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The Big Three Down to the Wire

NASCAR's Big Three not only share the very real possibility of dominating and winning every race, they share the likelihood of running into each other. That's what happens when nobody else is consistently fast enough to break them up.

Busch, two of the garage area's most-fierce competitors.

"It is kind of weird that we haven't really mixed it up for an entire race," Harvick said. "I think as you look at their team, it is obviously a lot of continuity and Kyle is a great driver but there is a lot of continuity and experience of being together. Our team is very similar and has a lot of respect for their team and the things they do on the race track.



DON COBLE

Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. always seem to be around each other, often bumper-to-bumper, side-by-side. When you put three Alpha personalities that close to each other, tempers – and fenders – are going to collide.

The latest clash of the titans came two weeks ago at the Bristol Motor Speedway when Kyle Busch turned Martin Truex Jr. into the frontstretch wall. Busch took the blame; Truex begrudgingly accepted his apology. At the same time, it's clear none of the three will be as tolerant from now on.

With races this weekend at the Darlington International Raceway and next week at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway remaining before the playoffs start, expect the intensity – inside and outside the car – to grow.

Especially between Harvick and

"There are a lot of good teams in the garage but you look at the 18 team as being top notch just because of the fact that Kyle Busch drives their car and they have been together a long time. I am a firm believer in that."

The numbers posted by Harvick, Busch and Truex are staggering. Together they've combined to win 17 of the 24 races this year. At least one has finished in the top five in 23 races, while at least two have been in the top five 19 times. Even more impressive is the fact there have been eight races where all three had top-five performances – six of those include a first and second.

Busch said there's too much to lose to turn aggressiveness into recklessness. But like everything else with him, that could change without a warning.

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"I mean, if you're looking for the banging doors and fenders and things like that and running one another hard for a win, there's too much to lose in car performance in doing that sort of stuff," Busch said.

"I'm sure throughout the season it's going to be about coming down to racing the fastest car, and each of us are going to have our own way and being able to do that and having to figure out who's going to win."

Truex never had that chance at

Bristol. He was holding Busch off for second place with 69 laps remaining when Busch's car veered right and clipped the left-rear fender. The impact sent Truex's car to the right and into the wall. And out of the race.

Although Truex threw his gloves and kicked the crumpled car, he took the partial blame by not knocking Clint Bowyer out of the way to keep Busch from catching him.

"[He] probably could've shown a little bit more patience, Truex said. "He was a lot faster than me at that point in time. He just caught me and probably another lap or so he would've went right by. Half his fault, half my fault for following the 14 [Bowyer] so long. I should've knocked his butt out of the way because he held me up for 15-20 laps and burnt my front tires off screwing with him. Played too nice and got the crappy end of the stick."

With the playoffs looming, don't expect a lot of patience from any of the three.

"Yeah, you haven't had [a lot of] exciting one, two, three guys mixing it up, back and forth for the lead, stuff like that, kind of going on," Busch said. "I'm not sure why, just kind of circumstances, the way it's working out right now."

As long as all three are continually racing each other for wins, the chances of run-ins become greater – especially since none of the three seem willing to slow down. Or back down.



With the Chase coming closer, Kyle Busch (18) and Martin Truex Jr. (78) both kept racing at Bristol after an early crash. Both cars are worse for ware after trips to pit road. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

A Wonderful New Tradition

Four years ago, Darlington Raceway started a “new theme” for their annual Southern 500 Labor Day weekend races. The first Throwback Weekend was a huge success, and the tradition has now grown to be one of the most historic and memorable weekends on the NASCAR schedule.

The Throwback Weekend idea was for race teams to utilize paint schemes on their cars from memorable drivers, sponsors, or races. Little did anyone realize just how the Throwback Weekend idea would spread through the garage area. Not only did teams use iconic paint schemes, but many drivers and crews dressed to match their respective scheme. The feedback from NASCAR and the race fans was overwhelming.



DENNIS PUNCH

Now in its fourth year, Darlington Raceway will celebrate “Seven Decades of NASCAR” as their theme for the 2018 Throwback Weekend. The weekend will honor specific moments in each decade of the sport’s history, many of which occurred at Darlington.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for Darlington Raceway and the NASCAR industry to celebrate the sport over a seven decade period during our 2018 throwback weekend,” Darlington Raceway President Kerry Tharp said. “We have been era specific the past three years, so we felt it was important to recognize the 70th anniversary of NASCAR with our ‘Seven Decades of NASCAR’ celebration next season and give the teams, sanctioning body and others a wider brush to paint a picture capturing memorable moments we might not have celebrated in year’s past.”

In tribute to the 70-year history of NASCAR, Darlington Raceway will focus on iconic occasions that occurred in the sport, many of which took place at the track Too Tough

To Tame, including Ned Jarrett’s record-setting 14-lap victory in 1965, Ricky Craven’s record-setting photo finish over Kurt Busch in 2003, and Jimmie Johnson’s 2012 Bojangles’ Southern 500 win, which gave team owner Rick Hendrick his 200th career victory, among others.

Let’s take a look at several of the Throwback Weekend paint schemes that will debut at Darlington for the Bojangles Southern 500.

#1 – Jamie McMurray – Honoring McDonald’s 50 tears of the Big Mac

#2 – Brad Keselowski – Rusty Wallace #2 Miller Genuine Draft scheme

#4 – Kevin Harvick – Busch Beer throwback scheme

#6 – Matt Kenseth – Oscar Mayer throwback

#9 – Chase Elliott – Honors late cousin Casey Elliott with blue and Yellow scheme Casey ran in Southeast Pro Series and Xfinity

#11 – Denny Hamlin – Throwback to his 1st mini stock car at Langley and Southside Speedways in 1997

#12 – Ryan Blaney – Honors his father, Dave Blaney, with his former scheme

#14 – Clint Bowyer – Honors Ned Jarrett with blue Carolina Ford Dealers scheme Ned ran

when he won ’65 Southern 500 by 14 laps

#17 – Ricky Stenhouse – John Deere – Chad Little scheme

#18 – Kyle Busch – Ernie Irvan Skittles scheme

#20 – Eric Jones – Honors his spotter, Rick Carelli, with Sport Clips scheme

#21 – Paul Menard – Honors Cale Yarborough Wood Brothers scheme

#22 – Joey Logano – Steve Park Pennzoil scheme

#24 – William Byron – Honors Jeff Gordon “Hot Summer Nights” rainbow car scheme

#31 – Ryan Newman – Honors Neil Bonnett with scheme he drove in ’93 for RCR

#37 – Chris Buescher – Honors Bush Beans 110th year with 1930s can design

#38 – David Ragan – Honors Dale Jarrett Citgo ’91 tribute car

#41 – Kurt Busch – Honors his car #97 paint scheme he raced to exciting finish with Ricky Craven in 2003 in Southern 500

#42 – Kyle Larson – Davey Allison Texaco car tribute scheme

#43 – Bubba Wallace – Honors iconic ’72 Petty Blue STP #43

#48 – Jimmie Johnson – Kobalt scheme that won Hendrick Motorsports 200th race at 2012 Darlington event

#95 – Kasey Kahne – Kahne ’06 throwback scheme

#96 – Jeffrey Earnhardt – Honors Dale Earnhardt Sr. 1978 Carolina Tractor Ford scheme

As historic as the Throwback Weekend and Seven Decades of NASCAR theme is, the Bojangles Southern 500 weekend is more than a different paint scheme.

On Thursday, the 14th annual Southern 500 Race Fest will be held at 4 PM at the Florence Center in Florence. At 7 PM, the 14th annual Car Hauler Parade will begin in Darlington and end at Darlington Raceway.

Friday will feature practice at the historic “Lady in Black” for both the Xfinity and Monster Energy Cup Series. Saturday will have qualifying for both divisions as well as the Xfinity race. Saturday evening, the track will host a “Seven Decades of NASCAR Saturday Night Celebration” to highlight and honor many of the sport’s major events and celebrities. Sunday, the Throwback Weekend will culminate with the Bojangles Southern 500.

Personally, when I think of racing on Labor Day, I remember going to the Southern 500 with my family and friends. It was a tradition, not only for race fans, that every driver and team looked forward to every year. Now, with Darlington Raceway featuring the Throwback Weekend theme to their traditional Labor Day schedule, it has brought racing back to its roots. And, even if only for a weekend, brought tradition and history back to the fans. Just the way it should be.



Denny Hamlin and his Mini-Stock racer from 1997 is the “throw-back” inspiration for his FedEx #11 in the Bojangles Southern 500. (NASCAR photo)

Justin Allgaier Powers to Fourth Xfinity Win of 2018 with Road America Victory

ELKHART LAKE, WI - Continuing to make the most of his banner year in the NASCAR Xfinity Series, Justin Allgaier took advantage of a mistake by James Davison in the closing laps of the Johnsonville 180 to cruise to his fourth win of the season at the 4.048-mile road course of Road America.

Allgaier who used pit strategy throughout the 45-lap event to keep his No. 7 BRANDT Chevrolet Camaro up front elected to stay out when the final caution waved at Lap 38 when Josh Bilicki crashed in Turn 12.

But, a push from Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Christopher Bell on the Lap 39 restart, Davison grabbed the lead entering Turn 1 from Allgaier – but the Australian made a mistake and overshot the corner in Turn 8 – handing the lead back to Allgaier who then cruised to a 5.303 second victory over Matt Tifft.

"The last restart there, (James Davison) kind of left before I did and (Matt Tifft) gave me a shot based on he didn't think (Davison) was going. I spun the tires really bad after I got hit," Allgaier said in Victory Lane. "I thought I had gave it away.

"Then when he made the mistake down in (Turn) 8, I knew I just had to be smooth and fast. This team is awesome. I told them on the radio after the race that it was an honor to drive these race cars. I can thank everyone enough that's on this race team and back at JR Motorsports."

With his ninth career NASCAR Xfinity Series win and second straight win on a road course, Allgaier grabbed the points lead from Christopher Bell with three races remaining before the Playoffs.

"This team is incredible," added Allgaier. "They never give up. I never would have thought that we could have a dream season like this one. Wins on two road courses, would you believe that?"

Tifft who started on pole had his

strongest run of the season after leading 12 laps and finishing runner-up.

Daniel Hemric finished third, Cole Custer was fourth and Elliott Sadler in his likely final start at Road America was fifth.

Justin Marks had contended for the runner-up spot but made contact with Davison with three laps to go and recovered to finish sixth. Ross Chastain grabbed seventh ahead of Davison, Brandon Jones and IMSA standout Andy Lally to round out the top-10.

IMSA and open wheel veteran Katherine Legge finished 14th after running as high as third in her second Xfinity Series start, while Bill Elliott, the NASCAR Hall of Famer who briefly came out of retirement for a one-race deal with GMS Racing finished 20th after being involved in an early race entanglement.

"I feel like I hit everything but the lottery, I mean it was a great day," said Elliott. "I'd like to thank Xfinity, and all the guys and ISM Connect for everything they did for me here today. It was a heck of a lot of fun.

"I just felt like I needed more like through (Turns) 9 and 10 and the carousel to carry any speed through there. I just felt like I gave up too much in (Turn) 3, I wasn't too bad in 5, 6, 7, 8. I got a little bit free in 11, all in all it was a good day."

Tifft led every lap in Stage 1

which ended in a one-lap shootout following the crash of Ryan Reed in Turn 3 on lap seven.

Staying out at the end of the stage, Brendan Gaughan inherited the race lead for the onset of Stage 2 but quickly lost the top spot to Austin Cindric who qualified eighth but started at the rear of the field.

Cindric's time at the top was short lived, however, after the Team Penske driver experienced mechanical woes and dropped from the race at Lap 17.

"It just blew up," said Cindric. "At least we blew up in the lead. We had a real fast car. It's unfortunate. We have to look back and see what happened. It wasn't a missed shift in the race.

"There was a lot of debris on the track, maybe we got some debris caught up in the car. It just wasn't meant to be today."

Hemric never relinquished the lead for the Lap 18 restart holding off Tifft for his third stage win of 2018.

With Hemric and Tifft taking their opportunity to pit during the stage break, Justin Allgaier stayed from third and led the 40-car field back to the green for the start of Stage 3.

Next up for the NASCAR Xfinity Series is a stop at the track "Too Tough To Tame" for the running of the VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero from Darlington (S.C.) Raceway on Sat., Sept. 1.



Race winner Justin Allgaier greets his daughter Harper for his congratulatory "high five" before going to victory lane. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

Justin Haley Wins Thrilling Truck Playoff Race at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park

BOWMANVILLE, Ont. -- The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series made the annual trip to Canada to open up their 2018 Playoffs at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.

Despite missing the 2018 Playoffs, Todd Gilliland seemed almost destined to win his first career truck series race Sunday at CTMP. Taking the lead on Lap 53 from Johnny Sauter, it was

gle lap all race long and it proved to be the most important one. With this victory, Haley claims his second checkered flag of the 2018 season.

"We were just in the right place at the right time" said Haley celebrating in Victory Lane.

"I can't thank everyone at GMS Racing enough; it was a truly blessed day."

Haley also becomes the sixth different winner in as many races at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park,



Justin Haley and crew have a great time celebrating their NCWTS win at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

and scores GMS Racing's first win at the historic 2.459-mile road course.

A visibly dejected Gilliland expressed his anger towards his Kyle Busch Motorsports teammate following the contact in Turn 10.

"I should have never let him get to me," Gilliland said. "We should have given him the inside. We had the fastest truck and we didn't win again."

Gragson took immediate responsibility for the contact in the final corner, apologizing profusely to his teammate.

"That was on me," said Gragson. "I was racing for the win."

"I apologize to Todd, the No. 4 team and everyone at KBM. I was expecting a little more room on the bottom and we made contact.

Again I want to apologize to everyone on that 4 team, that was on me."

Following the intense finish at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Haley locks himself into the Round of 6 continuing his hunt for the 2018 NASCAR Camping Truck Series championship. The Round of 6 begins October 27 at Martinsville Speedway.

"This is what we came to do," Haley added. "This is road course racing and now we are really looking forward to Vegas. Mission accomplished."

The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series returns to action Friday, September 14 for the second race in the Playoffs, the World of Westgate 200 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.



Justin Haley (24) takes the curves ahead of the field on his way to victory in the Silverado 250. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

smooth sailing for Gilliland, until a late race caution set up a thrilling NASCAR Overtime battle with his Kyle Busch Motorsports teammate and Playoff driver Noah Gragson. Gragson, who won both previous stages, dove to pass Gilliland in the final turn.

In similar shades to the move made by Chase Elliott in the 2013 race, the contact sent both Gragson and Gilliland spinning. The two trucks blocked the racetrack, causing a massive pile up coming to the checkered flag. The ensuing carnage allowed fellow Playoff driver Justin Haley to sneak through the wreckage and win the Chevrolet Silverado 250.

The 19-year-old driver from Winamac, Indiana lead only a sin-

NASCAR Announces 2019 Rules Aimed at Strengthening NASCAR Xfinity Series, NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - NASCAR announced several rules for the 2019 NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series aimed at strengthening both the competition on the race track and the identity of each series.

In the NASCAR Xfinity Series, a maximum starting field will be 38 cars starting in 2019. As part of the restructure, NASCAR will reallocate the purse money previously awarded to the 39th- and 40th-place finishers to the rest of the field.

"Our goal is to ensure that each race features the strongest field and best racing for our fans," said John Bobo, NASCAR vice president of racing operations. "The NASCAR Xfinity Series already features some of the tightest competition throughout the field. This adjustment will further strengthen an already outstanding series."

Following one of the most thrilling Xfinity Dash 4 Cash campaigns in the program's history, NASCAR also announced today that the four 2018 tracks will again make up next year's Dash 4 Cash slate. In 2019, the March 30 race at Texas Motor Speedway will serve as the qualifier race, with the top four Xfinity Series points earners landing a spot in the Dash 4 Cash opener at Bristol Motor Speedway (April 6). The remaining three Dash 4 Cash races will be held at Richmond Raceway (April 12), Talladega Superspeed-

way (April 27) and Dover International Speedway (May 4).

This season, NASCAR strengthened the identity of each series by implementing more defined participation guidelines for both the NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, which will be known as the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series in 2019.

In 2019, the next step in that evolution will occur, as team owners in the Xfinity Series will only earn Playoff points and a race win will only count towards Owner Championship Playoff eligibility if the driver earns points in that series or the Gander Outdoors Truck Series.

Subsequently, a Gander Outdoors Truck Series owner will only earn Playoff points and a race win will only count towards the Playoffs if the driver earns points in that series.

Kraus Gets Redemption, Wins at Gateway

MADISON, IL - Victory tastes sweet. And so does redemption.

In the second of two combination races between the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East and West this season, Derek Kraus was able to get the best of both those worlds in Friday night's Monaco Gateway Classic at Gateway Motorsports Park, as he wound up in Victory Lane.

Following finishes of 20th at Iowa and ninth at Evergreen, both where he ran out of fuel, the Stratford, Wisc. native was able to pull away late in the 120-lap event to earn his third K&N Pro Series win of the season and fourth of his career. A win he called his biggest.

"It was definitely a difficult night," a relieved Kraus said. "About 15 laps into it, something with the spark plug went wrong, was really slow down the straightaways. We fell back, I don't even know where we were, but we restarted the second stage in the back and drove up to third and caught the front two."

It was clear that Kraus has the quickest car, but admitted he would get too tight behind another car when attempting to pass them. On the restart to begin the final stage, he knew it was now or never.

"I had to get it done right away," Kraus said of his race-winning pass

on teammate Cole Rouse. "That's what I did and we ran away with it after that."

Rouse came home in second-place for the second consecutive race. After leading 35 laps before being passed by eventual winner Kraus on a restart, Rouse was attempting to stay positive following another bittersweet run.

"It was a good night from the start," Rouse said. "We got five laps on the track before we went racing, didn't qualify or anything. Came up through the field, finished second, it was an alright day. Just gotta thank the crew for putting a good piece together. I was surprised how good the car was. Just not as good as Derek. We were better than him at the second break, but I don't know what they did at the end because they just drove away."

Derek Thorn was able to build upon his K&N Pro Series West championship points lead with a third-place finish, extending his impressive streak of a top 10 finish in every race he's competed in and his points lead to 25 markers.

"We fell back far enough to where I was a little concerned," Thorn admitted post-race. "But long run wise we had good speed. That last 40-lapper we were able to maintain track position and get back up to third."

Crossing the finish line behind the three West drivers was Ruben Garcia Jr. The Mexico City native was the highest-finishing K&N Pro



Derek Kraus celebrates in victory lane after winning the Monaco Gateway Classic at Gateway Motorsports Park on Friday. (Barry Cantrell, NKP photo)

Series East driver in fourth. His Rev Racing teammate Chase Cabre led 19 laps around the midway point of the race and came home fifth.

K&N Pro Series East championship points leader Tyler Ankrum rebounded from an up-and-down day to finish sixth and extend his points lead to 51 markers. Trevor Huddleston was the highest finishing K&N Pro Series West Rookie of the Year contender in seventh. Dillon Bassett, Anthony Alfredo and Ryan Partridge rounded out the top 10.

Tyler Dippel, Ankrum's DGR-Crosley teammate and main competition for the championship, came home 12th. Spencer Davis, who started first and led the opening 28 laps, was forced to retire from the race due to brake issues. He wound up finishing 24th.

Hailie Deegan made contact with another car entering Turn 1 on lap 72, buckling the hood on her car. She was also forced to retire from the 150-mile event. Will Rodgers finished 26th after blowing an engine on lap six.

Both series will take some time off before returning to the track. The NASCAR K&N Pro Series West will head to dirt for the first time in almost four decades as the Las Vegas Motor Speedway Dirt Track will host the Str Nursery 100 on Thursday, September 13. The NASCAR K&N Pro Series East will head to New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Saturday, September 22.

The Monaco Gateway Classic from Gateway Motorsports Park will air on Thursday, August 30 at 6 p.m. ET on NBCSN.

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Bubba Pollard Prevails in 45th Oxford 250

OXFORD, ME - Bubba Pollard showed New England race fans that the reputation preceding him to the 45th Annual Clark's Scrap Metal Oxford 250 was much more than hype, winning the biggest one-day short track Super Late Model race in his first attempt Sunday at Oxford Plains Speedway.

Pollard, from Senoia, Georgia, got his first look at the Speedway on Friday.

The definition of a true Super Late Model racing outlaw, Pollard, 31, convinced New England race fans that he's clearly among the best short track racers in North America, conquering the unique Oxford Plains Speedway racetrack in his first attempt. Pollard took the lead away from Travis Benjamin of Belfast, a two-time Oxford 250 champion in his own right, then outran another former 250 champion, Joey Polewarczyk, Jr. of Hudson, New Hampshire to the checkered flag.

Reid Lanpher of Manchester made a late charge into third position during the closing laps. Scarborough's Garrett Hall ended up in fourth place after dominating more than half the race from his pole starting position, earning some \$20,000-plus with lap leader bonuses included. Berwick's Joey Doiron, a former PASS Super Late Model National Champion, rounded out the top five.

Pollard overcame a bad draw – he started dead last in the final of five heat races – and needed to run a second-round 20-lap qualifying race to earn 29th starting position in the 42-car starting field. Dealing with a field of unfamiliar foes in a race with traffic rivaled by few, if any, big Super Late Model races, Pollard made all of the right moves as he methodically moved into contention for the win.

A racer's racer, Pollard was impressive from the drop of the green flag, working his way into the top five during the long green flag stretch that opened the 250. Seemingly making all of the right moves in traffic as the Super Late Models frequently raced three-wide, the appreciative Maine crowd soon realized the third-generation Peach State racer was going to be a contender to pick up the big

check at the end of the annual Maine classic.

In victory lane, Pollard expressed his appreciation to the crowd, as clearly he was jacked up and ready to perform before the full grandstand, increasingly rare in the smartphone age. The crowd returned the love, clearly appreciating the successful effort of the first-time OPS invader.

Polewarczyk, a winner during the brief Late Model era of the 250 and no stranger to victory lane in a Super Late Model at Oxford Plains Speedway, looked like a contender in the early stages and put together an impressive late charge into the runner-up position. Lanpher, twice a runner-up in the 250, claimed his third podium finish and 250 trophy.

Hall was the story for more than half of the race, leading all but a few laps for more than the first half of the 250, occasionally battling and swapping the lead with seven-time OPS track champion Jeff Taylor of Fairfield, making his first Super Late Model start of the year. The young Scarborough racer scored his best-ever racing payday, despite just missing out on a trophy, posting a fourth-place finish.

Doiron, an infrequent competitor on the region's top Super Late Model circuit this season, rounded out the top-five. Current Pro All Stars Series North championship points leader DJ Shaw of Center Conway, New Hampshire was sixth under the checkered flag, one spot better than his closest rival in the standings, Benjamin.

Mike Hopkins of Hermon raced among the leader throughout the 250-lapper and earned an eight-place finish. Brandon Barker of Windham ended up in ninth position, with the top ten rundown filled out by Ben Rowe of Turner, who claimed some lap leader bonus money and battled up front with winner Pollard for several laps.

Ben Tinker of New Gloucester padded his advantage atop the championship points standings in the PASS Mods ranks, winning his fifth 40-lap feature race of the year in an eventful race. Bruce Helmuth of Wales was the runner-up, followed by Milford, New Hampshire's Steve Dickey, Jr. The three podium finishers were also in those same spots at last year's Oxford 250 program.

Saturday night winner Spencer Morse of Waterford was fourth, followed by second-ranked points



Bubba Pollard emerges from his car victorious after winning his first ever Clark's Scrap Metal Oxford 250. Pollard got his first ever look at the track on Friday and raced to the win on Sunday. (Norm Marx photo)

man Gary Shackford of Center Conway, New Hampshire. The Mods race next along with the PASS North Super Late Models at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway in Scarborough, Maine on Saturday, September 23 before wrapping up their championship season back at Oxford Plains Speedway on October 13.

Zach Audet of Norridgewock surprised virtually no one with his victory in the North East Mini Stock Tour's 50-lap race. Audet, the king of four-cylinder racing in Central Maine and beyond, outran Kodi Sabens of Windsor, Vermont to the checkered flag. Jimmy Childs of Leeds, survived several days of practice and a crash earlier in the afternoon to claim the third-place trophy. Michael Viens of Seekonk, Massachusetts and Sidney's Matt Glidden rounded out the top five.

Allen's Coffee Flavored Brandy Street Stock points leader Matt Dufault of Turner charged past Skip Tripp on the final lap to win the 30-lap main event for The Taste of Maine division, just barely edging the division's all-time wins leader at the finish line by .017-seconds,

mere inches.

Tripp, hopping into John White's 12 car for the weekend, kept five-time winner and defending track champion Billy Childs, Jr., who had won on the previous night, at bay but couldn't keep Dufault out of victory lane before the healthy crowd. Championship contender Tyler King of Gray made a late charge into third position. Childs and fellow Leeds racer Kyle Hewins rounded out the top five.

John Childs of Leeds cruised up the outside lane and into the lead, then outran all rivals to score his first-ever Oxford 250 Sunday win in the Rebel class. Travis Lovejoy of Waterboro was closest to Childs as the checkered flag waved. Waterford's Jamie Heath, Oxford's Gerard Cote and Rick Montminy from Auburn filled out the top-five rundown.

The next Pro All Stars Series North Super Late Model race is scheduled for Saturday, September 15 at White Mountain Motorsports Park in North Woodstock, New Hampshire. For more information visit proallstarsseries.com, oxfordplains.com or call (207) 539-8865.

Mayer Grabs Bull by The Horns, Wins CARS Tour Event at Wake County

RALEIGH, NC - Sam Mayer is quickly becoming one of America's hottest racing prospects. On Saturday, he won his first career CARS Response Energy Tour race at Wake County Speedway by beating the toughest names in late model stock racing in a two-lap shootout during the tour's inaugural visit to America's Favorite Bullring.

Local hero Deac McCaskill started the night from the pole position after capturing the Hedgecock Pole Award in qualifying, establishing a CARS Tour track record at 13.172 seconds, an average speed of over 68 miles per hour around the tight .24-mile track. The hometown favorite used the front row start to his advantage and led the opening 20 laps of the race.

Drivers continued to jockey for position early, attempting to establish a comfortable pace for themselves. Bobby McCarty reeled in McCaskill and turned underneath of him on lap 21, taking the lead for the first time in his No. 22 Toyota. The first caution of the night came less than a dozen laps later when Randy Renfrow stopped outside turn four with mechanical issues. A lap later, Alex Fleming went for a harmless spin in turn four, forcing the second yellow of the night on lap 33.

On the restart, McCarty jumped out to the lead and continued to set the early pace while McCaskill, Ty Gibbs, Layne Riggs, Cody Haskins, Sam Mayer and others continued to claw at one another for the remainder of the top five spots. No one had anything for McCarty in the mid-stages of the event and the next forty laps of green flag racing setup the most important restart of the night. By rule, a caution flew on lap 75 after 40 consecutive green flag laps of racing.

McCarty and McCaskill led the field to the green flag, but it was third place driver Sam Mayer who stole everyone's attention on the restart, motoring around McCaskill and McCarty to take his first lead of the night with less than 50 laps to go. Mayer began to stretch his lead out until a pair of caution flags for Ty Gibbs and Dylon Wilson, re-

spectively, slowed the field.

Deac McCaskill used his home track knowledge to outwit the rookie on the lap 88 restart, leading for the second time in the race, but his glory was short-lived as Mayer once again maneuvered around the Raleigh driver to grab the point. Although his teammate Josh Berry and veteran contender Pulliam had moved into the two spots behind him with less than 20 to go, it appeared to be clear sailing for Mayer until Sammy Pacitti and Alex Fleming were caught in a mishap which ultimately brought out the final caution flag on lap 121.

With a hornet's nest of veterans behind him, Mayer rolled through the Jerico Restart Zone and executed a flawless restart, running his teammate Berry slightly up the hill in turn one while fending off the advances of Lee Pulliam on the bottom of the speedway. Stalking Mayer from inches behind him, a slip by Pulliam on the final lap in turn two minimized the final chance for anyone to bypass the No. 9 Chevrolet. Driving his No. 5 as deep as he could into the final set of turns, Pulliam was unable to catch Mayer to make any attempt for the win and Sam Mayer drove off turn four to collect his first career CARS Response Energy Tour victory and the second consecutive win for JR Motorsports.

Layne Riggs, Deac McCaskill and Josh Berry followed Mayer and Pulliam to the stripe to complete the top five finishers while championship leader and early race leader Bobby McCarty faded to seventh at the end.

"I was freaking out, I've never led a late model race like this before," Mayer said in Edelbrock Victory Lane. "The competition here is amazing and I've gotta give thanks to the CARS Tour and to all the competitors for racing me clean. JR Motorsports gave me a great car, and I'm having a great time here. But on the final couple of restarts, I was restarting in fourth gear because I felt like I used my tires up a little bit and I didn't want to spin them, so I started in fourth gear and was able to get a good jump on everybody.

"Again, I've got to thank JR Motorsports because I didn't even practice yesterday and they put together a car for me today and we went out there and ran like heck,"



Sam Mayer raced his way to his first career win with the CARS Response Energy Tour with a victory at Wake County Speedway. (Glen Starek/GSP Sports photo)

he continued. "This is an amazing feeling and I feel like I got a huge burden off my chest. We got a huge win at Hickory [in a weekly show], the first one ever in a late model stock, and this tops it off. It's awesome, man."

The next event on the CARS Response Energy Tour comes at Orange County Speedway on September 8 with a 300-lap twin-bill night featuring both the late model stock and super late model competitors. It will be the penultimate race of the season, setting up championship scenarios entering the South Boston Speedway finale just a few weeks later.

NOTES OF INTEREST:

- Fifth place finisher Josh Berry was happy to simply finish the race on Saturday night, but had a shot to win had circumstances played out in his favor. But prior to race time, few fans thought the No. 88 would even take the green. Berry rolled onto the track for practice on Friday and felt something break in his car, sending the car spinning into the outside wall. With heavy damage, the JR Motorsports team took the car back to their shop overnight, made repairs, and returned Saturday morning. Again, during the first lap of practice, misfortune struck when the engine broke as soon as he hit the speedway. Following an engine change, Berry was able to make the final practice, but elected to forfeit his starting position in the feature after a throttle linkage began sticking and the team was forced to effect repairs. Ultimately, Berry started in the final row of the grid and drove his way to second before the final restart shuffled him back to fifth, an old-school, hard-nosed show fo grit

and determination for racers everywhere.

- Thomas Beane didn't have the best of nights on Saturday in the 123-lap late model race, but during Friday night's Prelude To The Bullring at Rush Hour Karting, Beane's team took top honors in an event that pitted fans, drivers, and teams against one another in an 80-minute team format karting event. Beane's team won by more than two laps over teams led by Bobby McCarty, Deac McCaskill, Layne Riggs, Cody Haskins, Brandon Pierce and Bradley McCaskill.

- Lee Pulliam's second place run closed the championship gap to 15 points (unofficially) going into the final two races, setting up yet another CARS Response Energy Tour championship showdown entering the final two events. On the strength of four wins, McCarty has led the standings since the first race of the season, but Pulliam has been chipping a handful of points off the lead over the last several events. After Orange County on September 8, the final showdown between the pair comes on November 3 at South Boston Speedway, a facility both drivers know well and where both have experienced much success.

For more information on the CARS Tour, visit their website at www.carsracingtour.com. Fresh content and updates can also be found on the series Facebook page (@carstour), Twitter (@carstour), Instagram (@cars_tour), Snapchat (@carstour) and Youtube channel (/carstour). The series Roku app is also available for installation to see live and on-demand events by following the instructions available at www.carstour.tv.

Joe Graf, Jr. Stuns ARCA Field at Berlin

MARNE, MI - Joe Graf, Jr. (No. 77 Big Tine Ford) nudged two drivers out of the way on the final two green flag lap to score his first career ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards win in the Primera Plastics 200 at Berlin Raceway. Graf edged Zane Smith (No. 41 LaPaz Margarita Miz/ICON Vehicle Dynamics Toyota) at the finish by 0.041 seconds, about three feet.

Graf had to work his way past Chandler Smith (No. 20 Craftsman Toyota), who himself had recovered from a spin while battling for the third position at lap 141. C. Smith pitted for right side tires and quickly knifed his way through the field to take the lead from Christian Eckes (No. 15 JBL Audio Toyota) at lap 163. C. Smith led until lap 200 when he was nudged out of the way coming to what should have been the checkered, but starter Denise Engle instead waved the caution flag setting up a one lap dash to the finish. C. Smith would

go on to finish seventh.

On the final restart at lap 206, Graf led the field to the green but spun his tires at the green, which allowed Zane Smith and Travis Braden (No. 27 MatrixCare/Consonus Healthcare Ford) to move around. But heading into turn three, Graf dove to the bottom side of the track and made contact with Z. Smith, moving him up the track and allowing Graf to take the win at the stripe.

"I can't thank my guys at Chad Bryant Motorsports enough," Graf said in victory lane. "We were a little off the first half of the race. We made some adjustments and got the Lucky Dog twice and we were there at the end. I believe we should have won a couple of them by now. I spun the tires on the restart but it's every man for himself on the last lap.

"I didn't mean to get into the 20 coming to the checkered the first time," he said. "I wanted to get to him and move him and I got into him a little too hard. No one was driving into turn three at the end harder than I was."

For his part, Zane Smith was frustrated with what he saw on the



Joe Graf Jr. celebrates his first career ARCA win in victory lane at Berlin Raceway. (arcaraacing.com photo)

final lap.

"I can't believe it," a disappointed Smith said after he climbed from his car. "I wasn't even the first one he did that to," he said as he pointed to the damage on the left side of his car.

Braden finished third, with General Tire Pole Award winner Carson Hocevar in fourth, and Gus Dean (No. 32 Gree Cooling Products/Baker Distributing Chevrolet) in sixth.

Eckes looked to have the race in hand throughout the middle stages. He pitted with the rest of the leaders at lap 97, but whenever took

four tires he took just right sides. Eckes pitted again at lap 129 and took four tires, then quickly knifed back through the field. He retook the lead at lap 151 and held it until teammate Chandler Smith took the lead at lap 162. Eckes was forced to pit with a flat left front tire as a result of contact. He eventually finished eleventh.

Sheldon Creed (No. 28 United Rentals Toyota) finished sixth and retained the point lead.

There were seven cautions for 44 laps. Six drivers exchanged the lead seven times. The average speed was 62.350 miles per hour.

Andrew Teepe Gets First CRA Win at Anderson

SALEM, IN - Indianapolis, Indiana's Andrew Teepe got his first ever CRA win in Saturday night's Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks Powered by JEGS First Financial 75 at Anderson Speedway. Teepe picked up a win last year at Anderson Speedway in the track's Street Stock division. Teepe led the final 50 laps Saturday night at the lightning fast Anderson Speedway.

Following the victory Teepe said he hopes to return to the Star Financial Winner's Circle on September 15th in the second event of the 2018 Chase for the Championship for the CRA Street Stocks.

Anderson driver Travis Burge set fast time during qualifying but with the invert of five, it put Danny Adams and Jacob McElfresh on the front row.

Elwood's McElfresh got the job at the start chased by Adams,

Teepe, J.J. Schafer and Burge. Teepe used the high groove to pass Adams on the third circuit.

For the next 15 laps the running order remained unchanged until Burge got around Schafer in turn three.

Teepe was finally able to get inside of McElfresh on lap 26 on the front straight to take the point that he would never surrender.

The first of three caution flags waved on lap 41 when Evan Burch spun on the back straight with a nudge from Schafer, both drivers were sent to the tail of the field.

Teepe had to hold off McElfresh through three restarts for the victory by less than a second. While Teepe was holding off McElfresh there was a tight battle for the third spot between Danny Adams, Travis Burge, James Kirby III and Thomas Skiles.

Adams was able to turn back challenges from all comers and with less than five laps remaining had the car of Kirby climb onto his left side body work. Kirby momentarily got airborne, but both drivers

were able to continue.

Following Teepe and McElfresh at the finish was Adams, Kirby and Skiles. For his pass and the win Teepe picked up the Racer Parts Wholesale Sweet Move of the Race Award.

"The crew gave me a great car tonight," Teepe said following the win. "Jacob (McElfresh) had a good car but I was a little better on the restarts. I hope to be right back here in September!"

McElfresh said Teepe was able to hold him off on the restarts and that his car was just a little off.

"I could have wrecked him," McElfresh said. "But I wouldn't do that. His car was really strong on the restarts."

Adams followed up his second place finish in the 200-lap race at Anderson Speedway with a gritty third place finish.

"The car was a handful," Adam's remarked. "We were tight going into the corners and loose coming off. I was lucky to hold on to third."

Skiles had the most impressive run of the night starting on the tail of the 14-car field after missing his qualifying spot to finish in fifth place. For his great run Skiles picked up the AR Bodies Cool

Move of the Race Award.

Cook Gets Second Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman Win at Baer Field

SALEM, IN - Ft. Wayne, Indiana veteran racer Tommy Cook came away with his second Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman Powered by JEGS win of the season at Baer Field Motorsports Park Saturday night. Cook won the series event at Baer Field in June, and defended his home turf again Saturday night holding off Terry Fisher Jr. to get the win. The Triple Crown Series Championship event attracted a season high 22 car field.

"It always feels good to get a win here at Baer Field," remarked Cook in victory lane. "We've had a great car all season thanks to my crew and car owner, without them I wouldn't be here winning races. This was a good win tonight against a strong field of cars!"

Austin Coe took the lead at the drop of the green flag from his outside pole starting position after All-star Performance Fast Qualifier Tony Dager, who set a new track

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record in qualifying, drew an eight for the events inverted start. Pole sitter Justin King fought back to grab the lead on lap two, racing side by side with Coe. King was able to pull away from Coe on lap three.

Meanwhile Cook was battling his way through the field from his seventh place starting position when King tangled with a slower car on lap 10,

both cars spun, but kept going not causing a yellow. Cook drove around both cars to grab the lead on lap 11. The events first caution flew a few laps later when Dave Duncan's car erupted in flames.

Cook fought off Coe to keep the lead on the next restart. Cook's win didn't come easy, Cook was able to fight off all challengers on each restart including Fisher Jr. who had gotten around Coe for second, as the event was slowed by five total cautions. Fisher Jr. tried to close on Cook, but Cook was too strong and took the victory in the series Triple Crown Series Championship event over Fisher Jr. Cook collected the \$2,000 first place money and picked up the Racer Parts Whole-



Tommy Cook came away with his second Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman Powered by JEGS win of the season at Baer Field Motorsports Park Saturday night. (CRA Racing photo)

sale Sweet Move of the Race Award for his pass for the lead on lap 11.

ARCA/CRA Super Series competitor Hunter Jack overcame issues in practice and qualifying to come from his 13th place starting position to finish in third. Jack earned the Spillers Towing Hardcharger Award and the Racing Electronics Hardcharger Award.

2007 series Champion Billy Hutson finished in fourth as he looks to try and win his second series Championship in 2018. Series points leader Chris Shannon came

from his 11th place starting position to finish in fifth and keep his points lead.

Coe would finish in sixth place. Brandon Varney worked his way from his 16th place to get a seventh place finish and earned the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race Award. Dager finished in eighth.

Jeff Marcum's had his series winning streak end at three races, but with his ninth place finish, he is the inaugural Triple Crown Series points Champion, collecting the \$1000 Champions payoff. There were two \$500 bonuses that were

given away by a random draw of all the competitors who attended all three Triple Crown events, those were won by Kent Carson and Varney.

The next Vore's Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman event will be the first event of the Chase for the Championship at Winchester Speedway on Monday, September 3rd. That event is part of the Labor Day Weekend World Stock Car Festival.

Information on all the CRA Series is available at www.cra-racing.com.

CRA Street Stock Five Crown Series Mt. Lawn Speedway Event Canceled

SALEM, IN - The Bob Fields Memorial 200 Five Crown Series Championship event for the Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks Powered by JEGS at Mt. Lawn Speedway on Saturday, August 25th has been canceled because of heavy rain. The event will not be rescheduled.

The next Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stocks event will be on Monday, September 3rd at Winchester Speedway with the Labor Day Weekend World Stock Car Festival. That event will be the first of the series four events with the Chase for the Championship.

34th Annual Lucas Oil Tulsa Shootout Class and Entry Details Released

TULSA, OK - With the count under 150 days until the 34th annual Lucas Oil Tulsa Shootout, the Mecca of Micros is already seeing teams making plans as four nights of racing will greet teams from across the globe.

The 2019 edition of the Lucas Oil Tulsa Shootout takes place

at the Tulsa Expo Raceway, located inside the River Spirit Expo Center, with action kicking off January 2, 2019, and running through January 5, 2019.

Leading up to the event, Early Parking will begin on Monday, December 31. Remainder of the teams will move in on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

Early Parking does not guarantee that a team will be able to bring their trailer into the River Spirit

Expo Center.

Teams who are allowed to bring their trailer into the Pits must have two cars for every 10 feet of trailer that are participating in the Lucas Oil Tulsa Shootout.

Questions or concerns on this can be directed to Matt Ward at (918) 838-3777 or (918) 995-1650.

The opening day of racing on Wednesday, January 2 will start at 9:00 A.M. with Practice for all classes, followed by Heat Races that evening. Start time is tentative for 5:00 P.M. and can change depending on how long it takes to run all teams through their hot lap sessions. Racing continues each day through Saturday, January 5, 2019.

The 34th edition of the Lucas Oil Tulsa Shootout will see an adjustment to the class lineup with the 1,200cc Mini Sprints and ECOtec Midgets dropped from competition. The lineup for the 2019 event will include A-Class (Wing, Non-Wing,

and Restricted), Outlaw (Wing and Non-Wing), and Junior Sprints as well as the new Xcel 600cc Modifieds for an event run of seven classes.

For all classes, RaceCeivers will be mandatory. They will be available at the event. Frequency will be 454.000.

All event times, prices, and details will be released as the event gets closer.

Official class rules are posted at <http://www.tulsashootout.com>. Rules questions can be directed to Matt Ward, who is the director of competition for the Lucas Oil Tulsa Shootout. Contact for Matt Ward includes Cell Phone at (918) 995-1650 or the office at (918) 838-3777.

Questions regarding the Xcel 600cc Modifieds can be directed to Doug Borger at (484) 464-5319.

Early entries for the 34th annual Lucas Oil Tulsa Shootout will begin on

Tuesday, September 25, 2018, with entries taken online, by phone, or by fax. Entries will not be accepted via email or social media. Cost is \$100 per class.

The deadline for the discounted entry fee is Wednesday, December 5, 2018. After that, entries will go up to \$125 and will be cut off on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Anyone wanting to enter after that must do so during move in on January 1, 2019.

More information on the event will be released as the event draws closer. All official rules, event information, and dates are online at <http://www.tulsashootout.com>.



Tony Stewart Leads an All Star Stompin' at BAPS Motor Speedway

YORK HAVEN, PA - Showing the sprint car world a Tony Stewart of old on Sunday evening in Central Pennsylvania, Smoke helped his Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 close out their four-race trek through Pennsylvania Posse Country by

earning a victory at BAPS Motor Speedway, ultimately leading a dominant All Star roster that placed seven competitors inside the top-ten, Smoke included, two of which on top of the feature podium. For Stewart, the \$5,000 victory was his first with the traveling All Stars since winning at Pittsburgh's Pennsylvania Motor Speedway over one year ago, bumping his career total to three during All Star competition.

Vienna, West Virginia's Cale Conley survived an intense battle with Paul McMahan, Lance Dewease and Carson Macedo to finish second during the Justin Snyder Salute to the Troops program, followed by Dewease, McMahan, and Aaron Reutzel.

"Anytime you can come to Central Pennsylvania and beat the Pennsylvania Posse is pretty special. These are some of the best drivers in the country. We are all very excited to be up here right now," Tony Stewart explained, driver of the Textron Off Road/RUSH Truck Centers/Sage Fruit/Ford Performance/No. 14 sprint car. "I try to learn from everyone I race with, especially my teammate, Donny Schatz. Donny is a true friend of mine and a mentor. We try to learn a lot from each other. He is a great person to have around."

Although Tony Stewart's march to the front started from the inside of row three, he did not crack into the top-five for the first time, officially, until lap eight.

After a red flag incident on lap three for Anthony Fiore, a caution on lap 11 stacked the field once again giving Stewart another opportunity to improve. When green flag action resumed, Stewart was able to immediately work beyond Aaron Reutzel for fourth, then setting aim for one of the three podium positions held down by Carson Macedo, Cale Conley, and race

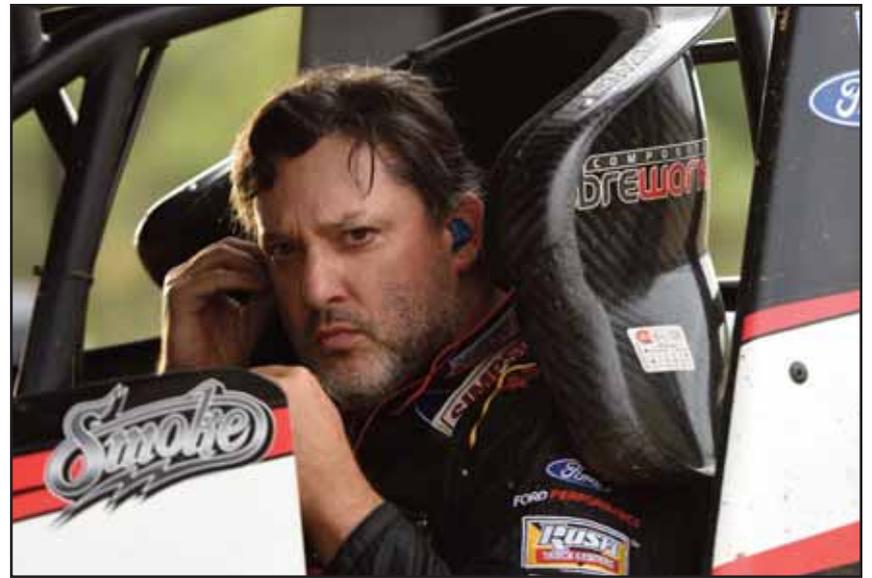
leader, Paul McMahan.

Less than a handful of circuits later, Stewart proved to the packed house at BAPS Motor Speedway that he was a man on a mission on Sunday evening, actually taking Macedo and Conley three wide into turns three and four on lap 14. Stewart hugged the bottom with Conley and Macedo racing through the middle and on the cushion. The move was gutsy, but it worked, eventually crossing under the flagstand to complete lap 14 in the runner-up spot, now with McMahan in his viewfinder.

A caution on lap 16 gave Stewart an opportunity to restart on the tail tank of McMahan. The opportunity proved beneficial for the Columbus, Ind., native, soon battling by the Nashville resident via Elk Grove, Calif., on lap 18. From that point forward, it was the 'Smoke Show,' cruising on to score the 30-lap, \$5,000 victory over Cale Conley and a fast-closing Lance Dewease, who charged ten positions by feature's end.

On a side note, Kyle Larson, who started from the outside-pole position, led the first two circuits on Sunday evening at BAPS Motor Speedway before suffering from mechanical failure; Larson was scored 23rd.

Rounding out the month of August and rapidly transitioning into the month of September, the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1 will next tackle three events in the Buckeye State, invading Attica Raceway Park for Attica Ambush weekend on Friday and Saturday, August 31



Tony Stewart raced his way to victory lane at BAPS Motor Speedway on Sunday night during the All Star Series' trek through Pennsylvania. (Paul Arch photo)

& September 1, followed by the annual Pete Jacobs Memorial at Wayne County Speedway on Sunday, September 2. The Attica Ambush will feature back-to-back, full programs for Tony Stewart's All Stars awarding \$5,000 each. Sunday's Pete Jacobs Memorial will award a \$10,000 top prize.

Fans should stay tuned online at www.allstarsprint.com, as well as on all of the available social media networks.

Carson Macedo Holds Off PA Posse at Lincoln Speedway

ABBOTTSTOWN, PA - The rivalry between the PA Posse sprinters and the rest of the world is real.

"Going into tonight I was just hoping to have a solid run," Lemoore, CA racer Carson Macedo said after a traditional wing dance in victory lane. "But to get the win, man...!"

21 year old fourth-generation driver Carson Macedo from

Lemoore, CA came, saw, and upheld the pride of the traveling All Star Circuit of Champion sprinters Saturday night by picking up his third All Star win of the year, and his first-ever at the Fabulous Lincoln Speedway in the 30-lap \$5,000-to-win event.

"To get back into victory lane with the All Stars, it's been a little while," Macedo said with a smile in victory lane. "It's pretty cool...it feels amazing for me, being a kid who grew up in California. Pennsylvania is probably the biggest adjustment by far and after the past few nights of racing I realized the PA Posse guys will beat you down for sure".

After some years of Posse domination at the Abbottstown oval against all who came to take on the vaunted PA Posse, the All Stars came loaded for bear this night. And there were others.

Also on hand to take on the Posse were former 3-time NASCAR Champion Tony Stewart (2002, 2005, 2011), and current NASCAR and sprint car sensation Kyle Larson. Add Dave Blaney, a former World of Outlaw Champion (1995) and NASCAR racer. So did Western PA racer Tim Shaffer, who is former All Star Champion (2009-2012) and Knoxville Nationals winner (2010).

The field was stout by any standards.

Macedo, a rising star with the traveling All Stars, had picked up back-to-back wins on June 9th and 10th in New York. But it had been nearly a month and half since those wins and he was hungry for one Saturday night. But it wasn't going to be easy.

Macedo led the opening six laps from his outside front row starting

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Carson Macedo celebrates in victory lane after holding off the PA Posse for the win at Lincoln Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

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position, only to have third-starting Freddie Rahmer get by him on the 7th lap in lapped traffic.

Macedo didn't give up though and desperately tried to keep pace with Rahmer who had won the night before against the All Stars at Williams Grove.

Macedo also had to worry about Elk Grove, CA Kyle Larson and Tim Shaffer who were right behind him in third and fourth place respectively nearly the entire distance.

After getting close to Rahmer on a few occasions but not quite able to make the pass, Macedo got his big break, literally.

Entering turn three with three laps to go, Rahmer's sprinter erupted in a plume of smoke, and slowed to a stop. This handed the lead back over to Macedo with Larson, Shaffer, Aaron Reutzel and 14th-starting Brian Montieth on his bumper.

"Freddie (Rahmer) is obviously really good here and is really good at rotating the bottom," Said Macedo. "When I saw him get by be in traffic I knew I was going to have pick my marks and hope it opened up a little up there. Luckily it did and I caught back up to him there...but I don't know if I could have got back around him.

Montieth got the local fans on their feet on the restart as he quickly got around Reutzel for fourth place. But Macedo did not falter the final three laps and took the checkered after 30 laps for the win.

Larson and Shaffer completed their podium finishes in second and third place. Montieth was the top PA Posse finisher in fourth place and was followed by sixth-starting Reutzel in fifth.

Completing the top-10 were eighth-starting Gerard McIntyre, Jr., 13th-starting Cory Haas, seventh-starting Ryan Smith, 17th-starting Alan Krimes, and ninth-starting Chad Trout.

Rahmer and Siegel Win Jack Gunn Memorial Twin 20's at Williams Grove

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Freddie Rahmer drove by Kyle Larson in lapped traffic and on to win the

first 20-lap main event Friday night at Williams Grove Speedway as part of the Jack Gunn Memorial sanctioned by the All Star Circuit of Champions.

Jim Siegel inherited the lead when Chad Trout had trouble in lapped traffic and held off Tony Stewart to win \$4,000 in the second main Event.

The All Stars have never beaten the Williams Grove regulars in a sanctioned race pushing their record to 35-0.

Rahmer's second career All Star win was worth \$4,000. It was his second Grove win of the season.

"I knew once we got the lead it was a long way from over," Rahmer said referring to Larson. "We weren't bad after the restart. I wasn't cutting the corners like I wish I was. Then we got to lapped cars and made a couple good moves that probably kept him just far

enough away to get it done."

"The whole night it wasn't turning in like I needed it to," Rahmer said. "We changed the car and I knew after the first lap or so, we were going to be okay. The car was night and day different." Larson and Grandview winner and All Star point leader Aaron Reutzel shared the front row. Reutzel got the jump, but the yellow flew when Jac Haudenschild hit the second turn fence.

Larson streaked away on the second start as third starting Rahmer passed Reutzel for second.

Larson led by 2.663 seconds with four laps completed. He reached slower traffic with six down and Rahmer closed.

Larson went to the bottom to try and lap cars as they raced into turn one. Rahmer shot by on the outside taking the lead with 11 laps to go.

Larson stayed right with Rahmer

as Chad Trout slowed bringing out the yellow two laps later getting the leaders out of traffic.

"I wanted to see the caution because the track's pretty fast and you could easily get yourself in trouble there," Rahmer said. "The yellow definitely helped us. Get us into clean air. Ever since the middle of Speedweek, we've been driving better and the car is a little bit better. Everything is going good. We're still not where I think we're capable of being. We're close anyway."

Rahmer controlled the restart and final laps through traffic beating Larson by .347. Reutzel, Lance Dewease and Tim Shaffer completed the top five. Brian Montieth, Lucas Wolfe, Gerard McIntyre Jr., Ryan Smith and Chad Kemenah rounded out the top 10.

An inversion of all lead lap cars was used for the second 20-lap main event putting Danny Dietrich on the pole and Chad Trout second.

They traded the lead twice in the opening lap with Trout securing the top spot over Dietrich and Jim Siegel.

The yellow flew with four laps completed when Robbie Kendall slowed in turn four.

Close racing in the first turn on the restart resulted in Dietrich spinning up across the turn and into the fence.

Tony Stewart passed Dave Blaney on the restart taking third as Trout built a comfortable lead over Siegel.

At the half-way point, he led by 3.037 seconds and reached slower traffic. That traffic cost Trout on the frontstretch on lap 11 as contact with Tyler Esh caused him to spin bringing out the yellow.

That handed the lead to Siegel over Stewart and Blaney.

He controlled the restart and one more lap was completed before Brandon Spithaler slowed with seven laps to go.

Siegel won by 1.118 over Stewart for his first career All Star win and first Grove win in six seasons.

"It's amazing," Siegel said. "We built a couple different racecars just trying to get me comfortable. This is a brand new RPM Chassis. First night on it. It feels great to park it in Victory Lane. It's my first All Star win. It's something I've been after for a long time. My dad won one here back in '96. He really loved following the All Stars and it means a lot to me to get an All Star win."

Blaney, Steve Buckwalter, and Anthony Macri completed the top



Freddie Rahmer (top) and Jim Siegel (bottom) both celebrate in victory lane after winning the Jack Gunn Memorial Twin 20's at Williams Grove. (Paul Arch photo)

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five. Larson started 21st and finished sixth. Greg Hodnett, Brock Zearfoss, Brian Montieth rounded out the top 10.

Rahmer dropped out of the main Event.

Deweese set fast time over the 35-car field with a lap of 16.584. Tim Shaffer, Anthony Macri, Brian Montieth and Tony Stewart won the eight-lap heat races.

Larson and Reutzel won the dashes and Brock Zearfoss the B-main.

Aaron Reutzel holds off Rahmer and Larson for Thunder Cup win at Grandview

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Aaron Reutzel did what some would consider the impossible on Thursday night at Grandview Speedway: beat the Pennsylvania Posse on their home dirt.

Reutzel, driver of the familiar No. 87, achieved his feat in fantastic fashion, not only leading all 35 circuits to kick-off the four-day Central Pennsylvania invasion, but he also held off a swarm of competitors battling behind him that included defending Thunder Cup champion, Freddie Rahmer, and NASCAR superstar, Kyle Larson. For Reutzel, the \$5,000 Thunder Cup victory increased his season win count to eight with the Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions presented by Mobil 1; his first in 'Posse Country.'

"It is badass to beat the Posse," an elated Aaron Reutzel said in Grandview Speedway victory lane. "This isn't an easy place to come to and expect to win. This win is going to be very special to us considering what we were able to do. I really can't say enough about this team. There are so many people who make this possible. It's incredible."

Although Reutzel was in charge the entire distance, the 35-lap main event did not count down without a challenge. The former ASCS national champion and now All Star Circuit of Champions driver point leader was forced to deal with an immense amount of pressure from multiple drivers with most of the chaos occurring during the second half of the program.

Between laps 20 and 28, things were getting interesting for Reutzel. Tim Shaffer, who started from the



Aaron Reutzel celebrates after winning at Grandview Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

pole position by way of dash victory, was starting to nip at the heels of Reutzel as the duo attempted to navigate traffic. At the same time, Paul McMahan, who actually raced in the runner-up spot from lap 11 until lap 20, was also beginning to apply pressure on the top pair, soon joined by fifth-row starter, Freddie Rahmer. By lap 22, Rahmer and McMahan each worked by Shaffer, eventually igniting a battle with each other that included two official position changes in three laps.

Meanwhile, Kyle Larson, who started ninth, was also starting to come alive, soon working his way to fourth behind Reutzel, Rahmer, and McMahan. The hornet's nest calmed down on lap 28 when back-to-back caution flags appeared, one for a spinning Tim Shaffer, ultimately ending the four-car battle for the top spot.

The pair of cautions on lap 28, and another caution on lap 33, acted as a saving grace for Aaron Reutzel, allowing the Texan to utilize a clear track and clean air. Despite a mad attempt by Larson, pounding the cushion on the final two circuits in hopes of sneaking around the top-three, the intent failed. Reutzel escaped to win by 1.3 seconds at the final checkers followed by Freddie Rahmer, Kyle Larson, Paul McMahan, Chad Kemmenah.

The All Star Circuit of Champions Has Implemented Rules Changes for 2019

BROWNSBURG, IN - The All Star Circuit of Champions has implemented rules changes that will take effect beginning with the 2019 season.

• Chassis support bars: In 2019, all chassis will be required to have additional bars installed to support and decrease the span between the front and rear uprights. The

new support bars must be an addition to the front and rear uprights. Any attempts to manipulate the front and rear uprights to conform to these measurements will not be tolerated or allowed at the discretion of All Star Circuit of Champions Series Officials. The left- and right-side support bars do not have to be the same. These additional bars will be minimum 1.375 X .083 ASTM4130 normalized steel or equivalent material as per All Star Circuit of Champions current rule K.5.u.

Left- and right-side support bars may be one of two forms of a "Curved Support Bar" similar to current "Safety Bar" used in some chassis' or a "Support Bar" similar to the All Star Circuit of Champions 2018 Rules Bulletin #1 dated March 9, 2018.

The Curved Support Bar will attach to the top rail to create a span between 15" and 20" from the front upright to the support bar. This measurement will be made from the rear point of the front upright to the forward point of the support bar. It will attach to the hip rail and have a gusset attached above the curve to the rear upright at the point opposite of the rear brace/shock mount bar. The outer most point of the curve will be between 4" and 7", measured from the outer edge of

the uprights.

The Support Bar will be attached to the top rail to create a span between 15" and 20" from the front upright. This measurement will be made from the rear point of the front upright to the forward point of the support bar. The bottom of the Support Bar will attach to the rear upright at the point opposite of the rear brace/shock mount bar.

Right side body opening shall remain the same per rule K.7.j. in the All Star Circuit of Champions Rule Book.

• Slip joints: Slip joints will no longer be allowed in any form. Bolted or clamped slip joints will no longer be allowed. If a current chassis has a slip joint, it will have to be welded the full circumference of the tube to become solid.

• Wing T-post: Wing T-post will be built from 1" X .083" minimum ASTM4130 normalized steel or equivalent material. No parts made from castings will be allowed on any wing T-post. Wing attachment designs will be subject to approval. Some approved design drawings are below.

Steel left-front radius rod and rod ends

The left-front radius rod is to be made of 4130 steel with steel rod ends.

• Left and right nerf bars: All left- and right-side nerf bars must attach to the chassis at three points. Two-point side nerf hoops will no longer be allowed.

• Elimination of bolt-to-bolt axle tethers: The 2019 season will be the last year axle tethers will be attached to the radius rod bolt on the axle. In January 2020, all axle tethers will either wrap around or clamp to the axle.

Also in 2019, all axle tethers will be required to attach to the front engine plate post or the rear bolt of the front radius rod and not the radiator post, per manufacturer's instructions.

Pittman Goes Back-To-Back at Big Sky Speedway for 6th Win of Season

BILLINGS, MT - Daryn Pittman got by Jacob Allen on a double-file restart halfway through the race and never looked back, scoring his second consecutive win at Big Sky Speedway and capturing his sixth World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series victory of 2018.

Allen settled for second with Donny Schatz completing the podium.

For the second consecutive night, Jacob Allen won the Sears Craftsman Dash, earning the pole for the 35-Lap Feature. Allen drag raced with fellow front row starter Pittman the entire opening lap and edged ahead off of turn four to lead Lap 1.

The first 15 laps went non-stop, forcing Allen to negotiate lapped traffic and allowing Pittman and Schatz to close in. Brent Marks had a right rear explode, bringing out the first of a handful of cautions.

The ensuing double-file restart saw Allen elect the top of the speedway. Allen fought off two Pittman slidejobs to maintain control and lead Lap 16 before the yellow flew for Dominic Scelzi, who lost the handle of his family-owned machine off of turn one.

The caution restacked the field double-file once again, but this time the veteran Pittman prevailed over young Allen, controlling the field off of turn two to lead Lap 17.

A pair of cautions for Alan Gilbertson and Jason Sides gave Allen ample opportunity to steal the lead back from Pittman, but the Owasso, OK native was too strong on the double-file restarts and motored away.

The final caution of the evening came with four to go as Sheldon Haudenschild's engine gave out. With less than five laps to go in the Feature, Outlaw rules dictate single-file restarts, giving Allen a different chance to wrestle the lead back.

Allen stayed with Pittman on the restart, but couldn't mount a serious challenge as Pittman went on to win by .904 seconds.

"To get this win the way the last few months have been is really something special. Man, our last win was tough," Pittman said solemnly before thanking his Kasey

Kahne Racing crew for their continued support.

"There's nothing better than winning these races, you never know when your last one is going to be," Pittman, who now has 78 career Outlaw wins, added. "As you can see there's nothing on the side of this car and there's no better way to sign a sponsor than by winning races. That's my job, to go out there and focus on putting this car in Victory Lane so I can keep this job and keep doing what I love," Pittman said before thanking the sellout crowd at Big Sky Speedway.

Jacob Allen's first World of Outlaws win continues to elude him, but he remains in good spirits. "Leading laps and running up front is a lot of fun. Obviously, I want to get that first win, but to be able to be on the podium, finish top-five and contend for a win against these guys is something to be proud of," Allen said positively.

Donny Schatz was pleased to come home third but wished the race got into more lapped traffic. "It's fun to be in traffic, but that wasn't in the cards tonight. Third is pretty respectable, the race track was fun and that's all you can ask for as a racer. Full house tonight, thank you guys for being here, it was an awesome night for all of us," Schatz said in good spirits.

Brad Sweet picked up KSE Hard Charger honors coming forward to fourth with Kraig Kinser completing the top five.

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series continues its trek west to Washington and has a pair of dates at Skagit Speedway this upcoming weekend Friday, August 31 and Saturday, September 1 in Alger, WA. Following that, the Series will head to Grays Harbor Raceway in Elma on Monday, September 3rd before making its lone appearance in Oregon at Willamette Speedway on Wednesday, September 5.

Brad Sweet Steals Black Hills Win on Late Restart

RAPID CITY, SD - Brad Sweet used a double-file restart with seven laps remaining to get by race-long leader Jacob Allen and win his fifth World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Feature of the 2018 season Friday



Daryn Pittman raced his way to victory lane at Big Sky Speedway, his sixth win of the season. (Paul Arch photo)

night at Black Hills Speedway. Schatz used that same restart to surge from ninth to finish second with Dominic Scelzi completing the podium.

Jacob Allen won the Sears Craftsman Dash to earn the pole for the 25-lap Feature alongside 2018 Knoxville Nationals Champion, Brad Sweet. The initial start saw David Gravel blast from fourth to the lead down the backstretch, but Allen muscled underneath Gravel off of turn four to lead the opening lap.

The first of two cautions in the Feature flew with two laps complete as Sheldon Haudenschild spun to a stop after battling for fifth. Haudenschild's crew thrashed to get the Stenhouse Jr-Marshall No.17 back out, which would prove crucial later. The ensuing double-file restart saw 2017 Black Hills winner Shane Stewart move into second as Gravel got shuffled back to fifth.

Allen, in search of his first career Outlaw triumph, motored away from the field as the rest of the field waged war behind him. Intense racing action on Lap 4 saw Sweet move into second, Dominic Scelzi into third as Stewart got shuffled back to fourth. Scelzi, also in search of his first Outlaw triumph, pounded the cushion in turn one and two, to get by fellow California native Sweet for second on Lap 7 and set his eyes on Allen.

Allen navigated lapped traffic like a veteran and appeared to be on his way for the long-awaited first Outlaw win. Sweet worked back by Scelzi on Lap 17 for second and the next lap Sheldon Haudenschild brought out the final caution of the evening with seven laps remaining.

The caution erased the 2 and half-second lead Allen had accumulated and put one of Sprint Car Racing's elite talents right next to him for the double-file restart.

Allen elected the bottom, but Sweet was able to remain even for the lead on the restart. Sweet edged in front to lead Lap 19, but a determined Allen threw a slide job to grab the lead momentarily off of turn two.

While all eyes were on Sweet and Allen's torrid battle for the lead, Donny Schatz surged forward from ninth to third.

Back up front, Sweet's momentum allowed him to regain control down the backstretch and into turn three and four. As a last-ditch effort to get the lead back, Allen threw the car low, but spun the tires off turn four, scrubbing his speed and allowing Donny Schatz and Dominic Scelzi to split him down the frontstretch for position.

Scelzi and Schatz jockeyed for position briefly, allowing Sweet to extend his lead and go on to win his fifth Feature of the year.

"I kinda feel bad for Jacob, he's been working really hard and has a really fast car. He was probably the guy to beat, sometimes those late restarts will get you. I've been fortunate to have been out here a couple of more years and the experience can help in those situations," Sweet said honestly.

Donny Schatz, who was coming off a weekend sweep in his home state, settled for second after his surge on the Lap 18 restart.

It was all smiles for Dominic Scelzi, who completed the podium, tying his career-best Outlaw finish.

Logan Schuchart came forward to fourth with Allen settling for fifth. Greg Wilson earned KSE Hard Charger honors coming from 17th to finish sixth.

For the second consecutive year, the Black Hills Speedway track record fell, this year to Daryn Pittman, who paced the full-field of cars in Qualifying with a blistering 14.813 seconds, just a fraction off of Shane Stewart's time last year.

Pearson Powers to Dirt Million Victory

MANSFIELD, OH - Earl Pearson Jr. added the Inaugural Dirt Million at the Mansfield Motor Speedway to his impressive list of career victories. His late-race pass around Bobby Pierce allowed him to take home the \$202,993.50 first-place prize.

The crowd erupted as he took the checkered flags ahead of the field. Pearson was the sixth and final leader of the thrilling 100-lap event. The capacity crowd were kept on the edge of their seats throughout the race, right up until the checkers flew.

Pearson started 19th on the grid and pitted twice during the race. The first time was after receiving damage in a multi-car accident early in the race. The 4-time Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Champion began his surge through the pack late in the race. A caution flag with eleven laps to go helped, eliminating the gap that Pierce had managed to gain over the field.

Pierce started 22nd and charged through the field quickly. He was leading with eleven laps to go when the final caution of the race appeared. Pierce then relinquished the lead to Pearson but mounted several challenges on the leader in the waning laps. He ultimately found himself on the podium one spot short of the pinnacle, finishing in second. Gregg Satterlee also charged from the rear of the field to take third. Ricky Weiss and Scott Bloomquist completed the top five finishers.

"Well, first off I want to thank Bobby Pierce. With this kind of money on the line he could have pulled a slide-job on me, but he raced me clean. He is a class act. He is going to win a lot of money in his career. Thanks to all the fans here. The kind of money that the track put up for this race is amazing, and it's a great thing for this sport. I can't say enough about my crew."

"I got in that wreck down in turn one early on, and I kept coming in and they kept working on the car each time. I knew once I got to the front that their work had paid off. They gave me a shot at the win, and I attribute our success tonight to all of their hard work and not giv-

ing up. I would like to thank Ronnie Stuckey, Garrett Alberson, and J.C. Wright, and everybody else on the car that helps."

The race saw six different leaders attempting to make a career-best payday. Don O'Neal, Ricky Weiss, Shannon Babb, Jimmy Owens, Pierce and Pearson all took turns at the top spot.

"When I restarted on the outside after that final caution I knew my car was pretty good. I got ahead of Ricky [Weiss] and then me and Bobby [Pierce] had a good little race for the lead. I knew he was going to run the top. Once I got in front of him I knew I had to defend the top, because that was the only way I was going to keep him behind me. I can't believe this. This is just a dream come true. I am proud to see all of these people here," said the winner in Lucas Oil Victory Lane for the fifth time in 2018.

Pierce also thrilled the crowd once again with his rim-riding exploits and commented in Victory Lane about coming up just short of winning. "That was such a fun race! I can't thank Cody and Jacob here at Mansfield enough for what they are doing for the sport. It might be unique and different but it is what we need to grow the sport. Thanks to all of these fans for coming out and watching. I didn't need that last caution, but I also didn't know how big of a lead I had. My dad was signaling to me and I guess Earl came in and got some tires. It definitely showed at the end because he was pretty good. I was just trying to hang on at the end. My right front tire was kind of giving up on me."

Last year's runner-up in the Lucas Oil Rookie of the Year chase, Gregg Satterlee, joined Pearson and Pierce on the podium.

Completing the top ten were Brandon Sheppard, Steve Casebolt, Dale McDowell, Darrell Lanigan, and Max Blair.

Lanigan and Davenport Claim Dirt Million Duels

MANSFIELD, OH - Darrell Lanigan and Jonathan Davenport each won a feature event on Friday night at Mansfield Motor Speedway, kicking off the inaugural Dirt Million.

Lanigan went to Lucas Oil Victory Lane for the first time in 2018 and became the sixteenth different winner in 38 events this season. Lanigan led all the way en-route to



Earl Pearson Jr. celebrates in a shower of confetti after winning the Inaugural Dirt Million at Mansfield Motor Speedway. (lucas-dirt.com photo)

the win over Josh Richards, Mike Marlar, Mason Zeigler and Tyler Erb.

Jonathan Davenport fought off challenges from Ricky Weiss and Don O'Neal to claim Duel Two. Weiss and O'Neal finished second and third respectively. Devin Moran and Shannon Babb completed the top five in the second 30-lap event.

"This pretty cool to start the weekend like this," said Lanigan. "This hot rod was good tonight. I put the set-up on that Anthony Burroughs had. I told myself just hit my marks and be patient. I could hear somebody (Richards) on that last lap. I didn't see him there yet, he wasn't all the way beside me, he gave me plenty of room. He is a true competitor. He wasn't going to take me out. I can't thank Clint and Casey Bowyer enough and all of the guys at the shop."

Richards was pleased with his second-place finish. "I wish I had moved to the top sooner. I ran the bottom in three and four. On that last lap I probably should have went to the top to try and get by him [Lanigan]. I just slammed on the brakes going into one. I didn't want to take both of us out. It's a good feeling to be locked into the show tomorrow night."

The top four finishers in each of the 30-lap duel features are locked into the Dirt Million on Saturday night. Those drivers drew for starting positions in an eight-lap dash that will determine the first eight spots on the grid for the 100-lap main event.

Marlar, who was debuting a new Longhorn Chassis for car-owner, locked into Saturday's A-Main. "I thought we had a real good shot at winning the race. I was about to get by Darrell for the lead and then we had that caution. I guess Darrell's guys moved him down on the track. Then I went to the top and got my

right front bumper on the cushion."

Zeigler, who challenged Lanigan for the lead early on in the race, took the fourth and final transfer to tomorrow night's feature event. "The car was really good tonight. I thought for a second we were going to win it. That second restart I got crowded on the front stretch and it cost me. We all got bottled up down in one and two and I came out of that corner in sixth I think. It is what it is we are in the show tomorrow night and that is all that counts."

Completing the top ten in Duel One were Chase Junghans, Frank Heckenast Jr., Brandon Sheppard, Earl Pearson Jr., and Kyle Bronson.

Davenport's win was hard-fought. "We had a real good car tonight. This is a new car and it's only the second-race on it. We still have a little bit to tweak on it. We might need to tighten it up a little more for the 100-lapper tomorrow night."

Weiss, the defending Sunoco North/South 100 Champion, was pleased with his performance.

"Our team has just been digging. I can't thank the boys enough. We have been working on this thing hard. It seems every time out it gets better and better. I was happy with fourth, then went got to third. I got under O'Neal. I didn't want to see that caution. I may kick myself tonight once I see the video on what things I should have done differently."

O'Neal, who won the LOLMDS event at Mansfield last month, claimed another podium finish.

Moran, one of the homestate favorites heading into the weekend, was happy with his finish.

Completing the top ten in the Duel Two were Brian Birkhofer, Dale McDowell, Gregg Satterlee, Chad Simpson and Jared Landers.

Mike Goodman Prevails In ASCS Showdown at Heartland Motorsports Park

TOPEKA, KS - Denied in several close finishes over the last couple seasons, Oklahoma's Mike Goodman was not going to have another one slip away on Saturday night.

Taking on the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products, and Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps, the wily veteran parked the Oil Field Equipment and Manufac-

turing No. 11g for a \$2,222 prize at Heartland Motorsports Park.

Goodman's first with both regional tours, the No. 11g took the green from the sixth starting spot. Taking over the lead from Evan Martin on Lap 14, Goodman kept fellow Oklahoma racer Blake Hahn at bay with a 0.762-second margin of victory.

Starting on the pole, Alex Sewell slipped to the final podium step with Johnny Herrera moving up four spots to fourth. Missouri's Miles Paulus completed the top-five. Evan Martin would slip back to sixth after leading the opening 13 laps. Kyle Bellm, Jonathan Cornell,



Mike Goodman celebrates in victory lane after winning at Heartland Motorsports Park. (Terry Ford photo)

Jay Russell, and Lance Norick made up the top-ten.

Up next for the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products will be another regional matchup with the ASCS Mid-South Region at I-30 Speedway on September 15.

The Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps is in action with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by Sawblade.com in the \$10,000 to win Lake Ozark Speedway 360 Nationals on Saturday, September 1 and Sunday, September 2.

Labor Day Weekend Will Present a Challenge, Pay \$3,000 to Win

HAUBSTADT, IN - Another special racing program will be presented at Tri-State Speedway on Sunday night over the Labor Day Weekend. The Labor Day Weekend Challenge will be held on September 2nd this year. The MSCS sprint

car drivers will be racing for top honors and \$3,000 to win.

The Hoosier Tire Midwest Sprint Car Series will be sanctioning this race for the 13th time. There have been seven different winners. Kyle Cummins has won the Challenge the last three seasons. Daron Clayton also has won this event three times in the past. Hunter Schuerenberg has won two Challenges. Other victors include Jon Stanbrough, Chris Windom, Scotty Weir, and Blake Fitzpatrick.

The 2018 Labor Day Weekend Challenge should attract a strong field of potential winners plus the ever present contingency of challengers looking for that elusive first win. In the 13 MSCS features held this year there have been ten different winning drivers. Kevin Thomas Jr., Carson Short, and C.J. Leary are the only drivers who have stood in victory lane a second time.

Three big races remain on the MSCS schedule and all three are at Tri-State Speedway. The one and only Haubstadt Hustler combining

USAC and MSCS teams is set for Saturday Sept. 15th. The Harvest Cup follows on Saturday October 13h. This year the inclusion of the POWri WAR Sprints will make the finale a co-sanctioned event. The MSCS Champion, Top Ten, and Rookie of the Year honors depend on the outcomes of these final three events. This process is compounded by challenges and more challenges.

The MSCS series raced three times in August. Brent Beauchamp

won the feature at Lincoln Park Speedway. Robert Ballou was victorious at Terre Haute. C.J. Leary won the Hoosier Sprint Nationals at Haubstadt.

Carson Short has been building up his season points lead. He now enjoys a 109 points lead. Brandon Mattox and Donny Brackett are just 6 points apart in a continuing battle that has them in second and third in the standings. Aric Gentry and Garrett Aitken are just separated by 3 points. They rank fourth and fifth in the standings. Kent Schmidt and Robert Ballou are just outside the top five.

The Hoosier Tire Midwest Sprint Car Series will share the racing card with the UMP Open Wheel

Modifieds. It will be an action packed double header. The Modified drivers will be racing for a purse paying \$1,000 to the feature winner. This is also the rain date for the mod feature that was rained out back on June 24th. There were 37 entries that night. Heat race winners were Dustin Beck, Brandon McDowell, Zack Fair, and Trent Young. McDowell and Fair have both won features at the track since then.

Racing begins at 7:30 P.M Central Daylight Time. Warm-ups take place at 6 P.M. with group qualifying to follow. It's sprints, modifieds, and exciting action Class Track style! It all happens on Sunday September 2nd.

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NEW UNITS FOR 2018

Charlotte

Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Charlotte Motor Speedway's inaugural race on the new 2.28-mile, 17-turn ROVAL™ will ignite fans' senses as the world's best drivers tackle the track for the most anticipated race of the season. The newest race on NASCAR's schedule will also feature savory delights only found at America's Home for Racing. Charlotte

Motor Speedway will debut Rocky ROVAL™ Ice Cream and the Redneck ROVAL™ Burger during the Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 race weekend Sept. 28-30.

Developed by Bruster's Real Ice Cream and Levy Restaurants, Rocky ROVAL™ Ice Cream packs a punch of sweet, salty and savory. The concoction is salted caramel ice cream mixed with caramel syrup, marshmallow swirls, chocolate chunks and topped with candied bacon. The frozen treat will be served by cup or cone from Bruster's mobile stand, located on the frontstretch concourse underneath the Chrysler seating section.

Fans looking for a down-home treat sure to keep them full for the duration of the Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 should look no further than the Redneck ROVAL™ Burger, which features a half-pound of meat. This creation showcases a succulent beef patty sandwiched between two thick slices of grilled bologna and topped with two cuts of white American cheese, onions, dill pickles and yellow mustard. The sure-to-be fan favorite can be found at the Levy Restaurants concession stands on the frontstretch concourse.

Fans can try each tasty treat during the inaugural Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 race weekend Sept. 28-30. The 17-turn, 2.28-mile ROVAL™ road course oval is the newest track in NASCAR's premier series and the first to debut since Kentucky Speedway in 2011.

TICKETS: To purchase Sept. 30 Bank of America ROVAL™ 400 race tickets, fans can call 1-800-455-FANS (3267) or shop online at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com.

MORE INFO: Fans can connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway and get the latest news by following on Twitter and Instagram, becoming a Facebook fan or downloading the Charlotte Motor



Charlotte Motor Speedway will have some new food choices for the inaugural race of the 17-turn ROVAL. (CMS photo)

Speedway mobile app.

Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - Ryan Blaney, who clinched a berth in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoffs last week, will appear at The Smokehouse, benefiting the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, on Oct. 7 before the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoff race at Dover International Speedway, track officials announced today.

Blaney, driver of the No. 12 Ford for Penske Racing, has two top-10 finishes in five career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series starts at the Monster Mile. Blaney's first career Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series victory came at Pocono last year.

Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series driver Corey LaJoie will also make an appearance at The Smokehouse on Oct. 7. LaJoie, driver of the No. 72 Chevrolet for TriStar Motorsports, has made two Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series starts at Dover.

The Smokehouse is marking its 11th year at the Monster Mile's hospitality village. Through the event's first 10 years, more than \$800,000 has been raised for the NFFF, which supports fallen firefighter families throughout the country.

The exclusive Smokehouse package on Oct. 7 includes:

- A Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoff race ticket
- A Trackage Access Pass which allows fans to walk the Monster Mile's frontstretch on Sunday morning
- Driver Q&A sessions with Ryan Blaney and Corey LaJoie
- An all-you-can-eat buffet with Pepsi and Anheuser-Busch products
- Cost is \$109, which rises by

\$20 on Sept. 1.

Each ticket package purchased includes a contribution to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's mission of honoring America's fallen fire heroes and providing resources to assist their survivors in rebuilding their lives.

The NFFF also built and maintains the national memorial in Emmittsburg, Maryland, the first permanent national park honoring all firefighters that have died in the line of duty.

For tickets or more information on Monster Mile events, call (800) 441-RACE or visit DoverSpeedway.com. You can also keep up with track activities at Facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway, or on Twitter and Instagram at @MonsterMile.

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Talladega Superspeedway announced today that Wind Creek Hospitality, the principal gaming and hospitality entity for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, will serve as the official sponsor of the traditional Saturday Night Infield Concert presented by Wind Creek Casino and Hotel, Oct. 13, during its doubleheader NASCAR Playoff weekend. The headliner for the Saturday Night Infield Concert presented by Wind Creek Casino and Hotel will be announced soon.

Access to the Saturday Night Infield Concert presented by Wind Creek Casino and Hotel, located at the intersection of Eastaboga and Talladega Blvds. in the track's iconic infield, is FREE to all infield guests and anyone who purchases a ticket to the Sunday, Oct. 14, 1000Bulbs.com 500 Monster Energy

NASCAR Cup Series (MENCs) race.

The "wildcard" event is the second race (of three) in the Round of 12 in the MENCs Playoffs.

Dedicated to providing a first-class guest experience, Wind Creek Hospitality has become one of the most respected and fastest growing brands in the gaming industry. Wind Creek Hospitality currently owns and operates three Wind Creek branded casino resorts and a Greyhound racing facility in Alabama, two parimutuel tracks and poker rooms on the Florida panhandle, the Wa She Shu Casino & Travel Plaza in Nevada and the Renaissance Aruba and Renaissance Curacao Resorts & Casinos in the Caribbean.

"Wind Creek Hospitality is excited to partner with Talladega Superspeedway once again for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series," said Trina Rackard, Sponsorships Event Manager, Wind Creek Hospitality. "The Talladega Fall Race brings so much competition and excitement to Alabama! Our team always looks forward to celebrating winning moments with NASCAR fans."

Scheduled to start at 7 p.m. CDT, the Saturday Night Infield Concert presented by Wind Creek Casino and Hotel kicks off after the running of the Talladega 250 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS) event and Foodland/Food Giant Qualifying for the 1000Bulbs.com 500. The Talladega 250 also has playoff ramifications as it will serve as the final race in the Round of 8 in the NCWTS Playoffs where the field of title contenders will be trimmed from eight to six.

Over the years, Talladega's Saturday Night Infield Concert presented by Wind Creek Casino and Hotel has been headlined by some of country music's most well-known names, including: Charlie Daniels, Big & Rich, Thomas Rhett, Florida Georgia Line, Zac Brown Band, Gretchen Wilson, Chris Daughtry, Randy Houser and many others.

For more information about the Saturday Night Infield Concert presented by Wind Creek Casino and Hotel, the 1000Bulbs.com 500 or Talladega 250, visit www.talladega-superspeedway.com or call 855-518-RACE (7223).



Carteret County Speedway

SWANSBORO, NC - Stephen Sanders makes a 260-mile drive to get to Carteret County Speedway every race, seldom leaving with a trophy. On Saturday night, for the second time in his Carteret County Speedway career, he was able to pick up the victory in near-dominant fashion.

Sanders, who hails from Mocksville, started at the rear of the field after failing post-qualifying technical inspection and raced his way up through the field. On the 16th lap of the race, Sanders inherited the lead from Zac Reimer. In the closing laps of the race, Clements closed in on Sanders, but Sanders would hold him off to score the win.

"First off, I've got to thank the good Lord," Sanders said. "He was with me this whole time. We qualified terrible, got put in the back. Car was off a little on weight, but I've got to thank the good Lord. I've got to thank my dad [AJ Sanders]. His hot rod is fast. We've had eight out of the last 11 races DNFs. Feels pretty good. Feels good to have my family and sponsors here. This is the best racetrack around."

For Sanders, the win is even more satisfying given the distance he drives on a weekly basis. On a handful of occasions this season, Sanders has arrived just moments before the start of the race after competing earlier in those respective evenings at East Carolina Motor Speedway – even unloading his car in the parking lot.

"I pass about four or five race-tracks to get here every time I come," Sanders explained. "I wouldn't choose any other race-track to be at other than this place. It feels great. Hopefully there are many more to come. Some say dedication, some say stupidity, but I love it and we're going to keep doing it as much as we can."

Brandon Clements finished in second to Sanders while Kris Hetu, Zac Reimer and Travis Miller rounded out the top-five.

Jason York snapped a seven-year winless drought on Saturday night, holding off Brandon Clements and Chris Burns to score the victory at Carteret County Speedway.

The Reidsville Rocket started on the outside pole and led wire-to-



Stephen Sanders celebrates his victory at Carteret County Speedway. (ANDY MARQUIS photo)

wire in the race, but a mid-race competition caution tightened the field. On a restart with 35 laps to go, Chris Burns challenged York before Clements got around him. Clements then challenged York, but York held him off to pick up his first victory since July 29, 2012 when he won at Ace Speedway.

"It's been a long road," York said. "This crew has been struggling and struggling with all this new stuff coming out on this car, bump-stops and stuff. We've been struggling to get it right. Stacy Puryear has helped me out and taught me a lot on this stuff. Really appreciate what he's done to help us. This crew, I'm thankful they stayed with us. Finally done it, finally got back to victory lane. It's been a long time."

York pulled away from the field in the first half of the race while Clements and Burns saved their tires. The tire management appeared as if it would pay off as both Swansboro drivers challenged York in the final laps of the race. After the race, York was grateful for being raced clean by Clements and Burns.

"I believe they were saving tires at the beginning," York remarked. "I pushed it for about 10-15 laps and they said 'straightaway' and I started saving. I think they were saving. I appreciate Brandon, he drove me clean tonight. He rubbed me a couple times but that's racing. I appreciate people racing me clean and that's the way I race them."

Clements entered Saturday night's race with four wins on the season, but he was forced to settle for second.

"As bad as this thing was all morning, we're tickled to death with this finish," Clements stated. "Congratulations to Jason and his team. After last weekend, we figured we'd even up the score on this one. He ran an awesome race, his car was

really strong. Looking forward to next week."

Chris Burns finished third while Gerald Benton and T.J. Barron rounded out the field.

Brenton Irving dominated in Legends to score the win over Brian Sullivan and Shane Irving. Justin Thompson scored the win in the Champ Kart feature over father BJ Thompson. Adam Resnick picked up his fifth win of the season in U-CAR, holding off Andrew Jackson and Steve Sullivan. Justin Hall scored his fifth win of the season in Mini Cup competition over Steve Chauncey. Meanwhile, Chase Singletary continued his dominance in Jr. Mini Cup with his sixth win of the season, holding back Carmen Odum and Morgan Odum.

Carteret County Speedway will host an \$8,000-to-win Late Model race next Sunday night as the headline event of the fourth running of the Solid Rock Carriers Labor Day Classic. The race will mark the fourth anniversary of the track's opening, which came on September 6, 2015. The Labor Day Clas-

sic will also feature a \$2,500-to-win Legends feature. Street Stocks, Mini-Stocks, U-CARs and Champ Karts will also be in action.

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

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - J.D. Johnson made a long awaited return to Dodge City Raceway Park's victory lane by storming to the checkered flag in Saturday night's 20-lap Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Car feature atop the 3/8-mile clay oval.

While Johnson posted his first DCRP win since 2013, Iowa's Todd Shute bested the IMCA Modifieds, Jarett Lunow captured his first IMCA Sport Modified in, Tyler Tipton topped the IMCA Stock Cars and Duane Wahrman won in the IMCA Hobby Stock ranks.

In the 20-lap DCRP Sprint Car feature, Goddard's Johnson slid past two-time and reigning track champion Taylor Velasquez on the sixth round and led the rest of the way to pick up the victory aboard the Evans Building Company/Alternative Pest Management No. 98 entry.

With Johnson racing through traffic over the last half of the event, Luke Cranston worked past Velasquez on the 17th lap and settled for a runner-up honors a half-dozen car-lengths behind Johnson. Velasquez lost a powerplant as the white flag flew, handing the third position to Ray Seemann with

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J. D. Johnson and crew poses for their winning photo in Dodge City Raceway Park's victory lane Saturday night. (DCRP photo)

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Koby Walters and new track points leader Steven Richardson rounding out the top five.

In the 20-lap IMCA Modified feature, Des Moines' Todd Shute mad the most of his first DCRP visit by making his way to victory lane.

It wasn't without a battle though, as a four-way battle between William Nusser, Jesse Smith, R.C.

Whitwell and Shute ensued. Whitwell's chances ended after contact with Nusser as Shute took advantage of the lead duo to take command on the 17th circuit.

Shute paced the final circuits to take the checkered flag ahead of Nusser and Smith with Jesse Hoskins and Kevin Gray rounding out the top five.

In the 15-lap IMCA Sport Modified feature, Dodge City's Jarett Lunow capitalized on his father's late-race misfortune to notch his first DCRP win in the Sport Mod ranks.

Mike Lunow led from the outset and paced the field until sliding to the infield with mechanical problems less than three laps shy of the checkered flag. Jarett Lunow assumed command and held off Daylon Bergeron over the final three circuits with Jeff Kaup, Kaleb Roach and Bart Baker rounding out the top five.

In the 12-lap IMCA Stock Car feature, Weskan's Tyler Tipton battled past Ondre Rexford for the point on the fourth round and led the rest of the way for his first DCRP win July of last year.

Tipton raced to the stripe ahead of Rexford with Chris Oliver, Dusty Witthuhn and Michael Pepper rounding out the top five.

In the 15-lap IMCA Hobby Stock feature, Duane Wahrman raced into the lead on the fourth circuit and checked out on the field to post his fourth win of the year.

Wahrman cruised to the stripe ahead of Reagan Sellard with Dion Priddy, early leader Jacob Huse and Danny Schulte rounding out the top five.

Action continues at Dodge City Raceway Park next Saturday night, September 1, with a full card of championship chase action including Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars

and IMCA Hobby Stocks.

Hickory Motor Speedway

The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series returned to action on Saturday night at America's Most Famous Short Track with the running of Sam's Club Night at the Races.

Leading off the night's action would be the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models and the first of their two 25 lap features. Vince Midas in the #14 would set a torrid pace in qualifying with a lap of 15.37 seconds to take the pole position. Gage Painter in the #12P would be close behind and grab the second starting position. Taylor Gray in the #15 and Pat Rachels in the #34 would make up row num-

field to finish 2nd with Ludwig finishing 3rd. Chris Honeycutt in the #83 and Josh Kossek in the #44 would round out the top 5 in 4th and 5th.

Next up would see the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Models hit the track for race number one of their two 40 lap features. Ryan Repko in the #14 would set a blistering lap of 14.856 seconds in qualifying to grab the pole position. 2015 NWAAS Hickory Motor Speedway track champion Matt Piercy in the #25 would have a weekend off from his Hendrick Motorsports duties and put his hot rod on the outside pole after deciding to go racing at his home track. Justin Carroll in the #57 and Monty Cox in the #21 would make up row

spot with a lap of 16.456 seconds while Troy DeMarmels would be scheduled to start 2nd with a lap only 16 thousandths of a second slower than the pole sitter but mechanical issues would force repairs and push his starting position to the rear of the field. Smith would jump to the early lead with everyone scrambling to give chase. The #21 of Drew Cox would make a bold move through the field in the opening laps after a near incident in qualifying relegated him to start toward the rear of the field. A caution would bunch the field and see Smith and Cox battle side by side several laps for the lead. Smith would eventually move to the point and drive to the lead. The battle would be from second on back with the field fiercely contesting each position. Smith would drive on to grab the win with DeMarmels moving up to 2nd. Marshall Sutton in the #64 would finish 3rd, Kevin Eby in the #03 would take 4th and Jesse Clark in the #5 would finish 5th.

The Renegades would be the next to pound the historic pavement for 20 action packed laps. Kenneth Roberts in the #8 would grab the pole position with the #1 of Justin Austin starting to his outside. Roberts would drive to the early lead with the field in tow. Battles would rage throughout the field with the only spot not in doubt being the leader. Roberts would drive on to take the win in dominating fashion. Second place would be decided by a slugfest on the final lap down the backstretch and culminating with an accident in turns three and four as the checkered flag would fly. Austin would make it back to the line to finish 2nd and Brian Larkin in the #7 in 3rd. Robbie Hollifield in the #51 would finish 4th with Danny Crump Jr. finishing 5th.

Next up would see the Carolina Custom Golf Cart 4-Cylinders get wound up for 25 laps. Dennis Ward in the #25 would be fastest in qualifying and take the top spot with the #6 of Brian Mundy starting to his outside. Ward would pull to the pits with mechanical issues as the pace laps counted down. The Dixie Motors crew would work furiously and get Ward back onto the track, but he would have to start from the rear after the unscheduled stop. Mundy would take the early lead as Dennis Trivette in the #28 would fall in close behind. The caution would fly on lap 17 when Trivette would have mechanical problems and have to retire to pit road. Ward had worked his way through the field and would

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Ryan Repko and crew celebrate his first victory in the Late Model Series at Hickory Motor Speedway. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

ber two. Midas and Painter would have a fierce side by side battle for the lead several laps in until Midas would eventually nose ahead. Painter would suffer mechanical issues and come to pit road during a caution on lap 8 and eventually retire from the first of the two features. The crew of Painter would work tirelessly to hopefully get him back out for race number two. The restart would see points leader Rachels to the outside of Midas and pressuring for the lead. Midas would use the inside line to his advantage and once again take the top spot with Rachels falling back into the clutches of Mason Ludwig in the #12L. While the battle would rage for second and beyond Midas would take the opportunity to stretch his lead and keep a safe distance from the scramble behind him. Midas would prove too strong on the night and take the checkered flag. Brody Pope in the #1 would work his way through the

two for the start. Repko would take the early lead as Piercy would be pressured by Carroll for second. The battles would rage throughout the field as everyone would give chase to the speedy youngster in the #14 who stated he was on a mission to check a Hickory win off his list of accomplishments after doing the same recently at South Boston Speedway. With the race running all green flag Repko would stretch the lead and look to get that victory. As the Checkered Flag would fly on lap forty Repko would grab his first Hickory Motor Speedway victory. Carroll would hold on for second with Mitch Walker in the #29 finishing 3rd. Annabeth Barnes-Crum in the #12 would work her way from the back of the field to finish 4th with Cox grabbing a top five with 5th.

The Cosmo Motors Street Stocks would roar to life next for their 30 lap feature. Jonathan Smith in the #16 would take the top

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restart to the outside of the leader, Mundy. As the green flag would fly the leaders would make contact on the front stretch but continue on. A spin by Robert Trivette in the #11 would bring out the caution setting up another restart with 8 laps to go. As the green flag flew Mundy and Ward would battle side by side for the next several laps.

Mundy would eventually nose ahead and reclaim the spot he had occupied the entire race. Ward would give chase but come up short as Mundy would grab the win and drive on to victory lane. Cody Combs in the #9 would get by Ward in the closing laps for 2nd while Ward would settle for 3rd. Allison Houston in the #29 moved up to a solid 4th place finish, with Nathaniel Kanupp in the #17 finishing 5th.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would hit the track next for the second of their twin 25 lap features. The top two qualifiers in race one would be the same top two qualifiers in race two but they would swap starting spots from race one. Gage Painter in the #12P would take the top spot with a fast lap of 15.331 seconds, but would have to start at the rear as a result of falling out of race number one earlier in the night. Vince Midas in the #14 would roll off second. Taylor Gray in the #15 and Brody Pope in the #1 would make up row two for the start. The initial start would see Midas to the lead with Gray close behind. As the field would come off of turn 4 to complete the first lap a caution involving several cars including the #83 of Chris Honeycutt and the #34 of Hickory Motor Speedway points leader Pat Rachels would slow the field and necessitate a full restart. When the field would finally go back to green Midas would once again move to the point as Gray would give chase. Painter would methodically work his way through the field, making the pass for 2nd place with 10 laps to go and giving chase to the leader. Midas' lead would prove too much however as the 17 year old would drive on to the win, doubling up on the night. Painter would make a remarkable rebound and finish 2nd with Gray finishing 3rd. Rachels would also bounce back nicely from the early incident and

finish 4th with Mason Ludwig in the #12L finishing 5th.

Closing out the night would see the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models running race two of their Twin 40 lap features. The invert from the finishing order of race one would see the #51 of Jeremy Pelfrey starting from the pole with Chris Hudspeth in the #28 to the outside. Jacob Heafner in the #95 and Monty Cox in the #21 would make up row two for the start. Pelfrey would take the early lead with Hudspeth following close in his tire tracks. Hudspeth would make his move on Pelfrey and drive to the top spot. The front pair would stay that way as the battle would rage behind them to see who would give chase to the leaders. As the laps clicked away Matt Piercy in the #25 after suffering a flat tire in the first event, would work his way from the back of the field and move to the 3rd position, and begin reeling in the leaders. Hudspeth's lead would prove too much as he would drive on to the victory, his second on the year at Hickory Motor Speedway. Pelfrey would hang on for 2nd with Piercy finishing 3rd. Hickory Motor Speedway points leader, Heafner, would finish 4th and Annabeth Barnes-Crum would finish 5th.

Next week will see a great annual tradition with a strong field honoring a local legend return with the running of the Paramount Auto Group Bobby Isaac Memorial 150 presented by Black's Tire. 150 laps for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models, 50 laps and Round 9 for the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models, 35 laps for the One Design Super Trucks, 30 laps for the Cosmo Motors Street Stocks, and 25 laps for the Hickory Vintage Racers.

For more info check us out at www.hickorymotorspeedway.com, on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - With school systems around the region now back in session, Kingsport Speedway hosted Precision Electrical Back to School Night at the Races which saw one of the biggest crowds of the season Friday in the Model City as youth enjoyed special activities including free back packs, race car rides, over 50 new bicycles given away, face painting and other prizes.

Zeke Shell of Johnson City and Nik Williams of Chuckey split NASCAR Whelen All-American Series twin Late Model Stock Car fea-



Race winner Zeke Shell (32) battles with Kres VanDyke (15) for position in the first Late Model race at Kingsport Speedway. (DREW HIERWARTER photo)

tures by each visiting victory lane.

The top four in Late Model Stock Car qualifying dropped down in the 14-second range, with Shell fastest at 14.940, followed by Hayden Woods (14.966), Williams (14.973), and Kres VanDyke (14.979).

In the first 35-lap feature Shell took the lead at the start over Woods, VanDyke, Williams and Robbie Ferguson. With Shell and Woods running in single file out front, VanDyke was feeling pressure from Williams each lap trying to get around him for the third spot.

Williams finally completed the pass on lap 17, as he got to the inside of VanDyke between turns one and two and forced him high up the track, which also opened the door for Ferguson to slip by VanDyke into fourth place.

With Shell in command on the point leading Woods, Williams worked his way past Woods on lap 26 racing off the fourth turn to move into second place. But there would be no catching Shell as he captured his third win of the season over Williams, Woods, Ferguson and VanDyke.

Completing the top 10 finishers were Trey Bayne, Joey Trent, Derek Lane, Dillon Hodge and Kyle Barnes.

With NASCAR Whelen All-American Series rules mandating the top eight finishers being inverted when track's host twin features, the front row for the second 35-lap race had Lane and Trent leading the field to green. Lane jumped out to the lead over Trent, VanDyke, Bayne and Woods.

VanDyke passed Trent for second on lap 7 racing up off (turn) two. Behind leader Lane and VanDyke, the racing was intense involving Trent, Woods, Ferguson, Williams and Bayne.

Woods worked his way past Trent for third on lap 11 racing off the second corner, and behind him Williams got up-on-the-wheel and passed both Ferguson and Trent to settle into fourth in the running order behind Woods. Williams pressured Woods for third until

making the pass for position on lap 15 racing off the fourth turn.

The battle for the lead between Lane and VanDyke ratcheted up a notch on lap 18 when VanDyke moved out front. Williams also wasted no time as he quickly got around Lane to move in behind leader VanDyke.

With Williams riding right on VanDyke's rear bumper lap-after-lap, VanDyke kept hitting his marks to maintain his advantage. Lane got loose between turns one and two on lap 28, allowing Shell, Woods and Ferguson to drive past him.

As VanDyke and Williams raced down the front straightaway to receive the white flag, Williams used the short-track classic bump-and-run move to take leader VanDyke up the banking.

The duo raced off turn two down the backstretch side-by-side into the third turn, and with Williams on the bottom he used a strong run off the fourth turn to narrowly edge VanDyke for his sixth Late Model Stock Car victory of the season. Finishing third through fifth, respectively, were Shell, Woods and Ferguson.

Completing the top 10 finishers were Bayne, Trent, Barnes, Hodge and Wayne Hale.

Chase Dixon of Abingdon, Virginia, continues to be impressive during his rookie season competing in the Modified Street division. The 15-year-old earned his seventh fast-time qualifying award with a quick lap at 15.972 seconds. Dixon backed his speed up by capturing his third feature win in the first twin 20-lap event by outrunning Kirby Gobble, Royce Peters, Alex Miller and Daniel McMurray. ... Gobble, also from Abingdon, visited victory lane in the second race by winning over Dixon, Peters, Miller and Rusty Clendenin.

Brandon Sutherland grabbed lead at start of the 30-lap Pure 4 feature and showed the way out front the first six laps before being passed by John Ketron and Keith

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Helton of Kingsport. Racing action was tight back through the field involving Ketron, Helton, Sutherland, Kenny Absher, Billy Byington, Dylan Bates, Bruce Crumbley, William Hale, Craig Phelps, Jason Ketron and a host of others as they jockeyed for position at times two- and three-wide.

Helton passed John Ketron for the lead on lap 11 racing off the fourth turn, but Ketron tucked in right behind Helton. Ketron worked his way around Helton for the lead on lap 23, but Helton wasn't about to roll over and give in as he reclaimed the lead on lap 26. Helton went on to win his division-leading seventh feature, with Byington, Sutherland, Absher and Ketron rounding out the top five finishers.

Just call him "King Kevin!" Kevin Canter of Abingdon continues to rule the Mod 4 division, as he cruised to his 11th feature win of the season. Canter was chased to the checkered flag by Kirby Gobble, Dalton Thomas, Jimmy Acito and Chris Amburgey.

There were two frightening incidents during the Mod 4 race. The first on lap 6 when Joshua Gobble and Billy Duty got together in turn two, with Joshua Gobble flipping on the backstretch to bring out the red flag. Canter's 74-year-old grandfather, Hershell Robinette, violently slammed the inside concrete retaining wall following contact from another car exiting the second corner on lap 17, which ended the race prematurely due to time limit. Robinette was transported to a local hospital by ambulance for precautionary measures, and after being thoroughly examined by medical personnel was released.

Rob Austin of Castlewood, Virginia, recorded his third straight Pure Street win by outrunning Joey Sykes, Sammy Ferguson, Kevin Darnell and Jon Cook.

Seekonk Speedway

SEEKONK, MA - With perfect Fall weather, a packed house and outstanding racing, last year's Haunted Hundred for the Tri-Track Open Modified Series (TTOMS) event at Seekonk Speedway could not have gotten any better. But the Tri-Track Open Modified Series has been working hard to see that they



Nik Williams is a happy camper in Kingsport's victory lane after winning the second Late Model feature. (RANDALL PERRY photo)

do just that on Saturday, October 27 at Seekonk Speedway. In addition to the hotly contested 100-lap Modified and 50-lap Late Model races, management has joined forces with the Pro-All-Star Series (PASS) to add a 150-lap Super Late Model event to the already stout schedule of short-track racing.

Champions for both the Tri-Track Open Modified Series and the PASS Northern SLM Tour will be crowned on Saturday, October 27 at Seekonk Speedway. Over the next two months the anticipation for this finale event will only continue to build. While the incredibly tight point race for the 2018 TTOMS championship could be considered the highlight going into the race, so, too, will be the chase to the championship for the PASS Series. Add to that the once-series' dominator, Matt Hirschman has yet to visit TTOMS victory lane this season and this event will be laden with drama.

The likes of DJ Shaw, Travis Benjamin, Derek Griffith, Ben Rowe and many more will make the trip to the Bay State for the tricks and treats of the Haunted happenings at Seekonk Speedway in Seekonk, MA.

Gates open at 11am with racing starting at 1pm on Saturday, October 27. General admission is \$27. Children under 12 are admitted free. Pit gates opens at 8am with admission of \$37. The rain date is Sunday, October 28.

To learn more about the Tri-Track Open Modified Series, visit TriTrackMods.com or find the series on Facebook and Twitter.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Jason

Shultz of Carlisle powered to his third win of the season in Saturday night's 25-lap 360 sprint car main event at Selinsgrove Speedway on Foss Jewelers Championship Night.

The \$2,000 victory was Shultz's 18th career at Selinsgrove in 358-360 sprint car competition at the wheel of the Horstcraft Millworks No. 29.

Davie Franek of Wantage, N.J., clinched his second straight Mach 1 Chassis 360 sprint car track championship.

In the super late model 25-lap feature, Andy Haus of Hamburg stormed to his first career win worth \$2,200 at the Snyder County oval and in doing so also won the Moon Shine Camo Route 35 Super Late Model Challenge Series by just four points.

Bryan Bernheisel of Lebanon wrapped up his first career super late model track championship.

Brandon Moser of Middleburg drove to his second win of the year in the 15-lap pro stock feature, while Kyle Bachman of Selinsgrove won his second career pro stock track title.

In the roadrunner 12-lap race, Ryan Zook of Mifflintown collected \$650 for his fifth win of the year. Keith Bissinger of Orangeville recorded his sixth track championship in the division.

Selinsgrove Speedway is back in action with a big holiday weekend racing program at 7 p.m. SUNDAY, Sept. 2, with the Jeff's Auto Body & Recycling Center Summer Spectacular featuring twin 30-lap features for 360 sprints, sanctioned by the Patriot Sprint Tour, and super late models paying \$3,000 to win and \$300 to start. The pro stocks and roadrunners will also be

on the racing card. Pit gates will open at 4 p.m. with grandstand gates at 5 p.m. There will be no racing Saturday night.

Polesitter Colby Womer powered into the lead at the start of the 360 sprint car feature with third-place starter Adam Carberry getting by second-place starter Mallie Shuster for the runner up position.

A hard crash by Jim Shuster in turn three on lap four brought out the red flag. J. Shuster was not injured.

When the race resumed, Womer continued to lead the way. At the completion of lap five, Womer was setting a torrid pace in front of Carberry, fourth-place starter Ryan Taylor, eighth-place starter Chad Layton, and seventh-place starter Jason Shultz.

On the eighth lap, however, Layton's car blew a tire and he was able to rejoin. Shultz passed Taylor for third on the restart and before the lap was completed got by Carberry for second.

Shultz reeled in Womer in a wheel to wheel race for the lead with Shultz making the winning pass using the inside lane in turns one and two. On the 18th circuit, ninth-place starter Mark Smith passed Womer for the runner up spot.

Smith attempted to catch Shultz for the lead and win to no avail. Shultz was victorious by 3.5 seconds over Smith, Taylor, Womer, and Carberry.

Front row starters Bryan Bernheisel and Andy Haus dueled for the early lead in the super late model race. Haus came away with the lead as fourth-place starter Jeff Rine quickly advanced to second. An early race caution on lap three for Rance Garlock's disabled race car in turn four regrouped the field.

Haus continued to set the pace when the green flag waved again. At the halfway point, Haus navigated his way through slower traffic with Rine, Bernheisel, fifth-place starter Randy Christine, and 10th-place starter Jim Bernheisel in tow.

On lap 19, Rine's car dropped off the pace entering turn three and was struck by Coleby Frye's car. Rine was able to rejoin the race with the Moon Shine Camo series title in jeopardy now. The restart saw several cars get involved in a tangle in turn four.

In the final laps, Haus held the field at bay and posted a 4.2 second margin of victory over Christine, B. Bernheisel, J. Bernheisel, and 14th-place starter Dylan Yoder.

Second-place starter AJ Hoff-
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man pulled into the lead at the start of the pro stock feature but was passed by fourth-place starter Brandon Moser in turns three and four of the first lap.

While Moser set the pace at the front of the pack, Hoffman held down second and multi-car race for third took place between polesitter Cory Long, fifth-place starter Shaun Lawton, and sixth-place starter Kyle

Bachman.

By lap five, Bachman secured the third spot and closed in on Hoffman for second. On lap nine restart, Bachman slipped by Hoffman for the second position and chased Moser to the checkered flag.

Moser was victorious by just .90 of a second over Bachman, Hoffman, Lawton, and AJ Stroup.

Fourth-place starter Will Brunson led the first lap of the roadrunner race with a lot close competition behind him. For the first couple of laps, Brunson held off sixth-place starter Bob Bussey for the lead. On lap four, Bussey took the lead while Brunson held on to second and eighth-place starter Ryan Zook raced third.

Zook took over the runner up position on lap nine and quickly closed in on Bussey. The final two laps were the most suspenseful of the night as Zook raced in Bussey's shadow. Racing off turn four for the checkered flag, Zook won the race by a half car-length over Bussey. Brunson, Jake Jones, and Smith Cope rounded out the top five.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Selinsgrove Speedway's weekly four divisions will be featured together in a special holiday racing program one last time this season in the Jeff's Auto Body & Recycling Center Summer Spectacular for 360 sprint cars, super late models, pro stocks, and roadrunners at 7 p.m. SUNDAY, Sept. 2.

The 360 sprint cars, in a Patriot Sprint Tour-sanctioned event, and the super late models will compete in 30-lap features paying \$3,000 to win and \$300 to start out of matching \$12,950 purses.

The pro stocks will compete in a 15-lap feature paying \$400 to win with the roadrunners rounding out the show in a 12-lap main event

paying \$300 to win.

Pit gates will open at 4 p.m. with grandstand gates at 5 p.m. Race time will be 7 p.m. There will be no racing Saturday, Sept. 1.

Drivers in all divisions will draw for starting positions for their qualifiers. The 360 sprint cars and super late models will use passing points and a redraw to determine the starting lineups for the main events.

Following the Labor Day holiday racing program, Tony Stewart's Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions Sprint Car Series will sanction the \$10,000-to-win Jim Nace Memorial 36th Annual National Open for 410 sprint cars presented by B&R Lawncare Saturday, Sept. 15. The pro stocks will also be on the program. The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 16, if needed.

The Craftsman World of Outlaws Late Model Series will be a part of the Jeff's Auto Body & Recycling Center 20th Anniversary Late Model National Open Saturday, Sept. 22, paying \$10,000 to win. The limited late models will share the racing program with the super late models.

Rich Tobias and Doug Rose will present the World Series of Dirt Racing Oct. 11-14 to wrap up the 2018 racing season at the Snyder County oval.

For a complete schedule, the latest news, results, and race status, visit selinsgrovespeedway.com or follow us on Twitter and Facebook. The speedway office can be reached at 570.374.2266.

South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Philip Morris left South Boston Speedway \$5,000 richer Saturday night as the winner of the Italian Delight Family Restaurant Presents Frutopia Not Just Frozen Yogurt NASCAR Late Model 100.

Saturday night's win was the ninth of the season for Morris in the season's 15 NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division races at South Boston Speedway. It made for a good points night for Morris as he closed the gap in the track championship chase with one night of racing and two races remaining on the South Boston Speedway schedule.

Morris entered the race trailing defending track champion Peyton Sellers of Danville, Virginia by 63 points in the chase for the track championship. He elected to start at the rear of the 18-car field in an attempt to gain extra points toward both the track and NASCAR national points championships.

Sellers, bidding for bonus pass-

ing points toward the track championship, did likewise, but ran into misfortune when his car was damaged in a mishap on the second lap while trying to navigate slower traffic. The mishap put Sellers out of contention, leaving him to settle for a 13th-place finish

Morris pitted two laps later to change a cut tire and was at the rear of the field for the restart on the eighth lap. He got up to fourth place when race frontrunners Mike Looney and Danny Willis Jr. tangled while battling for the lead.

By lap 41, Morris was closing fast on race leader Mike Jones, and passed Jones for the lead on lap 44. Once in front, Morris never relinquished the lead.

A late-race caution created a restart with 19 laps to go. Morris quickly gained a big cushion as Jones, Blake Stallings and Thomas Scott engaged in a heated battle for second place.

With the trio battling for second place, Morris opened up a lead of over a quarter of a lap with 10 laps to go, and held that margin to the end. Scott, of Efland, North Carolina, rallied to finish second with Jones of South Boston, Virginia taking third place. Stallings, of Danville, Virginia, finished fourth and Looney, of Catawba, Virginia, rallied to finish fifth.

The lead swapped hands twice among three drivers. Looney led the first 30 laps, Jones led the next 13 circuits and Morris led the final 57 laps.

Trey Crews of Halifax, Virginia took another step toward winning the South Boston Speedway Limited Sportsman Division championship Saturday night with a sweep of the night's pair of 25-lap Limited Sportsman Division races.

The pair of wins gives Crews seven victories in the 11 races run

in the division this season. He entered the race with a 25-point lead over Ross "Boo Boo" Dalton of Greensboro, North Carolina and padded his points lead as Dalton finished second and third respectively in the two races.

In the first race, Crews edged Dalton by 1.519-second in a five-lap sprint to the finish that followed the last of the race's three caution periods. Dalton had to survive a close battle with Jessica Dana of Mooresville, North Carolina in the closing laps to earn the runner-up spot.

Dana was forced to pit with a lap to go as the result of a flat tire that was cut by contact with Dalton's car during their battle and finished 10th. Jacob Borst finished third, with Billy Myers of Hurt, Virginia and Bob Davis of Thaxton, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers in the opener.

Crews started sixth in the night-cap as there was an inverted start among the top finishers of the first race and, having won two races in a row, was mandated to start at mid-pack.

He quickly picked his way to the front, passing Borst to take the lead on the 10th lap. Once in front, Crews never lost the lead.

Crews finished 1.128-second ahead of Dana, who edged out Dalton for second place in a heated battle over the last five laps. Borst finished fourth and Daniel Moss of Danville, Virginia completed the top five finishers.

Greg Autry of Alton, Virginia earned his second victory of the season Saturday night, topping a 10-car field to win the 30-lap Budweiser Pure Stock Division race.

Autry started on the pole and scored a flag-to-flag win, edging division points leader Daniel Shelton

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Phillip Morris, no stranger to South Boston Speedway's victory lane, celebrates his \$5,000 win Saturday night. (SBS photo)

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of Hurt, Virginia by 1.128-second. Jarrett Milam, defending division champion Johnny Layne Jr. of Nathalie, Virginia and Jordan Pickrel of Keeling, Virginia rounded out the top five finishers.

Cameron Jarrell of Amelia, Virginia continued his domination of the Budweiser Hornets Division Saturday night, edging Kenny Mills Jr. of Alton, Virginia to earn his seventh win of the season.

Jarrell, who has now won seven of the right races run in the division this season, took the lead from Mills on the seventh laps led the rest of the way.

Kevin Currin of Chase City, Virginia, Steven Layne of Nathalie, Virginia and Jesse Jones rounded out the top five finishers.

There were four lead changes among three drivers in the race.

Jesse Yopp of Moneta, Virginia had a big night Saturday night, sweeping the twin 15-lap races for the Mod-4 Division.

The sweep by Yopps broke a string of three straight wins by division points leader Dennis Holdren of Roanoke, Virginia. Holdren's car broke during practice, and he drove the car normally driven by Drew Holdren of Hardy, Virginia in the two races.

Cory Dunn of Salem, Virginia finished second, .850-second behind Yopp in the opening race, with Dennis Holdren, Josh Phillips of Roanoke, Virginia and Chad Burnopp of Glade Hill, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

Dennis Holdren finished second in the nightcap, .351-second behind Yopp, with Dunn, Phillips and Burnopp rounding out the top five finishers.

NEXT RACE AT SOUTH BOSTON SPEEDWAY: It will be championship night when NASCAR racing action returns to South Boston Speedway on Saturday night, Sept. 8, with the GCR Presents Spaulding Equipment Company NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s racing program.

The action starts at 7 p.m. with the six-race program being headlined by twin 75-lap races for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Cars.

A 50-lap Limited Sportsman Division race, a 30-lap race for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division, a

15-lap race for the Budweiser Hornets Division and a 30-lap race for the Mod-4 Division will round out the night's five-race card.

Registration and pit gates open at 2 p.m., practice runs from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Grandstand gates will open at 5:30 p.m. and qualifying starts at 6 p.m. The first race gets the green flag at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$10 for adults. Kids ages 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.

For additional information about the GCR Presents Spaulding Equipment Company NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s racing program or any other events at South Boston Speedway, please visit the speedway's website at www.southbostonspeedway.com or telephone the speedway at 434-572-4947 or 1-877-440-1540.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action with the Late Model division taking center stage with their extra distance Call Before You Dig Late Model 50 feature event on Back 2 SKool Blitz Night at Stafford Speedway. Paul Arute wired the field, leading all 50 laps to take down his first feature win of the 2018 season and the \$1,811 purse that was boosted up to \$1,961 with contingency bonuses from iRacing and New England Racing Fuel, Sunoco. The SK Modified® race came down to a wild finish that saw the top-2 involved in late race incidents that allowed Eric Berndt to emerge with his third win of the 2018 season in a hard fought duel with Michael Christopher, Jr. Teddy Hodgdon became a first time SK Light feature winner after winning Wild Thing Karts and Legend Cars feature events on Stafford's mini-mile, Justin Bren won the Limited Late Model feature, and Nicole Chambrillo won the Street Stock feature.

In the 50-lap Call Before You Dig Late Model feature, Paul Arute took the lead at the green with Al Saunders behind him in second. Tyler Leary took second from Saunders on lap-4 with Darrell Keane in fourth, Michael Wray fifth, and Tom Fearn sixth.

Saunders got back around Leary for second and Keane took third from Leary on lap-9 and he brought Fearn with him to fourth as Leary slid back two spots to fifth. Arute was still leading and Fearn had taken third from Keane when the caution came out with 13 laps com-

plete for Paul Varricchio, Jr. and Glen Reen, who came together and spun in turn 4.

Arute took the lead back under green with Fearn side by side with Saunders for second. Kevin Gambacorta and Keane were side by side for fourth with Wayne Coury, Jr. in sixth. Fearn got clear to second on lap-15 with Gambacorta now side by side with Saunders for third place. Gambacorta took third and Keane followed him through into fourth as Saunders slid back to fifth place.

At the halfway point, Arute was still out front with Fearn right behind him in second. Gambacorta was third with Keane and Coury making up the top-5. Coury was still sixth with Saunders right behind him in seventh and Leary was eighth.

With 13 laps to go, the lead quartet of Arute, Fearn, Gambacorta, and Keane were running in a 4-car nose to tail train for the lead. With 5 laps to go, the top-4 remained the same but Arute was starting to pull away from Fearn, Gambacorta, and Keane. Arute lead the quartet to the checkered flag in a wire to wire performance which was also his first win of the 2018 season. Wray rounded out the top-5 behind Fearn, Gambacorta, and Keane.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature, Michael Gervais, Jr. and Troy Talman brought the field to the green flag and they were still side by side at the completion of lap-3 with Todd Owen and Ronnie Williams side by side behind them for third. Talman got clear to the lead on lap-4 with Gervais and Williams now side by side for second with Owen in fourth and Matt Galko and Joey Cipriano side by side for fifth.

Williams took the lead from Talman with a pass in turn 3 on lap-9. Talman was now side by side with Gervais for second with Gervais taking the place on lap-10. Owen was now on the inside of Talman for third and he took the spot. Michael Christopher, Jr. and Keith Rocco were making their way through the field and they were up to fourth and fifth behind Williams, Gervais, and Owen when the caution flew with 18 laps complete for a spin in turn 4 by Tommy Membrino, Jr.

Williams took the lead on the restart with Gervais and Christopher, Jr. side by side for second. Owen was fourth in line with Rocco and Galko side by side for fifth. Rocco went around Gervais to take fourth and he took Owen as well for third on lap-23 with Christopher, Jr.

still giving chase to Williams for the lead.

With 10 laps to go it was Williams, Christopher, Jr., and Rocco out front with Owen and Eric Berndt making up the top-5. Berndt got by Owen to move into fourth on lap-34 with Rocco and Christopher, Jr. still giving chase to Williams for the race lead. Glen Reen came to a stop backwards on the backstretch access road to bring the caution out with 36 laps complete and set up a 4-lap sprint to the finish.

On the restart, David Arute and Gervais touched wheels with Gervais spinning into the turn 2 wall to bring the caution right back out. Williams took the lead on the restart with Rocco and Christopher, Jr. side by side for second, Berndt in fourth and Owen in fifth. Membrino spun in turn 3 to bring the caution back out with 38 laps complete to set up a green white checkered finish.

Williams took the lead on the restart but coming out of turn 2, Rocco and Williams touched with Williams sliding through the grass and falling to the rear of the field. Then Rocco spun on the frontstretch and collected the car of Membrino to bring the caution back out and set up another green white checkered finish with Christopher, Jr. now the race leader with Berndt, Owen, and Josh Wood making up front two rows.

Christopher and Berndt went side by side on the restart and as they came to the white flag, Berndt had the lead by a nose. Berndt cleared Christopher going into turn 1 on the final lap and he led Christopher back to the checkered flag to pick up his third win of the 2018 season. Owen finished third with Galko and Matt Vassar rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature, Alexander Pearl led the field to the green and he took the early race lead. Wesley Prucker was second with Joey Ferrigno and Teddy Hodgdon side by side for fourth and Marcello Rufrano was quickly up to fifth. The caution came out with 2 laps complete for a spin on the frontstretch by Ed Chicoski.

Pearl took the lead on the restart while the action was intense behind him. Hodgdon and Prucker were dueling side by side for second and Rufrano and Bryan Narducci were side by side for fourth. The caution came back out with 5 laps complete as Rufrano and Narducci came together at the exit of turn 2 and spun, which also collected the

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cars of Rit Dulac and Chicowski.

Hodgdon took the lead on the restart with Mark Bakaj moving into second. Pearl fell back to third with Prucker and Andrew Molleur side by side for fourth. Molleur won the side by side battle with Prucker and at the front, Bakaj was looking high and low for a way to get around Hodgdon and take over the lead.

Just as Bakaj looked like he was going to take the lead from Hodgdon, Hodgdon began to stretch out his advantage while Molleur was up to third with Pearl fourth and Chris Matthews was up to fifth with three laps to go.

Hodgdon led Bakaj to the checkered flag to pick up his first career SK Light win at Stafford. Molleur finished third with Pearl and Matthews rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature, Steven Midford took the lead at the green flag with Gary Patnode in second. R.J. Surdell was third but on lap-3 Surdell spun coming out of turn 2 which collected the cars of Alexandra and Ryan Fearn, Jeremy Lavoie, Steve Martel, Andy Marchese, and Duane Provost to bring the yellow and red flags out.

Midford took the lead on the restart with Patnode right behind him in second. Justin Bren was third with Matt Clement fourth and Surdell in fifth. Bren made a move to the inside of Patnode to move into second on lap-6 in turn 2 and when the leaders hit turn 3, Patnode went to the outside of both Bren and Midford to make a 3-wide bid for the lead. Bren emerged with the lead with Patnode in second and Midford in third. Midford spun in the middle of turns 3+4 to bring the caution out with 8 laps complete.

Bren took the lead back under green with Patnode, Clement, Surdell, Midford, and Dan Gorman lined up behind him. Bren was starting to stretch out his lead while Clement was applying heavy pressure to Patnode for second while Surdell was right on Clement's bumper. Clement couldn't make a pass on Patnode as Bren took down his second win of the 2018 season. Patnode finished second with Clement, Surdell, and Midford rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature, Chuck Harrison shot into the lead at the drop of the green flag with Vince Gambacorta taking second and Nicole Chambrello third. Polesitter Samantha Anderson didn't get a good start and she slotted into line in fourth with Meghan Fuller in fifth. Behind Fuller it was Brandon Michael and Mike Hopkins side by side for sixth with Tess Beyer in eighth place.

Chambrello got around Gambacorta to move into second with Fuller taking fourth as Anderson began to slide backwards. Tess Beyer took fifth from Anderson on lap-7 and the next lap saw Chambrello overtake Harrison for the race lead.

Fuller was on the charge as she took second from Harrison on lap-11 with Beyer now up to fourth and George Bessette, Jr. was up to fifth with Chambrello comfortably in the lead. Beyer took third from Harrison on lap-12 and Bessette was starting to apply heavy pressure to Harrison for fourth. Bessette took fourth place on lap-14 and now Michael was applying pressure to Harrison for fifth place.

Beyer made a move to the inside of Fuller on lap-16 to move into second as Chambrello continued to lead the race. Bessette was fourth behind the three leaders with Michael in fifth. Fuller came back to the inside of Beyer on lap-19 but she couldn't make the pass stick. Beyer got into the wall coming out of turn 4 on the white flag lap and she slid back several spots but it was all Chambrello at the front as she scored her second win of the 2018 season. Fuller finished second with Bessette, Michael, and Gambacorta rounding out the top-5.

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Volunteer Speedway

BULLS GAP, TN - Drew Kennedy of Wartburg banked \$3,000 Saturday night at Volunteer Speedway for winning the Steel Head Late Model "Showdown at The Gap."

The 28-year-old Kennedy captured his first-ever win at the track in impressive fashion, as he powered into the lead by executing a slide-job between turns one and two to steal the lead from Jordon Horton on lap 24.

"Wow, it's great to be able and win a big race here at Volunteer Speedway," said a smiling

Kennedy, hearing cheers from the crowd on the front straightaway in victory lane. "I knew I had an awesome race car if we could ever stay green long enough for me to pass some of those cars ahead of me. After we really got to rolling picking positions off and I moved into second place, I contemplated if it was too early in the race to slide Horton. But I got such a good run off that restart I knew I had to try it."

Jason Trammell of Knoxville earned the \$137 Schubert Monument Sales fast-time pole award with a lap of 13.190 seconds around the high banks.

Trammell, Barrett Lowe and Chase King respectively won the three heat races, with Ellery Leake winning the B-main.

Lowe, the grandson of former NASCAR Late Model Sportsman (Busch Series) driver Bosco Lowe, powered into the lead at start of the 51-lap Steel Head Late Model main event over Trammell, King, Horton and Jason Manley. Caution waved on lap 5, when Eric Webber spun down low between turns one and two.

With Lowe on the point for the double-file restart, little did he know what was getting ready to happen behind him as Horton timed waving of the green flag to perfection and rocketed down the front straightaway and dove to the inside of Lowe, throwing a slider to stronghold the lead.

Behind Horton and Lowe, Trammell and Manley were battling for the third spot. The intensity ratcheted up a notch and on lap 12, contact was made with Trammell spinning. Track officials decision was to put Trammell back in his position and Manley was forced to restart from the rear for initiating the contact.

Back under green Horton was leading Lowe, Trammell, Mike Weeks and King. Kennedy was riding a rocket and on the way forward, passing King for the fifth spot on lap 18 between turns one and two. Just three circuits later he blasted around both Trammell and Weeks to advance into third.

When you're chauffeuring a fast ride, you drive it for all it's worth and indeed that's what Kennedy was doing as he was having the ride of a lifetime. Kennedy passed Lowe for second place on lap 22, and closing right in behind Horton he set him up for what would prove to be the race-winning pass for the lead.

Kennedy drove deep and hard into the first turn on lap 24 and threw a slide-job on Horton to take

the lead. Caution waved on lap 27, when Leake slowed with damage to his car and entered the infield pits.

With the race back green and a clear track ahead, Kennedy began to pull away from Horton, Lowe, King and Matt Henderson. Just outside of the top five racing was good between Trammell, Trevor Sise, Manley, Layne Clifton, Gary Crittenden, Austin Neely and Walker Arthur.

Kennedy was in command out front and appeared headed to a comfortable margin of victory, however, a late-race caution waved on lap 48 only three laps from the finish when Clifton slowed on the track.

The Showdown at The Gap was going to come down to a three-lap shootout.

But Kennedy, driving the Superior Telecom, Inc./Schubert Monument Sales/Speedy Towing & Recovery Inc./Kilby Equipment/GW Towing & Recovery/Phantom Race Engines/Bodies by MilkDud/Rocket Chassis/No. K37 Chevrolet Camaro SS, proved to be a fearless gunslinger as he came out firing when the green flag waved and would not be denied the \$3,000 victory. Finishing behind Kennedy were Lowe, Horton, King and Manley.

"It's just amazing how good our car really was tonight, because once we got the lead I was able to just drive away from those guys behind me. That caution there at the end kind of worried me a little, because you know on restarts anything can happen. But thankfully everything worked out great and we got the 'Showdown at The Gap' win, which really means a lot to our race team."

Completing the top 10 finishers were Henderson, Trammell, Crittenden, Neely and Sise.

Zach Sise of Knoxville entered the night sitting atop the Sportsman Late Model point standings, and following yet another run to victory he aided his cause by padding his margin. The 18-year-old Sise was fastest of 22 cars in qualifying with a quick-lap at 13.488 seconds.

Sise jumped out into the lead on the start over Chris Coffey, Jed Emert, Brad Seagle and Vic Chandler. Emert passed Coffey for second early and closed in behind Sise to challenge for the lead.

Both have won races this season, and each driver isn't satisfied with finishing in second place. While battling for the lead on lap 12, contact between the pair in the

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fourth turn saw Emert spin to bring the caution out.

Back under green, Sise smashed the loud pedal and began pulling away to easily record his fourth victory over Seagle, Chandler, Coffey and Addison Cardwell.

Wayne Rader set fast-time in Modified Street qualifying at 14.596 seconds, but on the start Brad Davis of Tazewell grabbed

the lead over Rader and Shannon Emery, and never looked back en route to recording his third win on the season. Davis was chased to the checkered flag by Rader, Emery, Chris Rickett and David Clark.

Josh Chesney of Maynardville held off a hard-charging Brad Dyer to capture his second Classic victory of the season. Finishing third through fifth, respectively, were Tony Trent, Michael Millsap and Lee Merritt.

Rex Coffey of Morristown drove to his second 602 Street win over Shawn Henry and Josh Driskill.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - As the 2018 season begins to wind down, Stafford Speedway track officials have begun to release the 2019 rules packages. The 2019 rulebooks have been released for Stafford's Division V Street Stocks and Division IV Limited Late Models, with both seeing limited changes for 2019.

"We are keeping all our rules stable for the foreseeable future," explained Stafford Speedway General Manager Mark Arute. "We are focused on consistency in rules for all our teams and drivers and will be making very few changes for 2019. Our focus at Stafford is to make our racing divisions as affordable and as competitive as possible."

For the Street Stock division the overall car weight rule will be a minimum weight of 3,000 pounds regardless of wins or transmission type. The maximum left side weight percentage has increased from 53% to 54%.

The Street Stock division has seen a highly competitive season with 9 different winners through 16 events. There is also a tight points battle between Brandon Michael and George Bessette, Jr., who are

separated by just 12 points with 5 races remaining. Additional highlights from the 2018 season so far are the wide array of new drivers entering the division including rookie Meghan Fuller and former SK Light driver Jason Lafayette with both drivers notching a victory this year.

The carburetor rule in the Limited Late Model division will change from a 4-barrel to a 2-barrel for 2019 and will require the use of MSD #8727CT digital RPM limiter set at 6400-RPM.

"We have decided to make a few changes in the Limited Late Model division including moving to a 2-barrel carburetor," continued Arute. "The focus has always been to create an affordable class while also creating a racing package where drivers and teams can gain experience. This move to a 2-barrel carburetor further emphasizes our focus on keeping costs down."

"Rules for the SK Modified®, SK Light Modified, and Late Model divisions will be released in the coming days," explained Arute. "Much like the Street Stock and Limited Late Model rules, there will be a few changes from the 2018 rules package. We thank all our teams for supporting Stafford and encourage them to reach out with any questions."

Young Racers Gain Valuable Experience at Toyota's Driver Combine

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - The newest hopefuls invited to the Toyota Motorsports Driver Combine this week included a list of promising young female racers with nicknames like "Hollywood" and resumes that include beating Jeff Gordon and Travis Pastrana in a charity go-kart race.

They have dirt racing backgrounds, have won late model championships and go-kart trophies and hail from places like North Dakota and Oklahoma, Washington state and Georgia.

They all met up at California's Irwindale Speedway for some on-track competition and for some off-track assessment – all eight of the sport's up-and-comers – five young women and two young men - loaded with equal parts high talent and high aspiration.

Thirteen year-old Jesse Love, a Californian, won the 50-lap Championship Race, which wrapped up the three-day combine on Wednesday. He bested 18-year old Brittney Zamora, of Kennewick, Wa., and 16-year olds Tanner Carrick, of Cal-

ifornia and Presley Truedson, of Grand Forks, North Dakota in the 50-lap race finale.

While Love, a short track racer, took home the checkered flag, all the young racers left the combine with invaluable intangibles that may very well help them into a NASCAR career in the near future. Certainly, they made a mark on the Toyota executives there to evaluate the talent in this unique setting.

"It was awesome and it was ridiculously good," said Jack Irving, director of Team and Support Services for Toyota Racing Development USA.

"All the kids were awesome. To go through the last two days and everything they were put through, all the sport science stuff that they had to deal with and then come out here and run as many laps as they did. ... they did amazing.

"The competition was really good and they raced really clean, which was nice and that wasn't something that I totally expected. It was a good day and the kids that had a little bit of adversity in the beginning did a really good job bouncing back and that was definitely something we wanted to see."

Zamora, who won the 2017 Northwest Super Late Model Series championship and currently runs Super Late Models in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series at Washington's Evergreen Speedway, was certainly proud of her effort – and hopeful of perhaps a "big picture" career payoff.

"My biggest goal was to get into the championship race," said Zamora, who advanced because of her qualifying race win.

"All eyes are on that race. It's technically the average of the best four people out here. You definitely want the opportunity to get more laps and be seen in front of people like Jack Irving and Tim Huddleston and all of the Toyota affiliation.

"The more they can be watching you, the more you can prove yourself to them. That's definitely a big goal of mine."

It's safe to say, that was the goal shared by all who were invited. That list included an impressive and diverse sample of the country's young talent. In addition to Love, Zamora, Carrick and Truedson, were Californian Maria Cofer, 19; Holley Hollan, 16, of Oklahoma; Jessica Dana, 23, of Charlotte, North Carolina and Lexi Gay, 17, of Canton, Georgia.

Under the watchful and discriminating eyes of Toyota Racing executives such as Irving and Huddleston, the drivers went

through a pretty intense schedule. There was classroom training on Monday, eight practice sessions and a pair of qualifying sessions on Tuesday, followed by four 75-lap races and culminating with a 50-lap Championship Race on Wednesday.

If perhaps a bit intimidating on paper, the intense schedule was something the participants genuinely appreciated. This was "show time."

"The knowledge, time and talent that the guys who were helping us have, beats a trophy," said Holley "Hollywood" Hollan, a 16 year-old micro sprint and midget driver.

"That's stuff you can never really get taken away. You can't lose that. Sometimes it's better to not have a materialistic award at the end. I feel like I have gained a lot in the combine as well as a lot of other people. Even the drivers who race asphalt full-time, I feel like they've taken a lot from this and Toyota has it going on. ...

"It's pretty special to see what they've been doing with everyone. And to see this firsthand, I knew it was special, but seeing it firsthand is pretty awesome."

Another of the combine's invitees, 23-year old Jessica Dana, was a 2012 member of NASCAR's Drive for Diversity Program. She is the driver who beat Pastrana and Gordon in a charity kart race as a 15-year old, and she came away from this week's Toyota experience feeling grateful for the opportunity and optimistic about its benefits. Just the invite was an encouraging sign for her career.

"It was an honor to be a part of this," said Dana, who is racing late models on the east coast now. "Every up and coming driver wants to be affiliated with Toyota because the amount they put into their development program and its drivers.

"It's such a big opportunity and they've helped us out so much. Being able to come here to a track I've never seen before and cars I've never even heard about before, I've learned so much."

The good news for all the participants is that not only did they learn a lot in the ultimate racing crash course, but the Toyota executives left the experience feeling equally as educated about some of the country's brightest young talent – having put the combine participants through some legitimately tough trials.

The end result could be a win-win situation – opportunity for the drivers and a continued legacy of success for Toyota.