a half cushion that

resembled more a ledge on Wednesday night at I-96 Speedway in Michigan didn't faze Sweet, nor did a battle with six-time and defending series champion Donny Schatz.

Sweet used a slide job in turns one and two on lap 29 to take the lead from Schatz and withstood a number of late restarts to win the NAPA Auto Parts Rumble in Michigan which marked his third win of the season and first since April. Sweet, who was the final of three leaders on Wednesday night, became the sixth different winner in the last five races for the World of Outlaws at I-96 Speedway.

"It was a tricky track tonight," said Sweet, who drives the Ollie's Bargain Outlet machine for Kasey Kahne Racing. "I got a terrible restart and I think I just got really mad and got my elbows up. I had a



Brad Sweet ended Donny Schatz's five race win streak with his third victory of the season at I-96 Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

win it or wear it mentality. The (No.) 15 has been making it tough on everyone out here and we all have been fighting and clawing to try to figure it out. We still have a lot of work to do to beat Donny (Schatz), but tonight we were able to get the Ollie's Bargain Outlet car in victory lane and it feel really, really good."

Sweet lined up fourth and was up to second following the first caution of the night on the seventh lap. After he took the lead on lap-29, he briefly lost it on a restart, but Schatz was called for a jump and Sweet retained the lead. The final six laps were slowed by three cautions and a red flag period. Sweet used strong restarts each time to hold

the top spot en route to the win.

Schatz, who was seeking his sixth straight win, started on the outside of the front row next to his teammate Steve Kinser, who led the opening 15 circuits. Schatz would pace the field for 13 laps, while Sweet and Kerry Madsen stalked him. While his win streak was snapped, Schatz was able to extend his lead in the series standings as he chases his seventh series title aboard the Bad Boy Buggies J&J.

Following a late restart, Schatz went over the banking off the back straight-

aways, falling back a few spots. He would use a late charge to get back by Paul McMahan and Kerry Madsen to finish second.

Madsen, who is seeking his first win of the season, charged from the sixth starting spot to move up to third by the sixth lap. The native of St. Marys, New South Wales, Australia, who now calls Knoxville Iowa home, ran as high as second during the 35-lap contest.

Paul McMahan was fourth with Shane Stewart fifth. Jason Sides, who opened the night by setting a new track record in time trials finished sixth, followed by Daryn Pittman, Logan Schuchart, David Gravel and Nate Dussel.

Rain Cancels World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series at 34 Raceway

BURLINGTON, IA - The World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series event scheduled Friday, June 26, at 34 Raceway has been canceled due to rain. It will not be rescheduled.

All tickets purchased in advance of the event will be fully refunded at the point of purchase.

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



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Clanton in his heat race to earn a spot in the Top 8 Redraw. Luck fell his way in drawing the pole for the A-Main, but he didn't waste the opportunity. He pulled away from an early back-and-forth battle between Bloomquist and Frank and never looked back.

A frequent contender at Lernerville, Bloomquist took second from Frank on lap 10 and appeared to

initially close slightly on Junghans. But his pace slowed around halfway and the two-time Firecracker 100 winner was forced to settle for the runner-up finish in his self-designed Sweet-Bloomquist Race Car.

With his seventh consecutive top-three WoO LMS finish, Clanton kept his recent hot streak rolling. The co-founder of Capital Race Cars was happy to see a Capital car in victory lane, but he would've liked to have made it a one-two sweep for the chassis brand.

Tim McCreddie was sixth at the finish after climbing as high as third midway through the race. Former Lernerville track champion Jared Miley advanced from 11th to score his second top 10 of the weekend in finishing seventh. Gregg Satterlee was eighth with Austin Hubbard and Rick Eckert rounding out the top 10.

Severe Weather Forces Postponement Of Saturday's Firecracker 100 Finale

SARVER, PA - Bands of evening showers and severe weather forced the postponement of Saturday's final night of the ninth annual Firecracker 100 presented by GottaRace.com at Lernerville Speedway. The event has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 5, setting up a Labor Day Weekend doubleheader with Lernerville's Working Man 50 on Friday, September 4.

Fans need to keep their tickets and wristbands to exchange for admission to the makeup event. New ticket purchases for the rescheduled date will be the same posted price of \$40 for Adult Reserved or General Admission. Tickets for the Working Man 50 will remain \$29. A two-day package for the Working Man 50 and the Firecracker 100

makeup event will also be available. The price of the package will be announced at a later date.

Clanton Opens Lernerville's Firecracker 100 Weekend With Win

SARVER, PA - World of Outlaws Late Model Series points leader Shane Clanton kept his hot streak rolling Thursday evening with a victory on the opening night of Lernerville Speedway's ninth annual Firecracker 100 presented by GottaRace.com.

Establishing himself as a heavy favorite to claim Saturday's \$30,000-to-win Firecracker 100 finale, Clanton, 39, of Zebulon, Ga., turned back an early challenge from Jared Miley of Pittsburgh, Pa., and was far enough ahead in the closing laps to survive a valiant late charge by 12th-starting Rick Eckert of York, Pa.

The \$6,500 victory - Clanton's WoO LMS-leading seventh of the season and his third in the national tour's past four races - came on the first of two Firecracker 100 preliminary nights at Lernerville's 4/10-mile oval. The 2010 Firecracker 100 winner will look to keep his momentum going in another preliminary program on Friday and in Saturday's 100-lap finale.

"This car was just phenomenal again tonight," Clanton said of his Weldbank Energy Capital Race Cars house car. "If we can just keep qualifying and heat racing like we are and get a good starting spot, then we're pretty confident about our chances in 100 laps around here come Saturday. We've got the dominant car right now; hopefully we can keep it going."

Eckert settled for the runner-up finish after charging from fifth to second in the final 10 laps of the 30-lap race. The 2006 WoO LMS champion made up considerable ground on Clanton in the closing laps but came up 1.361 seconds short at the finish. After pressuring Clanton for most of the race's first half, Miley held on to third to record his career-best WoO LMS result.

Defending Firecracker 100 winner Darrell Lanigan of Union, Ky., finished fourth and in doing so overtook 17th-finishing Josh Richards of Shinnston, W.Va., for second in the WoO LMS points chase. Eric Wells of Hazard, Ky., finished fifth in Thursday's A-Main, which ran green to the finish after finally getting rolling on the third attempt to start the race.

Clanton's road to victory was



Shane Clanton won at both the opening night of the Lernerville Speedway's Firecracker 100 and at Weedsport Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

made slightly less difficult when he was moved from his initial third starting spot to the pole after Miley, who drew the pole in a redraw among heat race winners and runners-up, was penalized a row for firing too early on the first attempt to start the race.

After a brief opening-lap battle, Clanton pulled ahead of second-starting Mason Zeigler, who was the beneficiary of original outside polesitter Greg Johnson's jumped start on the second attempt to start the race.

Miley followed Clanton by Zeigler into the second spot and remained within striking distance until the leaders reached lapped traffic just before the halfway point. Clanton was able to negotiate the slower cars much quicker than Miley, allowing his No. 25 machine to pull away to a comfortable lead.

"I just took my opportunities to get by cars when I could," Clanton said of his run through traffic. "I was just riding my line at the top just trying to save tires and be easy on our car. But when I had to get by (lapped cars), I could drive just about anywhere to do it. I can't ask for much more than that out of our race car."

Eckert, 49, was able to keep his Viper Motorsports MasterSbilt machine glued to the track's bottom groove while others struggled. That allowed him to make his late charge and nearly catch Clanton.

"It surprised me that guys kept missing the bottom," said Eckert, who recorded his fourth top five of the 2015 WoO LMS campaign. "That bottom was really nice and most of those guys just weren't patient enough to hit it and get the kind of run off of it like I was."

Miley appeared capable of chal-

lenging for an upset victory while keeping pace with Clanton early in the race, but he faded through the second half. Still, the 29-year-old former Lernerville track champion was encouraged by his solid performance in his Colussy Chevrolet Rocket Chassis.

"It feels real good to do this on the first night," Miley said. "Sometimes it's hard to get in and go with these guys because they're just so fast and on top of their game."

"I think we could run with Clanton in open track. But I guess I kind of lack the experience getting through traffic like that and just being comfortable running the front of a World of Outlaws race. But now we got some experience with that and it's definitely a confidence booster."

Johnson faded to sixth at the finish with 13th-starting Austin Hubbard finishing seventh. Zeigler, the driver who set fast time during Thursday's qualifying, ended up eighth in the feature. Chase Junghans advanced from his 21st starting spot to finish ninth, while Chub Frank rounded out the race's top 10 finishers.

Clanton Completes Sweep of New York With Finger Lakes 40 Victory

WEEDSPORT, NY - Shane Clanton made the most of the World of Outlaws Late Model Series' trip to New York.

Completing a sweep of the national tour's two 2015 Empire State stops, Clanton, 39, of Zebulon, Ga., led every lap of Tuesday night's Finger Lakes 40 at Weedsport Speedway to earn an \$8,650

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victory in the final round of the WoO LMS Great Northern Tour.

Clanton's series-leading sixth WoO LMS victory of the season followed his win in the Great Northern Tour opener at Fonda Speedway on June 18 and a runner-up finish in the northern trek's other completed event at Brighton Speedway on June 20.

"It's awesome to come up here and run like we have and leave New York with two wins," said Clanton who stretched his points lead to 128 points over Josh Richards of Shinnston, W.Va. "We've got things rolling along like we need it to right now. With the way we're running, I think we've got a car to go win Lernerville too."

Clanton was in control all night at Weedsport, beginning in time trials when he lowered the 3/8-mile

oval's Late Model track record with his lap of 14.831 seconds. He led every lap of his heat race and later drew the pole starting spot in the night's Top Six Redraw.

Clanton's only serious challenge during the 40-lap A-Main came from 14th-starting Tim McCreddie. McCreddie briefly pressured Clanton following a lap-29 restart, but he couldn't match Clanton's pace as the final 11 laps ran caution free.

McCreddie settled for second, 1.659 seconds back of Clanton at the checkered. Defending WoO LMS champion Darrell Lanigan charged from 13th to third with seventh-starting Chase Junghans of Manhattan, Kan., taking fourth. Fifth-starting Morgan Bagley of Longview, Texas, ran as high as second before dropping back to fifth at the finish.

Clanton's dominating performance gave him even more breathing room in the WoO LMS championship battle as he chases his first series title. He added a whopping 34 points to his advantage, thanks to both his victory and a 17th-place finish by Richards.

Coming off his victory in Saturday's race at Brighton, Richards started third and ran as high as second before tagging the inside wall entering turn one on lap 15. The damage to the front of his Rocket Chassis house car eventually caused Richards to slow and retire from the race with 23 laps complete.

For Clanton, the victory was a continuation of his turnaround season after a 2014 WoO LMS campaign that saw the series veteran go winless for the first time ever on the series.

While he may have fallen one position short of a home-state victory that would've ended his season-long WoO LMS winless streak, McCreddie's runner-up effort continued his improved performance during the Great Northern Tour, which also saw the 2006 WoO LMS champion drive his Sweeteners Plus Rocket Chassis to finishes of fifth at Fonda Speedway and third at Brighton Speedway.

Tuesday's finish was perhaps the hardest-earned of McCreddie's three consecutive top-five perform-

ances. He had to overcome a scrape with the wall in hot laps and a brake-line failure in qualifying before making his charge in the feature.

Like McCreddie, Lanigan remains winless on this year's WoO LMS campaign, but Tuesday's solid run gives the three-time champion hope of a turnaround during the second half of the season.

The race was slowed by six cautions with the first appearing when Bryan Bernheisel slowed on the back straightaway. The yellow flag waved again just after the ensuing restart when sixth-running Tim Fuller ended up spun in the infield after a scramble on the front straightaway.

A tangle between Brandon Overton and Rick Eckert necessitated another caution on lap 14, while Richards' run-in with the turn-one wall forced him to slow and draw the race's fourth caution on lap 23.

A lap-28 caution was for the slowing machine of Jordan Yaggy and a spin by Chad Hollenbeck caused the race's final caution with 29 laps complete.

Burkett Goes To Victory Lane at Toledo Speedway in Rain Shortened Feature

TOLEDO, OH - After taking a three-week vacation, the Broaster Chicken ICAR Top Speed Modified Tour Southern Division's turn to get back into action after taking some time off. The Hemelgarn Racing/Super Fitness 50 Presented by Lakeshore Utility

Trailer was at the famed 1/2 mile high-banked paved oval of Toledo Speedway in Toledo, Ohio on Friday, June 26th.

After the King of the Wings Sprint Car Series concluded their main event, it was time for the ICAR Top Speed Modified Tour to roll out for their 50-lap main. At the conclusion of the very exciting race, under threatening skies, 2013 ICAR Top Speed Modified Tour Champion, Tim Burkett withstood a hard-charging rookie, Trei Deubel and Mother Nature, who would cut the race short by five laps. The 56-year-old Burkett's brand new #14 Burkett-Nester Racecars machine would be the one in victory lane amidst the rain drops after taking home the win.

"We've been building this car off and on for the past several weeks while we've been busy at the shop. We finally got it out on the track and man I tell you what, this car is something else," The elated Fort Wayne, Indiana veteran stated after the race.

After Economy Auto Parts Fast Qualifier, Brian Nester pulled an eight for an inversion/redraw; he placed his teammate, Burkett as well as 2014 ARCA Truck Series Champion, Danny Jackson on the front row of the scheduled 50-lap main. It would be Burkett who would rocket out to the early lead. Deubel, the Rookie of the Year point's leader, quickly worked his way up to the second spot from his fourth starting spot and began stalking Burkett from his second position.

For the vast majority of the race, Deubel tried every trick he could think of at getting passed Burkett. At one point, with 10 laps to go, Deubel briefly pulled up along-side of Burkett only to have to check up due to a lapped car being in his path.

Soon Brian Nester made it a three-car battle and the trip would slice and dice their way all around



Tim Burkett celebrates in a rainy victory lane after winning a rain shortened event at Toledo Speedway. (ICAR photo)

the 1/2 mile in an attempt to get around each other. With five laps to go, the caution waved and soon the rain began to fall once again forcing ICAR Officials to deem the race complete and Burkett the victor. His fourth career triumph and first since July 5, 2014 which came at Winchester Speedway (IN). With the win, Burkett moves from 10th to fifth in the points standings.

Deubel would finish second and benefitted from the race ending five laps early after losing two transmissions during the night.

After starting in seventh, Nester returned to the top of the points standings as the sole point's leader

after a third place finish.

ICAR Top Speed Modified Tour Northern Division regular, Joe Morissette Jr., made a rare start in the Southern Division and came away with a fourth place showing. Bob Sibila Jr.'s debut in the ICAR Top Speed Modified Tour resulted in a fifth place finish.

Jackson, who started second, hung on for a sixth place finish ahead of Bud Adams who came home in seventh. Eldon Zacek broke through with an eighth place effort in his first appearance of the season while Greg Fullarton finished in ninth as Brent Martin completed the top 10.

Greg Wilson Earns Second Speedweek Victory of 2015 at Fremont Speedway

FREMONT, OH - Benton Ridge, Ohio's Greg Wilson earned his second Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket victory of 2015 on Thursday night, June 25th; capturing main event action at the Fremont Speedway in Fremont, Ohio during round seven of the nine day campaign. Wilson, who held the top spot in the current Ohio Sprint Speedweek standings entering tonight's program at the Fremont oval, held off 'The Steel City Outlaw' Tim Shaffer and three-time Speedweek winner Dale Blaney for the \$5,000 top prize.

"This is really special" said Greg Wilson, "I'm a big fan of the guys who finished behind me...to win like this at Fremont is really special and emotional."

Greg Wilson, who led the field to green from the pole position, now has three UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions victories in 2015 and 24 during the course of his career.

"We are a pretty small team" said Greg Wilson, "To have my wife and kids here makes it even more special for us, we've been working really hard and we know where our car needs to be every night. Dale Blaney is our measuring stick and if we can beat him every once in a while, it means a lot."

Former Knoxville Nationals champion Tim Shaffer finished second during the 40-lap Speedweek contest after starting on the inside of row six. Shaffer made his charge to the front with the help of only one main event caution. The Aliquippa, Pennsylvania native had an opportunity to pass Wilson for the top spot with less than two laps remaining, but had to check up to avoid contact with the leader.

"I could have shoved the car in there a little harder" said Shaffer, "Todd gave me a great car here tonight, this is the best race track in the country in my eyes."

Defending UNOH All Star champion Dale Blaney finished third during the Fremont Speedway main event after starting on the outside of row number four. The Hartford, Ohio native raced as high as second in the main event, but lost a position to eventual runner-up Tim Shaffer.

"Those guys were just a little better than me" said Dale Blaney, "The track started to lay a little rubber on the bottom and it made it pretty tough to pass. I think if the track wouldn't have done that, we would have had a better opportunity to get around those guys."

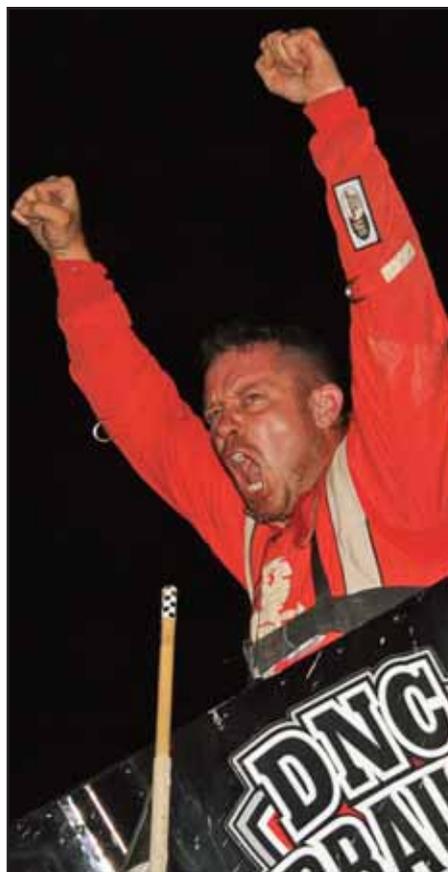
Full-time Fremont/Attica Sprint Title (F.A.S.T.) competitor Cap Henry rallied from 16th to finish fourth at Fremont Speedway, followed by '410' sprint car rookie Nate Dussel who completed the top-five.

There were 40 UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions sprint cars signed in for competition at Fremont Speedway. The 40 '410' sprint cars were split into four group qualifying sessions, with all drivers qualifying against those in their respective heat races. Tim Shaffer, Ryan Smith, Dale Blaney, and Roger Crockett each earned fast time honors during their group qualifying efforts. Dale Blaney earned the fastest time overall; recording an official time of 12.921 seconds around the Fremont Speedway oval.

Brady Bacon, Tyler Gunn, Lee Jacobs, and Nate Dussel each earned victories during their respective UNOH All Star heat races. Broc Martin was the UNOH All Star B-main winner, with eventual main event winner Greg Wilson earning the Dash victory.

Dale Blaney Earns Third Speedweek Victory of 2015 at Atomic Speedway

WAVERLY, OH - For the second night in a row and the third time this week, Dale Blaney visits UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions victory lane during the 33rd Annual Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket. Blaney, who now has six UNOH All Star victories in 2015, earned his second consecutive Ohio Sprint Speedweek victory on Wednesday evening, June 24th at the Atomic Speedway in Waverly, Ohio; during round six of the 2015 edition of Ohio Sprint Speedweek. The Hartford, Ohio native held off Cole Duncan and recent Eldora Speedway winner Greg Wilson for the \$5,000 top prize. 'The Lowrider,' who has Speedweek victories this week at Attica Raceway



Greg Wilson emerges from his car victorious after winning at Fremont Speedway, his second of the Ohio Sprint Speedweek. (Paul Arch photo)

Park, Sharon Speedway and Atomic Speedway, now has 121 career UNOH All Star main event victories as he chases Speedweek title number six.

"My guys gave me a great car tonight" said Dale Blaney, "Things were going pretty good but I could start to feel the rubber right through the middle of the track there towards the end...we were able to hang on and make it work...feels

good to get another one...I knew Cole (Duncan) was going to be good tonight after he came from twelfth to sixth in the dash...we're just glad to be up here."

Dale Blaney, pilot of the familiar GoMuddy.com, Big Game Tree-stands, CH Motorsports, no. 1, earned his third Ohio Sprint Speedweek win from an outside front row starting position; surviving one caution on the initial start to help secure his place in victory lane. Red flag conditions would take over the speedway during the initial main event start. Third starting Danny Holtgraver, pole sitter Cody Darrah and fourth starting Dave Blaney were all involved in the red flag incident.

The 30-lap main event would go uninterrupted after the complete restart. Dale Blaney would set the tone for the entire distance; racing nearly unchallenged through traffic while utilizing the late race rubber-down surface. Cole Duncan would make an attempt to take over the top spot with less than five laps remaining, but would be denied.

"Feels good to finish second" said Cole Duncan, "I just wish we were one more position ahead...we are in a good spot heading into tomorrow at Fremont."

Duncan would finish second after starting sixth, followed by recent Ohio Sprint Speedweek winner at Eldora Speedway, Greg Wilson, who rallied from twelfth to finish third on Wednesday evening.

"We are having a lot of fun right now" said Greg Wilson, "Things have been going our way lately so hopefully we can keep this up."



Dale Blaney celebrates in victory lane at Sharon Speedway. The next night he won his third Speedweek victory at Atomic Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

Dale Blaney Wins Speedweek Round 5 at Sharon Speedway

HARTFORD, OH - Dale Blaney of Hartford, Ohio picked up the UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions victory in his own backyard on Tuesday evening, June 23rd; winning night five of the 33rd Annual Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket at the Sharon

Speedway in Hartford, Ohio.

"It feels really good to win here...its been awhile since we won at Sharon" said Dale Blaney, "Always enjoyed coming back here...my brother and my dad have both won a lot of races here...if I had to pick a race to win this week, it would have been this one."

Dale Blaney, led the UNOH All Star main event to green. Blaney, in his GoMuddy.com, Big Game Treestands, CH Motorsports, no. 1, would jump out front early; leading the first three completed circuits over Ryan Smith and James McFadden before red flag conditions took over the speedway. Sheldon Haudenschild, took a wild ride through turns three and four while running outside of the top-20; he would not return.

Green flag action would resume with Dale Blaney on the point. Blaney would set the pace to beat with Ryan Smith and the '3G' of James McFadden in tow. McFadden would make a move on Ryan Smith and take command of the runner-up spot with seven laps in the books. Meanwhile, it was still Blaney setting the pace; weaving through lapped traffic until caution lights reappeared on the speedway with 14 laps recorded. Ryan Smith, who was running well inside the top-five, would lose a tire. Smith would eventually return.

Dale Blaney would bring the field back to green flag conditions for just a few circuits before the red flag would be displayed once again; this time for Danny Holtgraver with 19 laps in the books. Holtgraver was racing in the third position, but made contact with the outside wall in turns one and two; ultimately ending his night.

'The Lowrider' Dale Blaney would bring the field back to green flag conditions for the final time and hold on for the \$5,000 victory. James McFadden and Jamie Veal,

a pair of Australian invaders, would round out the podium finishers. Dave Blaney would finish fourth during the 30-lap main event, followed by the new Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket point leader, Greg Wilson. For James McFadden, it was a third-consecutive podium finish; with two third place finishes and a second place finish to his credit.

Haudenschild Earns Second Consecutive Speedweek Victory

ORRVILLE, OH - Sheldon Haudenschild goes back-to-back in the 'Buckeye State' during round four of the 33rd Annual Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket. Haudenschild earned his second consecutive Speedweek victory on Monday evening, June 22nd at the Wayne County Speedway in Orrville, Ohio. Parker Price-Miller, the most recent UNOH All Star winner at Wayne County Speedway entering tonight's program, finished second during tonight's 30-lap, \$5,000-to-win main event. Jamie McFadden, one of four Australians signed in, came home third.

For the second time in three days, Danny Holtgraver would lead the UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions main event field to 'green.' An early caution for Danny Dietrich would bring the field back for a complete restart. When the field resumed action, it was round three Ohio Sprint Speedweek winner

Sheldon Haudenschild taking command. Haudenschild would lead for two circuits before red flag conditions took over the speedway. It was former Wayne County Speedway track champion Brad Haudenschild getting upside-down.

When the field resumed action, it was Sheldon Haudenschild resuming his command; opening up a near full straightaway lead over Danny Holtgraver and James McFadden. The pilot of the Southern Pacific Farms, Callies Performance, '93' machine maintained his torrid pace over Holtgraver, McFadden and Price-Miller until lap seven when the red flag was displayed again; this time for Broc Martin.

Green flag action would resume with seven laps complete. Sheldon Haudenschild, using the notorious 'Haudenschild Line' up against the outside cushion, would resume the top spot over Danny Holtgraver and James McFadden. KoKomo, Indiana's Parker Price-Miller would roll to the runner-up spot shortly after the restart. Price-Miller would chase Haudenschild for nearly 15 laps; exchanging slide jobs through heavy lapped traffic. Aussie invader James McFadden would eventually take away the runner-up position from seventeen-year-old Parker Price-Miller.

Sheldon Haudenschild would see another caution with 24 circuits in the books. It would be smooth sailing at the restart with six laps to go, with Sheldon Haudenschild earning the 30-lap, \$5,000 victory. Parker Price-Miller would work back around James McFadden during the remaining six laps. Parker Price-Miller would finish in the runner-up spot, followed by James McFadden, Chad Keme-

nah, and Jac Haudenschild. It was a second consecutive podium finish for James McFadden; finishing third at the Waynesfield Raceway Park one night ago.

Greg Wilson Earns Ohio Sprint Speedweek Title

FREMONT, OH - With Mother Nature moving wet weather into the area the last 24 hours, and additional rain forecasted for the rest of the weekend, UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions officials and Fremont Speedway officials have decided to cancel the Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket finale scheduled for Saturday, June 27th. Greg Wilson is officially the 33rd Annual Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket champion.

The UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions will return to competition next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 3rd, 4th, and 5th at two different venues in Pennsylvania and Ohio. The regional travelers will visit the Mercer Raceway Park in Mercer, Pennsylvania on Friday and Saturday, July 3rd & 4th for back to back programs. After a visit to the Mercer bullring, the UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions will head west to the Millstream Speedway near Findlay, Ohio for a Sunday night program on July 5th.

Speedweek Event at Limaland Cancelled

LIMA, OH - Due to steady rains moving into the area overnight and additional wet weather forecasted for later today, round eight (June 26th) of the 33rd Annual Ohio Sprint Speedweek presented by Cometic Gasket scheduled at Limaland Motorsports Park has been canceled. UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions officials and track officials alike were forced to make the decision after rainfall moved into the Lima, Ohio area during the overnight hours. There will be no rain date.

"Unfortunately, with the grounds getting saturated and more inclement weather moving into the area later this evening, we are forced to cancel tonight's program." said All Star series director Don Grabey,

"Everything is extremely saturated, it will be almost impossible to get rigs in and out of the facility. Mother Nature has been good to us leading into today, hopefully things improve and we can get the last night in uninterrupted."



Sheldon Haudenschild raced his way to his second consecutive victory during the Ohio Sprint Speedweek. Here he celebrates at Wayne County Speedway after winning the night before at Waynesfield Raceway Park. (Paul Arch photo)

Solwold Wins the 44th Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup

ALGER, WA - It has been a long time coming for Jason Solwold to stand in Victory Lane at the Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup presented by Jack in the Box, and in 2015 the Burlington, Wash. driver added his name to the history books as the winner of the 44th annual event,

leading all 40 laps against the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network to claim the night's \$15,000 bounty.

Asked how winning Dirt Cup stacks up against all his success at the Skagit Speedway, the driver the Anderson Motorsports No. 18 replied, "I don't know, I think it's going to sink in tomorrow. I've watched a lot of Dirt Cups. I won my first 360cid show on the bottom and I didn't hear anyone next to me so I just kept to myself and stuck low. I had an awesome car thanks to Mel [Roberts], and I just have to say thank you to Mike Anderson and my Dad for putting this thing together."

Jumping to the lead from the pole, Solwold held on through a pair of cautions on the start. Finding the tail of the field by the 10th round, the bottom served well as Jason only ever pulled high to negotiate a slower car.

Putting three lapped cars between himself and second running, Willie Croft, the California shoe had to contend with Seth Bergman and Aaron Reutzel following a Lap 29 restart. Keeping the pair at bay, Croft finally cleared traffic as the red flew on Lap 34 for Skylar Gee. The driver of the No. 99 was okay.

Shuffling the top-five a bit on the restart, Johnny Herrera worked in the mix with the pass for fourth as the red lights blinked on again for Wayne Johnson. He was okay after going upside down in turn-four.

Leaving four laps on the board, Croft gave it his all for the lead, but would watch as the No. 18 began to pull away. Challenged for the silver position by Aaron Reutzel, the B.C. Funds No. 87 completed the pass on Lap 38.

"We definitely had a car to win this deal, we just started too far back. Hats off to Jason Solwold though. It takes luck to win these things, and we just didn't have luck

on our side after last night's little gremlins," commented Reutzel. "I really need to thank Mark at Shark Racing Engines. We wouldn't be here tonight if it wasn't for him. He builds a killer engine, and all our successes have been thanks to his engines and I can't thank all my guys. This track had me clued all week, and Don [Grable] gave me a great car."

Able to keep pace with Aaron at the finish, California's Willie Croft settled for the bronze step, "Disappointing to run third two years in a row. I'll take it, but I really want that Dirt Cup win," were the words of Croft on the front straight-a-way. "Hats off to Jason and Aaron, they ran a great race. I felt we were really good. Maybe not as strong as Jason, but I felt if we'd been in traffic maybe a little bit longer, there would have been more chances, but it went the way it went. I'll take third and hang my head high."

Coming from 15th, Johnny Herrera crossed fourth in the MVT No. 45x with Travis Rilal rounding out the top-five.

Riding as high as third, Seth Bergman slipped back to a sixth place finish with Colton Heath seventh. Trey Starks moved from 12th to eighth with Tayler Malsam ninth. Running into the top-ten from the tail, then losing the handle, Robbie Price came back to complete the top-ten.

The only qualifying races contested were a pair of B-Features with Marc Duperron and Skylar Gee earning wins.

The Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network returns to the Grays Harbor Raceway on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 for the Fred Brownfield Classic. For continued updates on the American Sprint Car Series, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

Bergman Stands Tall On Night 2 of Dirt Cup

ALGER, WA - Winning at your home track is about as sweet as it gets, and Seth Bergman did exactly that as the Snohomish, Wash. native led all by one lap en-route to victory on night two of the 44th Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup presented by Jack in the Box and his third Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network A-Feature win



Jason Solwold finally added Dirt Cup to his list of accomplishments, leading all 40 laps of Saturday's \$15,000 to win A-Feature. (ASCS/Lisa Dynes Photography)

of the 2015 season.

A rebound from the previous night that saw Seth pit-side on Lap 23, the Washington native spoke about what happened, "It was just a mistake on my part last night trying to get too much too late in the race there and it cost me by breaking the steering box...We were irritated, we knew we had a fast racecar but the draw on nights like tonight is really crucial so we were able to do something with that in our Heat Race and get into the re-draw."

Jumping to the point on the start, Seth had to battle the first few laps with Jordan Weaver. Relinquishing the lead on Lap 2 to the Widow Wax No. 92, who slid Bergman through the third and fourth turns, the Corridor Electric No. 23 dove low to the return the slide in turn one.

From there, it was on to slower traffic. Meticulously picking through the back markers, the caution threatened several times, but would stay furrowed in the flagstand as the race for second ended up going to Thursday night's win-

ner, Jason Solwold.

"We were okay. I kind of got to racing in point mode there and didn't want to force a lot of issues," commented Jason on his runner-up finish. "We didn't have to win tonight since we came in doing good on points and just tried to keep that going for tomorrow night to start up front."

Working the cushion, Jordan Weaver looked to be on her way he first podium finish ever with the Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour. Battling in the closing laps with defending Dirt Cup Champion, Brock Lemley, the No. 92 fell to fourth off the final turn as Lemley pulled off the slide in slower traffic.

"I didn't know how much room I had, and honestly I didn't know it was for third. I was screwing around there for so long, I fell back there, and didn't know we were running for third at that point," said Lemley. "I was just hoping to get the best I could, and it got pretty close racing with those lappers the lap before, and it looked like they were going to go low but they

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Seth Bergman led nearly every lap for his third Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour victory of 2015, winning Night 2 of Dirt Cup at the Skagit Speedway. (ASCS/Lisa Dynes Photography)

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ended up sliding right in front of her and left me a hole, so it worked out good."

Jordan Weaver held on for her first top-five finish against the National Tour with Travis Rilat crossing in fifth.

California's Willie Croft was sixth after starting 10th with Reece Goetz seventh from 12th. Johnny Herrera advanced to eighth from 11th with Tayler Malsam coming home ninth. Eric Fisher completed the top-ten.

Combined event points puts Jason Solwold as the top dog, placing the Scottie's Plumbing No. 18 on the pole for Saturday's \$15,000 to win, \$1,000 to start feature event. Tyler Malsam will take the outside of the front row. Taking the Top 16 into Saturday's A-Feature, Trevor Kirkland earned the final spot.

With all 51 entrants returning for the second night of Dirt Cup, seven Heat Races went to Travis Rilat, Luke Didiuk, Eric Fisher, Jordan Weaver, Aaron Reutzal, Willie Croft, and Brock Lemley. B-Feature wins went to Derek Roberts and Colton Heath.

Jason Solwold Strikes First In Dirt Cup 2015

ALGER, WA - The 44th Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup presented by Jack in the Box kicked in fine style as Washington's Jason Solwold notched his sixth victory of 2015 and first against the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

Chasing Kyle Bellm for the first 11 rounds, contact with the slower car put the No. 14k pit side, giving the No. 18 the top spot. From there, the Burlington, Wash. native led a podium charge of Washington drivers to the checkered flag.

"I just tried to get to the front as quick as I could. Lapped traffic as pretty hairy, and it got a little dirty going through a bunch of cars like that. It happens, but I have to give a hats off to all our local guys here that didn't get beat," commented Solwold. "Our local guys are pretty strong so we'll definitely give them a run for their money and a couple guys that ended up back there a ways will pick it up tomorrow and maybe we'll have a local top-five."

Falling back one on the start, fifth starting Colton Heath spent much of the night's feature battling through the top-five with restarts on Lap 11 and 23 proving effective for the No. 33x.



Jason Solwold led the Washington charge to a one, two, three finish in the opening night of the 44th Jim Raper Memorial Dirt Cup presented by Jack in the Box. (ASCS/Lisa Dynes Photography)

Holding off several charges from Wayne Johnson throughout the closing laps, Taylor Malsam put the Rudeen Racing No. 26 on the final podium step, "It was fun. We had a great car tonight, just a little free on the bottom and just picked up what we could. It's hard to pass here and Colton got by me because of my error, but overall it's a good points night going into the weekend."

Taking advantage of a bobble on the part of Seth Bergman on Lap 21, Wayne Johnson brought the City Vending No. 77x home fourth. Seth recovered, but would see his night end on Lap 23 due to contact with the wall. Aaron Reutzal would come from 12th to complete the top-five.

Jared Peterson crossed sixth with Willie Croft in tow. Trevor Kirkland slipped from the pole to hold onto eighth with Travis Rilat ninth from 15th and Brock Lemely coming from 19th to finish tenth.

Bringing 51 drivers to the Skagit Speedway, seven Heat Races went to Jared Peterson, Jason Solwold, Wayne Johnson, Colton Heath, Matt Covington, Seth Bergman, and Kyle Bellm. B-Features went to Robbie Price and Jordan Weaver.

Tankersley Steals the Heart O' Texas With ASCS Gulf South

WACO, TX - The Southern Trailer Works ASCS Gulf South Region presented by Griffith Truck and Equipment took on the Heart O' Texas Speedway this past Friday night with Channin Tankersley

grabbing his first Gulf South victory of the 2015 season.

Gridding the feature sixth, Tankersley led Kevin Ramey to the checkered flag with Jacob Lucas taking the final podium step. Michael Lang was fourth with Ray Allen Kulhanek completing the top-five.

Andy Shouse crossed sixth with 10th starting Michael McNeil grabbing seventh. From 14th, Brandon Hanks was eighth with Zane Lawrence and Howard Moore completing the top-ten.

Jesse Baker Tops ASCS Southwest in Las Cruces

LAS CRUCES, NM - Pulling from Grants, N.M. paid well for Jesse Baker, as the No. 22 driver found Victory Lane at the Southern New Mexico Speedway on Saturday night with the ASCS Southwest Region.

Arizona's Kaylene Verville was second with Royal Jones advancing seven spots to claim third. Ryan Linder and Brandon Schure made the top-five. After leading early on, Bob Ream, Jr. fought back to sixth after spinning. John Carney II came from 15th to seventh with Lance Norick, Lorne Wofford, and Derek Sell completing the top-ten.

The ASCS Southwest Region competes next at the Central Arizona Speedway on July

25. For continued updates, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

Carney Rallies to Victory with ASCS Southwest in El Paso

EL PASO, TX - A Friday night in El Paso, Texas saw the ASCS Southwest Region roll into the El Paso Speedway Park with hometown pride, John Caney II, taking the victory with a pass on Royal Jones in the closing laps.

A race with four lead changes, Ryan Linder led the first five rounds. Taking the lead on Lap 6, Jesse Baker showed the way until Lap 13 with Royal Jones taking over on the next lap.

Looking to be on his way to his first ASCS score, Carney pulled the upset on a green, white, checkered finish. Royal Jones ended up second with Rick Ziehl rounding out the night's podium with 11th starting Lorne Wofford and Jesse Baker making up the top-five.

Derek Sell was sixth with Casey Buckman in tow followed by Wes Wofford and Brandon Schure from 17th. Cody Sickles from 16th completed the top-ten.



Kissinger Holds Off Wallace at Clarksville, Earns First DIRTcar Summer Nationals Victory of His Career

CLARKSVILLE, TN - Levi Kissinger swept past Wendell Wallace with 15 laps to go on Thursday night at Clarksville Speedway and drove to the first DIRTcar Summer Nationals victory of his career.

Kissinger, of Mt. Vernon, Ind., chased Wallace from the initial green, survived a restart with 11 to go and hit his marks to close out the \$5,000 win. It was also the first Dirt Late Model victory of his ca-

reer.

Wallace held on to finish second with Dennis Erb Jr., Richard Frost and Rodney Melvin rounding out the top five.

"I never in a million years would have thought I could win one of these races, and to do it this quick in our Super Late Model career, is even better yet," said Kissinger, who had previously been racing DIRTcar UMP Modifieds.

Championship leader Bobby Pierce survived a rough outing to finish 11th, good enough to maintain the points lead over Billy Moyer



Levi Kissinger raced his way to his first career DIRTcar Summer Nationals at Clarksville Speedway. (DIRTcar photo)

Southern All Stars Set Dates For Trip To Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway

FAYETTEVILLE, TN - The Southern All Star Dirt Racing Series will be heading into new territory this season as the series will head to the Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway for a two day show on August 28th & 29th. The purses for the races have yet to be worked

but it will be two complete nights of Southern All Star action with qualifying, B mains and main event each night.

"This will be our first trip to Kentucky Lake" said GM Lynn Acklin. "We have had them on the schedule before and rainouts or other

problems made us have to cancel races, but I talked with Ronnie Jones and he said he seen the turnout of cars and fans at Talladega Short Track during NASCAR weekend and he wanted to try the same at Kentucky Lake by combining the Southern All Star & Nesmith Crate Late Model in one weekend of racing."

The Nesmith Crate Late Models were already on the schedule for that weekend and now the Southern All Stars are added to the weekend to make a big weekend of Late Model action in Kentucky.

More information will be coming in the next few days regarding purses, rules and procedures for the Friday & Saturday night August 28th & 29th events.

Jr. and Shannon Babb.

Pierce Powers to Win at Belle-Clair

BELLEVILLE, IL - Bobby Pierce powered from pole to checkers on Wednesday night at Belle-Clair Speedway to earn his second DIRTcar Summer Nationals victory of the season.

Pierce, who leads the tour's championship battle, held off Rodney Melvin midway through the 40-lap main event and fought off Shannon Babb down the stretch to earn the \$5,000 victory.

Babb, whose two-race win streak ended with Pierce's win, Melvin, Ryan Unzicker and former Summer Nationals champion Brandon Sheppard rounded out the top five.

Babb Takes Peoria Checkers at Peoria

PEORIA, IL - Shannon Babb became the first repeat winner during this year's DIRTcar Summer Na-

tionals tour when he passed Bobby Pierce midway through Tuesday night's feature at Peoria Speedway and led the final 20 laps to collect the \$5,000 checkered flag.

Babb also tied Billy Moyer Jr. with the most all-time wins in DIRTcar Summer Nationals history with 89 victories.

Pierce, who continues to lead the overall championship, Ryan Unzicker, Dennis Erb Jr. and Billy Moyer Jr. rounded out the top five.

Unzicker led the first two laps on Tuesday night before Pierce moved into the top spot. Babb, who started fourth, worked first past Unzicker then Pierce and never looked back.

"The moisture, it was soaking in around in the wall at the top of three and four, and one and two, but one and two falls off the banking on exit, but three and four was awesome," said Babb, a four-time DIRTcar Summer Nationals champion. "I started fourth and I was in the right position to find that line, and I was able to my way around them guys."

Rain Strikes Lincoln Speedway, Cancels Sunday's DIRTcar Summer Nationals

LINCOLN, IL - Rain once again has hit the DIRTcar Summer Nationals and DIRTcar Summit Racing Equipment Modified Nationals tours, forcing the cancellation of today's events at Lincoln (Ill.) Speedway.

The two series will be off on Monday before invading I-96 Speedway on Tuesday for the NAPA Auto Parts Summer Rumble.

Fans who bring a proof of purchase receipt from a NAPA store to I-96 on Tuesday will receive \$5 off their grandstand tickets, limit two people per receipt.

Follow the Summer Nationals and DIRTcar Summit Modified Nationals on Twitter @SummerNationals or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SummerNationals, or visit the series' websites at www.TheHellTour.com and www.ModifiedNationals.com.

Federated Auto Parts Raceway Forced to Cancel Event Because of Rain

PEVELY, MO - Rain that's caused water to rise around Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-

55 has forced DIRTcar and track officials to cancel Saturday's DIRTcar Summer Nationals and DIRTcar Summit Racing Equipment Modified Nationals event.

Rain Cancels Events at Paducah Raceway

PADUCAH, KY - Rain has forced DIRTcar Racing and Paducah International Raceway officials to cancel tonight's DIRTcar Summer Nationals and DIRTcar Summit Racing Equipment Modified Nationals events. Earlier on Friday it was announced that Saturday's races at Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 were also cancelled because of weather and rising water near the track.

Severe Storm Forces Postponement of Summer Nationals

QUINCY, IL - Rain at Quincy Raceways already delayed its DIRTcar Summer Nationals and DIRTcar Summit Racing Equipment Modified Nationals events from Sunday to Monday before a severe storm rolled through after heat races Monday night and forced the postponement of the rest of the night.

DIRTcar and track officials are expected to announce within the next two days a suitable date to finish the event.

Hickory Motor Speedway

The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series returned to the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars on Matt DiBenedetto Night at the Races. The Sprint Cup competitor would be on hand to sign autographs at the track that helped springboard his career. Also on hand this week from NASCAR's premier division would be Matt

McCall, crew chief for Jamie McMurray.

Starting off the night's racing action would be the Street Stocks for the first of their Twin 20 lap races. Dan Moore in the #22 would start from the pole after setting fast time in qualifying. Moore would face challenges from the #31 of Wayne Edwards and the #18 of Cody DeMarmels. Moore would beat the competition to the Checkered Flag and take the win with Edwards 2nd and DeMarmels 3rd. Rounding out the top 5 would be the #03 of Kevin Eby and the #64 of Marshall Sutton.

Next up would be the mighty 4-Cylinders. Fast-timer Eddie Gilbert in the #00 would start from the pole in the 25 lap feature. Gilbert would face challenges from the #16 of Michael Tucker and the #09 of Randy Canipe. Canipe would eventually take the top spot from Gilbert and hold him off for the trip to Victory Lane. Gilbert would hold on for 2nd and Tucker for 3rd. Dennis Trivette in the #28 and Rob Lewis in the #98 would round out the top 5.

The 35 lap feature for the T-Mobile Limited Late Models would be next up on the schedule. The #77 of Travis Byrd would start from the pole after leading the field in qualifying and Monty Cox in the #21 would start to his outside. Byrd and Cox would battle side by side for several laps before Byrd would finally grab the top spot. A caution with 5 to go bunched up the field for one final restart but Byrd would hold on make and grab his 4th win of the season. Cox would hold on for 2nd in a photo finish with Mark Johnson in the #13, who would end up 3rd. Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 and Anthony Alfredo in the #15 would grab positions 4 & 5.

The Street Stocks would roll off next with the 2nd of their Twin 20 lap features. Dan Moore in the #22



Dexter Canipe Jr. made it three wins out of the last four races last Saturday night at Hickory Motor Speedway. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

would once again start from the pole and would drive on to the win. Wayne Edwards in the #31 would pressure early but would have to settle for 3rd. The #18 of Cody DeMarmels would fall out of the competition when he broke a driveshaft while battling in the top 3. Mark Whitten in the #3, Kevin Eby in the #03, and Larry Mosher in the #2 would round out the top 5.

Finishing out the night would be the Bojangles Late Models and their 75 lap feature. Dexter Canipe Jr. in the #5 would set the fast time and start from the pole, with Shane Lee in the #00 to his outside, the #25 of Matt Piercy would start from the inside of row 2, and Landon Huffman in the #75 would finish out row 2. Canipe and Lee would battle side by side for several laps until Canipe would finally take the top spot. Behind the front pair would be a good side-by-side battle between 1st and 2nd in the points, Piercy and Huffman. Huffman would make the pass and keep the 3rd spot early. Piercy would pressure Huffman and eventually grab the 3rd spot back. Canipe would go on to hold off Lee and make it 3 wins out of the last 4 races, while Lee would hold on for 2nd. Piercy would settle for the 3rd finishing position and Huffman would take 4th. Sprint Cup crew chief, Matt McCall, on a rare week off from his duties with Jamie McMurray, would start from the rear of the field but work his way up to grab a 5th place finish.

Lonesome Pine Raceway

COEBURN, VA - Food City Night at The Pine will have to wait until another weekend as a forecast saturated with inclement weather has forced the cancellation of the June 27 event. The race will be rescheduled at a date yet to be determined.

Updated information will be available at www.thepinraceway.com. Also follow on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for up-to-date information.

Southern National Motorsports Park

LUCAMA, NC - Rain has forced Southern National Motorsports Park to call off Saturday night's Pepsi Summer Heat Wave presented by Bridgestone.

The drivers voted to cancel the race during a driver's meeting when the rain was falling, and the forecast is calling for a 90% chance of rain all night at Southern National Motorsports Park. A make-up date for the race will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

The next race at Southern National Motorsports Park will be on Saturday, July 11th with the Supreme Pools Summer Classic featuring twin Late Model races, twin U-CAR races and races in the Charger, Legends and Bandolero divisions.

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

Bowman Gray Stadium

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - Summer rain storms moved in and let to the postponement of Saturday's racing action at Bowman Gray Stadium.

The Stadium will not hold racing next week in honor of the July 4th holiday, but racing will be back with a vengeance one week later on July 11th.

July 11th will be the O'Reilly Auto Parts 100 and Two Dollar Ladies' Night presented by the

Winston-Salem Journal. All female fans are admitted for only two dollars to see the O'Reilly Auto Parts 100 for the Brad's Golf Cars Modified Series – with a full-field draw for position, the Midway Mobile Storage Double-file restart cone, and the new and exciting Colors Edge Challenge.

Plus there will be racing for the Farm Bureau Insurance Sportsman Series, the Q104.1 New Country Street Stock Series, and the McDowell Heating & Air Stadium Stock Series. And one lucky fan will win \$500 in cold, hard cash from the Winston-Salem Journal.

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Weather, the wet kind, forced track owner Bruce Rogers to cancel the scheduled Saturday night four division show of NASCAR stock car racing at Grandview Speedway. The cancellation marked the second straight Saturday that racing was washed out by rain and the forecast for continuing rain.

Next at Grandview will be a Penna. Sprint Speedweek double-header that will feature the always exciting 410 sprint cars along with the popular 358 Modifieds (awarding NASCAR points). However it is not necessary to have a NASCAR license to participate in the 358 Modified portion of the night of racing. Racing action will get the green at 7:30 p.m.

A huge Independence Day show of NASCAR stock car racing is set for Saturday, July 4th with the BRC Late Models headlining the action with the Liberty Fire Co. Firecracker 40, this being the highlight of the Late Model season. The NASCAR T.P. Trailers 358 Modifieds and Sportsman stock cars will fill out the tripleheader card of racing action. Including in the special Holiday event will be fan favorite Fireworks. Admission for this special event is \$25 for adults, \$5 for youngsters 6 through 11 and under six are admitted FREE. Active military with proper ID are admitted free.

Again the first 200 Dads through the main gate will have an opportunity to receive a free Grandview Speedway Can Koozie.

In addition youngsters will have a chance to win one of the four bicycles that will be given away by Late Model racer Kory Fleming and his Sleepy Hollow team. This has become an annual tradition.

Then on Saturday, July 11th, WNPV-1440AM Radio (Lansdale), a major supporter of NASCAR rac
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ing and racing at Grandview, will give away three (3) pairs of tickets for the August NASCAR Sprint Cup racing event at Pocono Raceway. The Ingersoll Rand sponsored night of racing will feature three divisions of NASCAR stock car racing including the T.P. Trailers 358 Modifieds, BRC Late Models and Sportsman stock cars.

Coming up on Saturday, July 18th will be the always popular Hatfield Quality Meats sponsored night with mascot Smiley on hand to shoot shirts and hot dogs into the grandstands. And there will be some free samples of Hatfield Meat products. The Blast from the Past Vintage stock cars will be part of the four division racing show that will include T.P. Trailers 358 Modifieds, BRC Late Models and Sportsman stock cars.

Grandview Speedway, a one-third-mile, banked clay track, is located on Passmore Road just off Route 100 in Bechtelsville, PA, 10 miles north of Pottstown. A full assortment of great concessions and novelty items are available. Free parking on the grounds. Fans are invited to the competition area after the events are completed to meet the racers. For information telephone 610.754.7688 or check in at www.grandviewspeedway.com, [Twitter@GrandviewSpeedway](https://twitter.com/GrandviewSpeedway) and www.facebook.com/grandviewspeedway along with Rained-out.com (for rainout information).

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - Tony Bruce, Jr., and Luke Cranston both made trips to Dodge City Raceway Park victory lane on Saturday night by topping the Seventh Annual Steve King Memorial feature events.

Bruce, Jr., outdueled C.J. Johnson to win the 25-lap NCRA vs. ASCS Red River Region portion while Cranston wired the field in the 25-lap URSS vs. Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Car portion of the event.

After winning the third of three heat races for the 26-car NCRA vs. ASCS Red River Region Sprint Car field, Bruce, Jr., gridded the feature third and made his way past front row outside starter C.J. Johnson on the opening round as heat one winner Jeff Stasa gunned into the early lead.

Stasa paced the field for seven rounds before Bruce, Jr., slid into the lead in turns one and two, with Johnson making his way past Stasa for second two laps later.

Johnson reeled in Bruce, Jr., and drove by on the low side of turns one and two on the 11th circuit, only to have "TBJ" return the favor the next time around aboard the Ochs Brothers MAP Inc./Heefe Farms No. 1x.

"C.J. showed that to me the lap before so I drove in there hard as I could next time and it stuck," the Liberal, KS, native now residing in Oklahoma commented after his second Saturday night score in as many weeks.

While Bruce, Jr., led the rest of the way, Johnson and a closing Jake Bubak both stayed within striking the rest of the way.

Johnson, the current NCRA points leader, was just three car-lengths off the winner's tailtank with Bubak another car-length back in third.

Jake Martens crossed the stripe fourth with Stasa rounding out the top five. New ASCS Red River Region points leader Shawn Petersen picked up the \$500 Steve King Hard Charger bonus by advancing from 12th to sixth.

C.J. Johnson and Stasa joined Bruce, Jr., as heat winners with Joe Wood, Jr., winning the 12-lap "B" Main that was interrupted by a Josh Fairbank flip in turn four.

In URSS Sprint Car action, Ness City native Luke Cranston protected his Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Car points lead by wiring the field in the Myers Racing Engines/S&S Trailer Sales No. 20.

While Cranston handily led all 25 laps for his second DCRP score of the year, it nearly slipped away with

a close call coming off the final corner to the checkered flag.

"I about bit it there, those two cars got crossed up a little then I got sideways and then it jerked the front end over," Cranston explained of the near disaster.

Starting from the front row outside, Cranston weathered a daring opening lap slider from Billy Alley to capture the lead. While Alley nearly looped it, he gathered it up but not before falling back to fourth on the opening lap.

With Cranston out front, Wyoming's Zac Taylor assumed second at the midway point when second-runner Ty Williams was forced pitside after narrowly avoiding Connor Atkinson's wild turn two flip. Fourth-place at the time, Jake Bubak retired to the pits under the same red flag.

Taylor chased the rest of the way but was unable to mount a challenge on Cranston for the point. Jason Martin battled past Alley for third on a late restart, with Alley crossing the stripe fourth. J.D. Johnson outlasted Zach Blurton in a spirited battle to round out the top five.

Entering the night atop URSS points, Jed Werner picked up the \$300 Steve King Hard Charger bonus by rallying from 18th to eighth.

The flag flew twice in the URSS feature, once after 13 laps for Atkinson in turn two and again four laps later when Tyler Knight made hard contact with the wall exiting turn four and flipped.

Next up at Dodge City Raceway Park is the World of Outlaws Sprint Car series annual "Boothill Showdown" next Friday and Saturday, July 3-4. Ticket information is available at <https://dirtcar.ticketforce.com>

[com/eventperformances.asp?evt=160](https://dirtcar.ticketforce.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=160).

Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action with the Valenti Modified Racing Series in the house for the 5th Annual VMRS 80. Taking down weekly feature wins on the night were Keith Rocco in the 40-lap SK Modified® feature, Tom Fearn scored in the 30-lap Late Model feature, Joey Ferrigno in the 20-lap SK Light Modified feature, Andrew Hayes in the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature, Tyler Trott in the 15-lap DARE Stock feature, and Devin O'Connell was the winner of the 20-lap Legend Cars feature.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Ted Christopher got around Glen Reen at the start to take the early race lead. Matt Galko was third behind Reen with Ronnie Williams and Todd Owen making up the top-5. Galko took over second on lap-4 and Williams pulled alongside Reen in a fight for third. Dan Avery and Joey Cipriano were side by side for fifth when the caution came out with 6 laps complete for a spin by Mike Christopher, Jr.

Christopher chose the outside groove for the restart and Galko went by to move into the lead. Christopher was now side by side with Williams for second. Williams took the spot on lap-9 and Dan Avery pulled alongside Christopher on lap-10. Avery had Keith Rocco glued to his bumper and they both went by Christopher on lap-11.

Up front, Williams was making a challenge to Galko for the lead and he made a pass in turn 4 to take the lead at the line. Rocco went around Avery for third on lap-13 and his momentum carried him alongside Galko. Rocco went by Galko on lap-15 and he was immediately applying pressure to Williams for the lead but the caution came out with 15 laps complete for a spin by Michael Gervais, Jr. in turn 4.

Williams and Rocco resumed their side by side duel back under green with one lap after the restart Williams spun in turn 2 to bring the caution out.

Rocco took the lead back under green with Galko slotting into second. Woody Pitkat got around Avery to take over third with Rowan Pennink in fifth. Rocco was beginning to pull away but the caution came out with 23 laps complete as
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Luke Cranston captured Saturday's URSS vs. Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Car portion of the Seventh Annual Steve King Memorial at Dodge City Raceway Park. (LONNIE WHEATLEY photo)

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spun on the frontstretch. Debris on the track brought the caution right back out.

The next restart saw Rocco take the lead with Pitkat pulling alongside Galko for second. Pennink and Avery were side by side for fourth. Pitkat took second and Pennink took third as Galko slid back to fourth and Avery to fifth as Rocco continued to lead the race.

Pennink made a move under Pitkat to take second on lap-28 and he began to set his sights on Rocco in the lead. The caution came out with 32 laps complete for a spin by Membrino and Anthony Ryan in turns 1+2.

Rocco took the lead back under green with Pitkat sticking his nose alongside Pennink for second. Pitkat nearly was able to get his nose inside of Rocco but Rocco was able to hold off his challenge. Pennink got clear of Pitkat and the caution came back out with 35 laps complete as Ted Christopher, Owen, Williams, and Sean Foster ended up in the turn 3 wall.

The caution came right back out as there was a pileup on the backstretch after Dan Avery and Eric Berndt got into the wall on the backstretch and collected several others.

Rocco and Pennink drifted up the track in turn 1 on the restart and Pitkat nearly made a 3-wide move for the lead but he fell back line behind Rocco and Pennink. Rocco got clear of Pennink while Preece was now on the outside of Galko for third with Pitkat and Reen behind them. Rocco led the field back to the checkered flag to pick up his third win of the 2015 season. Pennink finished second with Galko beating Preece to the line for third by a nose and Pitkat rounded out the top-5.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - The Valenti Modified Racing Series made its second of three visits during the 2015 season to Stafford Motor Speedway for the 5th Annual VMRS 80. Woody Pitkat took the checkered flag to make himself 2 for 2 in 2015 at Stafford Speedway in VMRS feature action.

At the drop of the green flag, Ryan Preece led the first lap but Todd Szegedy took the lead on lap-

2. Preece came back strong on the outside of Szegedy and he got clear and back into the lead on lap-3. Behind the two leaders, Steve Masse was on the charge, moving from sixth up to third. He got around Szegedy for second on lap-7 and he went by Preece to take over the race lead on lap-14.

Rowan Pennink was now up to third behind Masse and Preece and he had Woody Pitkat right on his bumper as Szegedy fell back to fifth. Pennink got by Preece to move into second on lap-17 and his move brought Pitkat along with him as Preece fell back to fourth.

Preece brought his car to pit road under green on lap-30 his race was over as his crew pushed the car behind the wall. Masse was still in the lead with Pitkat now second. Pennink and Szegedy were running together in third and fourth while Mike Willis, Jr. was fifth.

Pitkat used lapped traffic to his advantage as he went by Masse for the lead on lap-43 as they were navigating their way through a pack of lapped cars. Szegedy was third, with Pennink fourth and Willis still running in fifth. Dylan Kopec brought out the race's first caution flag with 56 laps complete as he spun in turn 3.

Pitkat took the lead back under green with Szegedy and Masse side by side for second. Chris Pasteryak was fourth and Willis was fifth, just in front of Keith Rocco. The caution came back out with 58 laps complete as George Sherman and David Schneider spun in turn 3.

On the restart, Schneider got turned around and into the turn 1 wall to bring the caution right back out.

Pitkat took the lead back under green with Pasteryak moving under Szegedy to take second. Szegedy was side by side with Rocco for third with Masse right behind them. Rocco got the better of the duel with Szegedy to take third but the action was slowed again by the caution flag for a spin by Dan Meservey in turn 2 with 61 laps complete.

Rocco began to lose pace with the top-4 and his car dropped off the pace on lap-73 and he limped back to pit road. Pitkat was stretching out his lead over Szegedy, Pasteryak, and Masse.

Pitkat cruised to the checkered flag to pick up his second consecutive Valenti Modified Racing Series victory at Stafford. Szeged finished second, with Pasteryak, Masse, and Richard Savary rounding out the top-5.

NASCAR Rookie Tillison Finds Immediate Success in Sooner State Rocco Leads Whelen All-American Series Division I Standings

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - The learning curve for Thomas Tillison Jr. at the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Division I level has been short.

Designated a Division I rookie this year, Tillison has already posted four victories in just nine dirt modified starts between Salina Highbanks and Flint Creek Speedways and leads the Whelen All-American Series standings for the state of Oklahoma.

Tillison, from Wellston, Oklahoma, is also the highest-ranking Jostens Rookie of the Year contender in the nation. He sits 17th in this week's Whelen All-American Series Top 500 standings thanks to the four wins and four more top-five finishes behind the wheel of his No. 85 United Cellular Services/Bell Gas Chevrolet with a Hughes Racing chassis.

Tillison is a newcomer to the Whelen All-American Series after competing in touring dirt modifieds previously. With Salina already in place as a weekly NASCAR track, and with the addition of Flint Creek to the program for 2015, Tillison decided to take a different path and chase track titles for the first time this year.

"I've really liked the attitude of the tracks," Tillison said. "The contingency sponsors and the support that NASCAR gives is really something that we felt showed an appreciation to the local tracks, and it's something we wanted to go out and support his year."

The Sooner State standings are actually topped by a pair of rookies. Tillison has 298 points and leads the track standings at Salina while Steve Holzkamper has tallied 259 Division I points and is the championship leader at Flint Creek.

Track and state championships are definitely on Tillison's radar, but he also has greater hopes.

"We also have our sights set on a national championship," Tillison said. "We're racing at tracks that have car counts that can possibly support that."

Tillison's first impression of NASCAR weekly racing has been more than positive.

"We really appreciate what NASCAR does at the tracks we're racing at, and we appreciate the fan base at Salina and Flint Creek that support the racing," Tillison

said. "The owners and promoters of the tracks make you feel welcome. They want you to come race there, and they appreciate your dedication to coming to put on a show for the fans."

Keith Rocco retains the overall lead in the Whelen All-American Series national standings, this week by 60 points (596-536) on Lee Pulliam. Rocco, from Wallingford, Connecticut, has posted six wins and 15 top fives in 19 starts between Nutmeg State ovals New London-Waterford Speedbowl, Stafford Motor Speedway and Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park.

Following Pulliam among the nation's elite are Ryan Preece (522), Kres VanDyke (490) and David Roberts (399). VanDyke and Pulliam lead Division I with 11 and 10 feature wins, respectively.

Matt Bowling, Trey Gibson, Ronnie McCarthy, Wayne Hale and Zeke Shell round out the top 10 in the national standings.

Susquehanna Speedway Park

NEWBERRYTOWN, PA - The 10th Annual Summer Fun Championships at the Susquehanna Speedway Park on Saturday night, June 27 was cancelled due to weather. The is no make-up date for the cancelled event.

An exciting night of racing action is on tap for Thursday night, July 2, with the 10th Annual Eichelberger's U-Pull-It Super Show featuring the Sportsman Modifieds along with three classes of Sprint Cars (IMCA PA Sprint Series, Sidewinder Sprints and ACMS 600cc Micro Sprints). Also competing on the Big Track will be the Classic Cars, Blast from the Past Vintage Cars and Legends Cars.

The open comp Sportsman Modified race will follow the generally accepted Sportsman Modified rules throughout local tracks in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Sail panels are permitted and the minimum weight rule will be 2,450 lbs for cars with aluminum wheels and 2,375 lbs for cars with steel wheels. The 20-lap feature will pay \$1,000 to the winner and \$100 to start.

On Thursday, July 3, the pit gates will open at 4:30 p.m. Grandstand gates will open at 5:00 p.m. with qualifying races at 7:00 p.m. followed by consolation races and feature events.

Grandstand ticket prices for the special event are Adults; \$14.00; Young Adults & Senior Adults \$12.00; Children are free.